

## **Rule changes move NZ Football forwards**

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*For immediate release*

New Zealand Football Chairman Bill Moran has released proposed changes to NZF's constitution as the national body participates in a worldwide move to modernise its governance arrangements and be more inclusive.

New Zealand Football becomes one of the first groups of nations to bring their constitutions into line with FIFA statutes as the governing body moves to improve and standardise member association governance around the globe.

After a consultation process that began in June, the New Zealand Football Governance Working Committee has published a set of proposed changes that will be discussed and voted on at the national body's annual Congress in September.

Key proposed changes will:

- ensure voting rights are shared among a wider group of football stakeholders including the ASB league teams, the Phoenix, coaches and referees, schools etc;
- ensure that all board members are elected by Congress (compared with the current practice, where the majority are appointed or co-opted).

Meanwhile, four-year terms for board members (with a two-term limit) are proposed, and it is proposed that the Chairperson (currently elected by the board) will be elected by Congress and serve a maximum of one term.

"The benefits of these rule changes will be felt across the whole football community", Chairman Bill Moran says. "A larger and more representative number of stakeholders will be able to influence and contribute to the game".

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to move football into the future in a way that builds stronger connections among everyone who cares about the game.

"With the insights and influence of a wider range of people, New Zealand will be better able to meet the needs of everyone involved in our sport", he says.

Consultation is under way now among the affected stakeholders. The deadline for written submissions is 15 August 2014. The Consultation Document is available [here](#).

### **Proposed New Zealand Football Governance Changes**

- Adopt FIFA terminology
- Enlarge NZF Board from nine members to 10
- Congress to be composed of three voting groups: Regional Federations, Professional and Elite, and Other Stakeholders
- Share of voting rights: Regional Federations 50%, Professional and Elite 25%, Other Stakeholders 25% (currently Regional Federations 100%)
- Voting rights to be shared among stakeholders in each voting group

- All board members to be elected – seven from open nominations and three from nominations by a search committee (currently three elected, four appointed, two co-opted)
- No board members to be co-opted
- Move to four-year terms with limits of two terms for board members and one term as Chairperson
- Chairperson and key committee Chairs to be elected by Congress

**NZ Football Rules Working Committee:**

Chair: Nick Davidson (Honorary President, NZ Football)

Members: Bill Moran (Chair, NZ Football), Michael Anderson (NZ Football and Chair of Northern Football), Phil Barry (Working Committee Leader, Deputy Chair of Capital Football), Patsi Davies (Chair, Waikato-Bay Of Plenty Football), Rod Pelosi (Chair, Referees Committee), and Stephen Williamson (Chair, Auckland Football)

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