



## Introduction

- Since the introduction of the PS4 NPL, we have seen many of the best young players from PS4 NPL clubs progress to the Hyundai A-League (HAL), whilst opportunities have also been provided for HAL Players to return to the national second tier competition to resurrect their footballing dreams. The *PS4 Player Pathway of the Year Award* will provide another avenue for young players to realise their footballing potential.

## Federation Selection Criteria

- The player must be 16-20 years of age during the 2016 Calendar Year (i.e. if they turn 21 in March 2016 they are ineligible).
- The player must NOT have been registered with a Hyundai A-League Club\* during the:
  - Foxtel National Youth League 2015/16 Season; or
  - Hyundai A-League 2015/16 Season; or
  - PS4 National Premier League 2016 Season
- The player must be registered at the conclusion of the PS4 NPL Season to a club participating in the highest NPL division.
- The player must be an Australian player as determined by the player points system that operates in the PS4 NPL.
- The player is not eligible if he is registered to a Member Federation representative team participating in the NPL in 2016 (i.e. Canberra United and FFA COE)

*\* Any player registered with the Hyundai A-League club's National Youth League Team, Hyundai A-League Team or Hyundai A-League club's team participating in the NPL.*

## Member Federation Selection Process

- Each Member Federation will determine their three representatives via a 3-2-1 voting system.
- The Member Federation will collate the votes at the conclusion of the home and away season and determine the three highest ranked eligible players obtaining the most votes.
- The three highest ranked players shall be selected to represent the Member Federation at the PS4 Player Pathway Training Camp.

- In the event of a tie, the Member Federation Technical Director will have the ultimate discretion as to who will represent the Member Federation at the training camp.

### **Training Camp**

- A total of 24 players, three (3) players from each of the participating Member Federation NPL competitions will be invited to attend a PS4 Pathway Player Training Camp conducted by FFA National Team Unit coaching staff.
- The camp will be conducted over two days at Football NSW headquarters, Valentine Sports Park on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September.
- A schedule of the technical components of the camp schedule will be determined in conjunction with the FFA National Teams Unit and will be released prior to the camp commencing.

### **Selection Panel**

FFA and PS4 have nominated a selection panel with some of the top football minds in the country to select the winner following the two day camp and trial match.

- Eric Abrams, FFA National Technical Director
- John Kosmina, PS4 NPL Ambassador
- Rob Stanton, Sydney FC Youth Team Head Coach

### **PS4 Player Pathway Award - Selection Criteria**

At the conclusion of the camp the selection panel will utilize the “6 Key Competencies” set out by the FFA Talent Identification program:

- Mentality of a “WINNER”
- Emotional “STABILITY”
- PERSONALITY
- Physical parameters : “EXPLOSIVE”
- DECISION MAKING.
- BODY & BALL CONTROL

### **The Award**

The winner of the PS4 Player Pathway Award will receive a two week training trial with Sydney FC’s Youth Team for their opportunity to further their football career. Sydney FC will provide this opportunity for them to further their career by exposing them to the next level of professionalism that is required to reach the top flight of football in the Hyundai A-League.