TO: **All NPLM, NPLW, JBNPL & JGNPL Clubs**

FROM: **Football Victoria Executive Manager - High Performance**

DATE: **30th October 2024**

SUBJECT: **Technical Directors, Head Coaches & Goalkeeper Coaches**

Dear All NPLM & NPLW Clubs,

This memo serves to clarify the issues around NPLM & NPLW Coaches and Technical Directors (TD) holding roles outside of their prescribed team or role in their NPL Clubs.

Given the importance of coaching and development to the NPLM & NPLW pathway, it is imperative that taking on multiple roles does not have a detrimental effect on a Coach or Technical Directors ability to fulfil their duties.

The NPLM & NPLW youth structures are built around developing players and coaches. Taking this into account, Football Victoria (FV) thought it was necessary we continue with this policy to ensure it remains relevant and indicative of our elite competitions.

Below is an overview of the current regulations.

1. *Technical Director*

Technical Directors play a vital role in the development of players and coaches within the NPLM & NPLW structures, with specific focus on the Under 13's to Under 17's age group levels.

2. *Technical Directors Coaching a Team at Own Club*

It is recognised that TD's are also higher accredited coaches, and the majority may want to coach as well as undertake the TD position.

We also need TD's to work as mentors for coaches within the Club and to do this they need to continue to assist in the delivery of training sessions and coach development.

3. *Technical Directors Position in Respect to Coaching*

For 2025, ***NPL Men's*** Technical Directors can be appointed as Assistant Coaches up to, and including, Under 17's team (JBNPL).

For 2025, ***NPL Women's*** Technical Directors can be appointed as Assistant Coaches up to, and including, Under 17's team (JGNPL).
If a Club decides to take this approach, the Club must have a suitably qualified Head Coach (as per mandatory coaching requirements) but do not need to appoint an Assistant Coach.

Clubs also need to ensure that the TD's can continue to complete their duties as required for their TD position.

The Technical Director NPLM or NPLW will ***not*** be permitted to hold any of the following roles:

- Head Coach of NPLM Senior Team
- Head Coach of NPLM Junior Team
- Head Coach of NPLW Senior Team
- Head Coach of NPLW Junior Team
- Head Coach of Community Senior Team
- Head Coach of Community Junior Team
- Technical Director / Administrator of another NPLM or NPLW Club
- Technical Director of a Community Club

NPL Technical Directors may be allowed to be their Club's Goalkeeper (GK) Coach however will not then be allowed to hold any position at another club.

4. *Senior, Goalkeeper and Junior Head Coaches*

Any Head Coach of a Junior or Senior Team of an NPLM / NPLW Club may not coach at another NPLM / NPLW Club or take up another Head Coaches role at their club.
However, due to the number of currently accredited Goalkeeper Coaches, a GK Coach may work for a maximum of two (2) NPLM / NPLW / Community Clubs provided that details outlining the Club and the time commitment to the secondary role is submitted to Football Victoria and that both NPLM / NPLW / Community Clubs provide letters agreeing to the arrangement.

Head Coaches and Goalkeeper Coaches may be permitted to coach at community level, provided that NPLM or NPLW Club submits details outlining the club and time commitment to

the secondary role to technical@footballvictoria.com.au and that both NPLM / NPLW and Community Club provide letters agreeing to the arrangement.

The coaching and development of players through NPLM / NPLW is fundamental to the success of the NPL pathway, and in turn the success of players who will be representing the club in the years ahead.

5. *Coaches at NPL Club Coaching Two (2) Teams*

An NPLM or NPLW Club can appoint a Head Coach to assist another team within the club, as an Assistant Coach only, as long as the appointed Head Coach meets the minimum

coaching criteria for the Head Coach position, and they are responsible for the team on match day.

All details for the Youth Development Report (YDR) must be based around the Head Coach accreditation.

If you have any questions in relation to the information provided above, please contact us at *technical@footballvictoria.com.au*

Regards,

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**Any mention of NPLM or NPLW also includes VPLM1, VPLM2, JBNPL & JGNPL.*