

WENTWORTH FALLS FOOTBALL CLUB

2026 CONSTITUTION UPDATE

Summary for Members

*This paper explains, in plain language, why the Club's Constitution is being updated and what the changes mean for you as a Member. It accompanies the **Notice of the Annual General Meeting**, the full **Constitution of Wentworth Falls Football Club Incorporated (Version 4.0, FINAL)**, and the **Special Resolution** you will be asked to vote on at the Annual General Meeting.*

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24 September 2026

Why are we updating the Constitution?

In November 2025, Nepean Football Association (NFA) notified the Club that our current Constitution (adopted in 2010) does not comply with NFA's rules. Specifically, it does not formally recognise NFA, Football NSW (FNSW) or Football Australia (FA) as the governing bodies for football a requirement under NFA Rule 40.1(d).

NFA approved the Club's affiliation for the 2026 season, but on the condition that the Club holds a General Meeting to amend its Constitution before applying for 2027 re-affiliation.

Rather than making a single narrow fix, the Committee used this as an opportunity to review the whole Constitution, bring outdated drafting up to date, and improve our Grievance Procedure and financial review arrangements, while keeping the parts of our governance that work well for a club our size.

The bottom line

If we don't update the Constitution, the Club risks its affiliation with NFA and, by extension, its ability to register teams and players in NFA/FNSW competitions next season. This is a compliance requirement, not optional housekeeping.

What's changing from our existing (2010) Constitution

Six changes are substantive amendments to our existing Constitution. Everything else in the new Constitution either restates our existing rules or brings genuinely outdated drafting up to date it does not change how the Club is run.

Change	What it means	Why we're doing it
Recognition of NFA / FNSW / FA (clause 36)	The Constitution now explicitly recognises NFA as the authority for football in the Nepean region, FNSW as the authority in NSW, and FA as the national authority, and sets out the Club's affiliation, grievance and jurisdictional obligations to each.	This is the direct fix for the non-compliance NFA identified. It is required before the Club can re-affiliate for the 2027 season.
Who can review our accounts (clause 30)	The Club can now appoint a suitably qualified accountant (a member of Chartered Accountants ANZ, CPA Australia	A full audit is costly and not required for a club our size. We still get an independent annual

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	or the IPA) to conduct our annual financial review, instead of always requiring a full statutory audit.	financial check every year — just a more proportionate one.
Financial Year (clause 2.1)	Changed from 1 October–30 September to 1 July–30 June.	Aligns the Constitution with the Club's income tax year, which the Club recently moved to 30 June.
Committee composition (clause 14)	Sets a minimum Committee size of five (5) elected positions, a 50/50 gender balance target (as far as practicable), and provision for up to two non-Member “Appointed Committee Members” with specific skills (e.g. finance, law, marketing).	Our existing Constitution has no minimum size or gender balance requirement. This gives the Club a clearer, more resilient Committee structure and access to outside skills when needed.
Grievance Procedure (clause 28)	Expanded with concrete timeframes (14 days to meet and discuss a dispute, then 10 days to refer it onward) and a clear referral pathway to an NFA-established tribunal.	Football NSW's By-Laws require clubs to maintain a Grievance Procedure of this kind, and our existing one-sentence version fell short of that.
General Meeting quorum (clause 26.1)	Reduced from 10 Members to 5 Members present and entitled to vote.	Reflects the Committee's judgement, following discussion, that a fixed quorum of 10 made it unnecessarily difficult to hold a valid General Meeting; 5 is a more workable number for a club our size while still requiring more than one or two Members to be present.

What's staying the same

A number of settings the Committee considered changing to match the Football NSW template have instead been kept as they are in our existing Constitution, because the Committee's view was that they suit a small community club better.

Item	Setting (matches our existing Constitution)
Terminology	“Committee” and “Committee Member” throughout not “Board”/“Director”. President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer remain informal “portfolios”, as they always have been.
Term of appointment	Annual; all Committee positions are vacated and re-elected at each AGM, rather than staggered two-year terms.
Nomination process	Informal nominated and appointed by the Club at the AGM, matching current practice.

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Chairperson's casting vote	Retained at both Committee meetings and General Meetings.
Membership structure	Based on Player registration in the Winter and Summer competitions (clause 6), as it is now.

Endorsements received

- Football NSW (John Tsatsimas, Chief Executive Officer) approved the final Constitution on 9 September 2026.
- Nepean Football Association has been consulted; formal endorsement is not required under NFA's process, and no objections were raised.
- The Committee formally endorsed this final Version 4.0 on 23 September 2026, for consultation with Members and adoption at the Annual General Meeting.

The vote what's required to adopt the new Constitution

Clause 34 of our current Constitution says the Constitution can only be changed by Special Resolution. Under section 39 of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW), a Special Resolution requires:

- at least 21 days' written notice to Members of the intention to propose the resolution (which this notice satisfies); and
- a majority of not less than 75% of the votes cast by Members present and entitled to vote at the meeting.

The full wording of the resolution you will be asked to vote on is set out in the accompanying Special Resolution Notice of Motion.

Documents accompanying this summary

- Notice of the 2026 Annual General Meeting (Sunday, 18 October 2026)
- Special Resolution Notice of Motion
- The full Constitution of Wentworth Falls Football Club Incorporated (Version 4.0, FINAL)
- This Summary for Members

What happens next

- Now: Members review the Constitution and this summary, and raise any questions with the President before the AGM.
- 18 October 2026: the Annual General Meeting is held, and Members vote on the Special Resolution to adopt the new Constitution.
- After adoption: the new Constitution is lodged with NSW Fair Trading, satisfying NFA's condition ahead of the Club's 2027 re-affiliation.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the new Constitution or how it affects you as a Member, please contact the President before the Annual General Meeting it's much easier to talk through any concerns beforehand than at the meeting itself.

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