



SOUTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FUTURE DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE PRESENTATION TO SFL GENERAL BOARD

20 May 2013

**DIRECTION PROVIDED
FROM THE SFL TO THE FDC**

**TO IDENTIFY A FOOTBALL
OPERATING STRUCTURE TO
IMPROVE THE SFL COMPETITION**

FUTURE DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE

- **TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS
OF ALL CLUBS**
- **TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS
TO THE LEAGUE ON FDC
FINDINGS**

TOPICS THAT WERE CONSIDERED

- **Current Structure of Competition**
- **Divisional Structures**
- **Age-Grouping of Junior Grades**
- **Attracting New Clubs**
- **Benchmarking Against Other Leagues**

SATURDAY FOOTBALL STRUCTURE

- **ALL CLUBS CURRENTLY REPRESENTED IN SENIORS**
- **JUNIOR STRUCTURE NOT FULLY FILLED**
- **SCORE VARIATIONS**
- **LOWER CLUBS STRUGGLING TO IMPROVE TO CONTEST THE LEADING CLUBS**
- **11 OF 15 CLUBS SEEN AS COMPETITIVE IN ONE DIVISION IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS**

SUNDAY FOOTBALL STRUCTURE

- **MINI COMPETITION STRONG**
- **JUNIOR COMPETITION DIFFICULTIES**
- **C-GRADE COMPETITION AN ISSUE FOR MOST CLUBS**
- **JUNIOR AND MINI COMP CAN GROW FURTHER**
- **14 CLUBS REPRESENTED IN MINI COMP**
- **U14 AND U16 COMP OPPORTUNITY TO GROW**
- **CLUBS PROGRESSIVELY GETTING MULTIPLE TEAMS**

SATURDAY STRUCTURE NEEDS

- **CLUBS WANT TO PLAY AT ONE GROUND AS A “TRADITIONAL SATURDAY” CONCEPT**
- **CLUBS NEED TO GROW NUMBERS IN THE COLT LEVELS**
- **CLUBS GENUINELY WANT TO SUPPORT LEAGUE GROWTH AND EACH OTHER**
- **REVAMPED COMPETITION TO TIGHTEN SCORE LINES**
- **ADDITIONAL CLUBS INTO SFL**

RECOMMENDATIONS SATURDAY STRUCTURE

- **A GRADE AND B GRADE COMPETITION**
- **THIRD SENIOR SIDE OPTIONAL**
- **UNDER 18 AND UNDER 16 AGE GROUPS BECOME UNDER 17 AND UNDER 15**
- **UNDER 14 SHIFTED TO SUNDAY AND BECOMES UNDER 13**
- **FAILURE TO REGISTER AND FILL 2 COLTS AND 2 SENIOR SIDES PUTS CLUB AFFILIATION AT RISK**
- **MOVE TOWARD A DIVISIONAL STRUCTURE**

SOME OF THE ISSUES WITH A TWO DIVISION COMP TO BE ADDRESSED

- **INSUFFICIENT CLUBS TO CREATE A HEALTHY TWO DIVISION STRUCTURE**
- **RELEGATION/PROMOTION**
- **SCORE VARIATIONS MAY NOT CHANGE IN THE LOWER DIVISION**
- **MAJORITY OF CLUBS DO NOT WANT TO BE PART OF THE LOWER DIVISION**
- **JUNIOR STRUCTURE OF DIV 1 WOULD NEED TO SUPPORT THE 2ND DIV**

RECOMMENDATIONS SUNDAY STRUCTURE

- **MINI LEAGUE COMPETITION REMAIN AS IS.**

U8 U10 U12

- **SATURDAY U/14 COMPETITION BECOMES
U13 COMPETITION PLAYED ON SUNDAY
(for premiership points)**
- **ADDITIONAL JUNIOR GRADES SUBJECT TO CLUB
NOMINATIONS**

TIMELINE

	2013	2014	2015	2016
JAN				
FEB				
MAR				
APR				
MAY	PRESENTATION TO CLUBS			
JUN	RECEIVE FINAL FEEDBACK FROM CLUBS BY 30 JUNE	JUNE 30 CLOSE APPLICATIONS FOR 2015	JUNE 30 CLOSE APPLICATIONS FOR 2016	JUNE 30 CLOSE APPLICATIONS FOR 2017
JUL	SET CRITERIA FOR AFFILIATION WITHIN SFL REVIEW AND FINAL RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD	CONSIDER 1 OR 2 DIVISION STRUCTURE FOR 2015	CONSIDER 1 OR 2 DIVISION STRUCTURE FOR 2016	CONSIDER 1 OR 2 DIVISION STRUCTURE FOR 2017
AUG	PROMOTION OF NEW STRUCTURE			
SEP	SEEK APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION			
OCT				
NOV	CONFIRM LEAGUE CONFIGURATION FOR 2014	CONFIRM LEAGUE CONFIGURATION FOR 2015	CONFIRM LEAGUE CONFIGURATION FOR 2016	CONFIRM LEAGUE CONFIGURATION FOR 2017
DEC				