


Governance and Affiliation Policy

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BACKGROUND

Governance

Governance of the Minyip Murtoa Football and Netball Club Inc (MMFNC) club is concerned with the systems and processes that ensure the overall direction, effectiveness, supervision and accountability of the Club.

The MMFNC is part of the community sector and have the same rights and obligations as other community organisations.

All positions are voluntary although the Board may choose to fund professional services from time to time.

MMFNC Board members take ultimate responsibility for the governance of their organisations. Governance is also concerned with the way the Boards work with Secretaries and/or Chief Executives (where applicable), sub-committees and staff, volunteers, service users, members and other stakeholders to ensure the organisation is effectively and properly run and meets the needs for which the organisation was set up.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to clearly articulate MMFNC's policy in relation to affiliations and governance of the MMFNC for the benefit of its Board, members and volunteers. It is designed to clarify governance matters versus operational matters.

Affiliation

Minyip Murtoa Football and Netball Club's netball program is affiliated with the With the Wimmera Netball Association. The WNA is affiliated with Netball Victoria. The WNA adheres by the rules as stated in Netball Australia's Official Rule Book, as well as Netball Victoria's regulations, and WNA bylaws.

Minyip Murtoa Football and Netball Club's football program participate under the Laws of Australian Football which is administered by the formal governing body of Australian Football, which is administered by the Victoria: Australian Football League (Victoria) ACN 147 664 579 in Victoria.

This is given authority through an affiliation agreement. The affiliation agreement places certain terms and conditions on affiliation with the AFL, including recognition that the power to produce and amend the *Laws of Australian Football* is expressly reserved for the AFL.

MMFNC Inc is affiliated with and plays under the rules of the Wimmera Mallee AFL Region Commission and the Wimmera Football League.

Through the existence of these affiliation (and licence) agreements, the AFL is able to effectively govern Australian Football on a national scale through State Bodies, Associations and Clubs.

POLICY STATEMENT

MMFNC Inc recognises the Wimmera Mallee AFL Region Commission and the Wimmera Football League and Australian Football League (Victoria) as the overall controlling bodies with particular reference to the AFL Laws of the Game.

The Board of MMFNC is an elective, representative, and collective body.

- It is elective, in that the determination of Board members is the prerogative of members through the election process.
- It is representative, in that no member can be mandated by their constituency to adopt a particular position if they do not believe it to be in the best interests of the organisation. Whatever the constituency of any member, all members are committed to acting selflessly and making decisions and voting on governance decisions solely in the best interests of the organisation.

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- It is collective, in that while each member should put the point of view of their constituency, and each member has the right to argue for their own point of view and to vote for that position, once a collective decision has been taken Board members are required to support that decision.

The function of the Board of MMFNC is to collectively ensure the delivery of the organisation's purposes, to set its strategic direction, and to uphold its values. The Board should collectively be responsible and accountable for ensuring and monitoring that the organisation is performing well, is solvent, and is complying with all its legal, financial, and ethical obligations.

The responsibilities of the Board that cannot be delegated to any other person or body include:

- Compliance monitoring – ensuring compliance with the objects, purposes and values of the organisation, and with its constitution
- Organisational governance – setting or approving policies, plans and budgets to achieve those objectives, and monitoring performance against them
- Strategic planning – reviewing and approving strategic direction and initiatives
- Regulatory monitoring – ensuring that the organisation complies with all relevant laws, regulations and regulatory requirements
- Financial monitoring – reviewing the organisation's budget, monitoring management and financial performance to ensure the solvency, financial strength and good performance of the organisation
- Financial reporting – considering and approving annual financial statements and required reports to government;
- Organisational structure – setting and maintaining a framework of delegation and internal control
- Leadership selection – selecting, evaluating the performance of, rewarding and, if necessary, dismissing the organisation's Club Manager and/or Coach
- Succession and remuneration planning – planning for Board, Management and Coach and determining remuneration (if any)
- Risk management – reviewing and monitoring the effectiveness of risk management and compliance in the organisation; agreeing or ratifying all policies and decisions on matters which might create significant risk to the organisation, financial or otherwise.

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