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Re: Proposed advice to existing clubs re New Clubs

As previously advised, The League has received formal applications for affiliation from the Brighton, Morphettville Park Football Clubs.

The League has received a third application though has denied that club entry.

Brighton are currently positioned equal top (2nd by %), Morphettville Park are seventh (of 14) of the Southern Football League ladder.

At the commencement of the 2016, The Edwardstown Football Club entered the competition to Division 4 and are currently positioned 5th though only one win from top. In recent years, The Edwardstown Football Club have been similar in performance to that of Morphettville Park in the Southern Football League.

The League's very strong position is to offer the Brighton FC a position in Division 3, Morphettville Park in Division 4.

At the 2015 AGM, it was requested by our own Member Clubs that any changes to the promotion and or relegation of teams in the event of new clubs being admitted be published before the end of the minor round of the current season and at this point in time we believe we will be well advanced in being able to satisfy our Member Clubs for that requirement at the August 1 General Committee Meeting.

The League is very conscious of ensuring new clubs are graded to a competition commensurate to their most recent playing performances and is seeking as much advice as can possibly be gleaned to ensure that any new team is neither dominant nor dominated in the proposed Division. Being positioned in a competition where success is all but guaranteed or as importantly, a club can fail is very much a key consideration as to where to grade a new club. Ideally, a new club would neither enjoy nor suffer either extreme end of the winning or losing ledger.

Whilst conscious of any new applicant, we are also very aware of our existing member clubs however what has an overarching consideration is to offer a platform of viability and sustainability for all competitions and we believe providing depth of competition plays a significant role in achieving that dynamic.

Any determinations made are done so with the goal of affecting as fewer clubs as possible and should the two existing applications remain, 4 clubs will be directly affected being the runner ups of Divisions 4, 5 and 6 and the 8th placed team in Division 4.





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A precis of what is planned and the domino affects are these:

Division 3

- Brighton FC graded to Division 3
- Relegated are the 9th & 10th Teams to Division 4
- Only the Division 4 Premier to be promoted

Division 4 (currently a 9 team competition)

- Delete the Bye
- Morphettville Park FC graded to Division 4
- 8th & 9th Teams relegated to Division 5
- Only Division 5 Premier promoted to Division 4
- Return to 10 team competition

Division 5

- Relegate 9th & 10th Teams to Division 6
- Only Division 5 Premier promoted to Division 4

Division 6

- Only Division 6 Premier promoted to Division 5
- 9th and 10th team Relegated

The above permutations are in the event there are no changes to the status of existing member clubs. The League has been advised of the potential of change that may dilute the impact as listed above and will have cause for The League to offer an abridged version of proposed gradings.

To Note:

The Brighton Football Club is in the process of facilitating a Special General meeting to validate their application to affiliate with the League, currently scheduled for Tuesday the 2nd August.

All changes will be confirmed to all Member Clubs by Close of Business Wednesday 3rd August.

For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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