Donations Policy

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1. Policy Overview

1.1 Introduction

Football West is the sole governing body for football in Western Australia and represents all levels of competition, development and coaching in metropolitan and regional areas. The world game is a powerful and unifying force in the WA community, bringing together football fans and participants regardless of age, gender or ethnicity.

Football West, which is affiliated to FA and FIFA, has created an environment that brings the game to life on parks, pitches and indoor centres around the state.

Football West nurtures and encourages the next generation of players through pathways that have also been developed for coaches and match officials to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

1.2 Context

Football West is committed to supporting the communities in which it operates and recognises the positive impact that charitable donations and community support initiatives can have on individuals, clubs, associations and the broader football community.

Football West receives requests for financial and in-kind support from a range of organisations and individuals and seeks to ensure that any donation provided aligns with its values, strategic objectives and available resources.

1.3 Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to establish the principles, eligibility criteria and approval requirements for charitable donations and community support provided by Football West.

1.4 Authority

This Policy derives its authority from the CEO. The Policy is effective from the date of CEO approval.

1.5 Review

This Policy will be reviewed and updated every two years or earlier as required.

1.6 Availability of this Policy

This Policy will be available to access via the Football West website.

2. Policy Statement

The number of requests for financial support and donations almost always exceeds the extent to which those requests can be met. The following information provides guidance as to when a donation may be appropriate.

2.1 Eligibility

Examples of organisations, initiatives or activities that Football West may support include:

- Organisations that are endorsed by the Australian Tax Office as a deductible gift recipient.
- Projects or events that take place in the communities in which Football West operates.
- Charitable organisations that provide direct community service, relating to the health and well-being of children or adults involved in football.
- Initiatives that support participation, inclusion, wellbeing or community development through football.
- Programs with measurable social, community or participation outcomes.

2.2 Ineligible Organisations

Football West will not provide donations or support to:

- Programs with a religious, political or sectarian purpose.
- Individual pursuits or requests that primarily benefit a single individual.
- For-profit projects or activities.
- Endowments or memorial campaigns.
- The creation or repair of statues, monuments, artwork or beautification projects.

2.3 Evaluation Criteria

Football West will evaluate requests having regard to:

- Alignment with Football West values and strategic objectives.
- Demonstrated community benefit or measurable social outcomes.
- The extent to which the request supports participation, inclusion or wellbeing.
- The direct impact on the intended beneficiaries.
- Available budget and organisational resources.

2.4 Requests for Donations

Request for donations should be submitted in writing to the CFO and include:

- Whether the request relates to local, regional or national funding.
- The monetary amount requested or details of any in-kind support sought, such as equipment or apparel.
- An explanation of how the request meets the criteria outlined in this Policy.
- Relevant contact details.
- Any supporting information reasonably required to assess the request.

2.5 Timeframe

Football West accepts donation proposals throughout the year and endeavours to respond to applicants within 30 days.

3. Definitions and Interpretation

Definitions

The following capitalised terms, when not appearing in headings, have the following meanings when used in this Policy.

Board means all or some of the Directors of Football West acting as a board.

CEO means the Chief Executive Officer.

CFO means the Chief Financial Officer.

COO means the Chief Operating Officer.

Donation means any financial contribution, in-kind support, goods, services or other assistance provided by Football West without expectation of commercial return.

Employee means an employee of Football West.

FA means Football Australia Limited ACN 106 478 068.

FIFA means Fédération Internationale de Football Association.

Football West means Football West Limited ACN 109 919 324.

Misconduct Policy means the Football West Misconduct Policy as amended from time to time.

Policy means this Football West Policy as amended from time to time.

Interpretation

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- headings are for convenience of reference only and do not affect interpretation.
- references to any gender include all genders.
- references to the singular apply to the plural and vice versa.
- references to a person include any other entity recognised by law and vice versa.
- where a word or phrase is defined, its other grammatical forms have a corresponding meaning.
- any reference to a paragraph number refers to a paragraph in the same sub-section unless otherwise stated.
- any reference to a party to this document includes its successors and permitted assigns.
- any reference to any agreement or document includes that agreement or document as amended at any time.
- the use of the word includes or including is not to be taken as limiting the meaning of the words preceding it.
- the expression at any time includes reference to past, present and future time and the performance of any action from time to time.
- reference to a statute includes all regulations and amendments to that statute and any statute passed in substitution for that statute or incorporating any of its provisions to the extent that they are incorporated; and
- all monetary amounts are inclusive of GST unless stated otherwise.