



MEMORANDUM

To: **AFLWD League Presidents & Administrators**

CC: **AFLWD Media Contacts, AFLWD Advisory Board & Portland FNCC**

From: **Matthew Ross, Regional Manager** Date: **29 November 2021**

Re: **Portland FNCC 2022 Amended APP Cap & 2022 HFNL Under 12 team**

Dear All,

Please be advised of the following applications and subsequent decision as submitted by the Portland Football Netball Cricket Club as assessed by the AFLWD Advisory Board.

1. Application for increased Allowable Player Payment Cap for Season 2022 – Granted \$15,000 premium

Portland FNCC has been granted a modified APP cap of \$119,500 for season 2022. This is a \$15,000 premium to that of the Hampden FNL wide cap of \$104,500 for season 2022.

The modified cap granted is lower than that initially sought by the club. The club's APP cap is to revert to the HFNL wide cap as in place for season 2023.

The modified amount granted is in recognition of the club's unique geographical challenges participating in a major country football league whilst also at a level to be considerate of the needs of surrounding clubs.

It is noted that the modified cap granted is a 14% premium to the 2022 HFNL cap of \$104,500 which is below the prior premium of 21% granted ahead of the cancelled season 2020 (\$170,000 cap versus HFNL cap of \$140,000). This is a reflection of the longer-term desire to focus efforts on reducing the burden of funding high levels of player payments on volunteer run clubs.

2. Application to increase Total Team Points - Denied

The application submitted by Portland FNCC to have a modified TTP cap of 44 was denied.

The application was denied on the basis of recent momentum of on-field success, a strong junior program and the impact that an increased TTP could have in conjunction with an increased APP on surrounding clubs.

3. Application to enter an Under 12 team into the HFNL from season 2022 - Granted

The AFLWD Advisory Board was required to consider an application under rule 1.5 of the AFL Victoria Country Rules & Regulations on the basis of a league disputing the team's entry into the HFNL.

The club's application has been granted which will see the club field an under 12 team in the Hampden FNL for the first time from season 2022.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Ross', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew Ross
Regional Manager – AFL Western District