

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE | Hampshire FA

FMB & FOCUS GROUPS 2024/25



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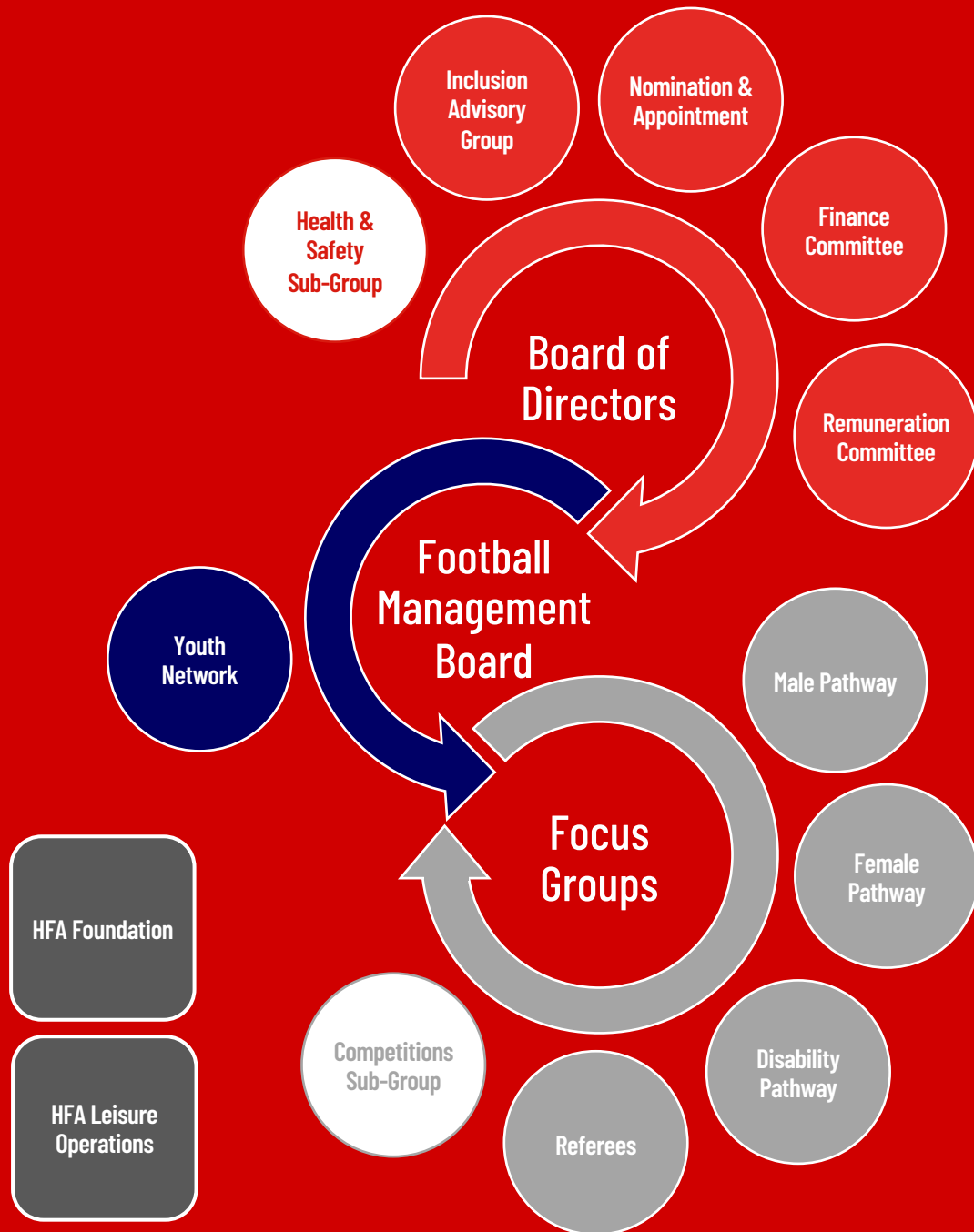
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SUMMARY



Football Management Board

Oversee football delivery across the county, enabling the Board of Directors to focus on business development.



Referee Focus Group

Oversee the recruitment, training and continuous development of referees in Hampshire.



Male Pathway Focus Group

Innovate to sustain, grow and diversify male participation from tots to walking football and everything in between.



Female Pathway Focus Group

Oversee competitive and recreation football for women & girls and maximise the impact of WEURO2022.



Disability Focus Group

Assess current competition and *turn up & play* provision, identify areas for growth and develop a network for success.



Competitions Subgroup

Coordinate delivery of 32 County Cups a season and explore new opportunities to enhance our competition pathway.

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Terms of Reference

FOOTBALL MANAGEMENT BOARD, FOCUS GROUPS & SUBGROUPS | Hampshire FA



Football Management Board (FMB)

Membership:

The Officers (President non-voting) (5) and FA Representative (1) (If held independently), the chair of each focus group (6), (if a focus group chair is unable to attend for any reason, then someone from the focus group can attend) up to four (4) independent members appointed through an open recruitment process and the IAG Chair (1) (Voting Members). All members shall serve a maximum of 3 x 3 year terms. HFA staff members will attend as required. HFA Football Development Manager will act as secretary. Company Chair will chair these meetings unless they decide to delegate to someone else.

Purpose, Role & Responsibilities:

- Make recommendations to, and implementing and monitoring policies set by the Board and/or the Football Management Board in relation to the promotion and raising standards of participation in all forms of association football at all levels within the county including but without limitation; 11v11, 9v9, mini-soccer, small sided, futsal, disability football, recreational, walking football – for all genders and inclusion
- Ensure that Hampshire FAs business and operational strategies are implemented along with the FA/HFA grassroots strategy
- Ensure that the Youth Engagement Strategy is implemented across all focus groups
- Make recommendations to, and implementing and monitoring policies set by the Board and/or the Football Management Board in relation to the raising standards in the way that the game of association football is administered, governed, and organised in the county by sanctioned competitions
- Control and management of Hampshire FA Cup Competitions
- Establish closer links with affiliated Leagues and clubs
- Responsibility for the management of the focus groups of the Company and to receive bullet points/minutes of all meetings of focus groups and FMB subgroups for approval of the FMB
- Ensuring budget allocations from the Board are effectively monitored through its focus groups and that any funding applications are forwarded to the Chief Executive for consideration by the Board of Directors or its appointed subgroup
- The FMB is responsible for its own and the focus groups and FMB subgroups carrying out their terms of reference
- To receive, consider, recommend, draft or revise articles, rules and regulations of the Company, Divisional FA's, Leagues, and League Cup Competitions including proposals forwarded relating to Hampshire FA Cup Competitions, and to draw attention to conflicts and/or anomalies within them and to relevant difficulties which may not have been foreseen by the proposer. This includes the Divisional Football Associations standard code of rules including DFA cup rules
- To consider and if appropriate approve the sanction of Leagues and Competitions and their rules, under FA regulations for their sanction and control of Leagues and Competitions
- For all new competitions, the Committee shall seek the observations of the Leagues and Competitions from within the Division(s) from which the application for sanction is received before they consider sanction
- To maintain the Articles, Membership Rules and Standing Orders and make recommendations for any proposed amendments to Articles, Membership Rules and Standing Orders to the FMB
- To maintain the Precedence List and make recommendations for alterations to the FMB
- To provide support for Leagues and Competitions to implement amendments to FA Standard Code of Rules into their own rules
- To work with the Football Operations team regarding the affiliation of leagues and clubs and other membership related activities including but not limited to applications to advertise, applications for charity matches, applications to play foreign opposition and international clearance
- To appoint members of its committee to its Rules, Regulations & Articles Subgroup and to set terms of reference and objectives as considered appropriate
- To receive and approve any proposed amendments to Articles, Membership Rules, and Standing Orders
- Implementing and monitoring policies set by the Board of Directors and/or the Football Management Board relating to the development of players, coaches and referees in the county
- To assist with identifying and supporting relevant actions and objectives contained within the Hampshire FA Operational Plan
- To support Divisional FA Development Groups (where required)



- To deal with relevant matters relating to youth football within the County
- To plan and co-ordinate meetings of Adult and Youth Leagues, as individual groups and jointly, along with an annual conference to share good practice and update on changes in FA and Hampshire FA Rules and Regulations
- To work collaboratively with Youth and Adult Leagues to increase football participation
- To proactively work with Youth and Adult Leagues on supporting the transition from Youth to Adult football
- Ensure that each decision made across the FMB remit has considered Safeguarding and Inclusion as part of its processes and is encouraging and listening to young people about being involved in the National Game, across all areas of the game
- Liaising on matters of policy with any focus group or other relevant bodies established in connection with refereeing, equality, inclusion, safeguarding or any other issues that may affect football in the county from time to time
- Produce minutes of all meetings held
- These terms of reference can be altered at any time by the Board of Directors
- Act as ambassadors for Hampshire FA in our football communities and beyond
- Delegating the appropriate power to in accordance with their respective terms of reference, and operating the following focus groups (and any subsequent subgroups appointed under their remit):
 - (i) Referees Focus Group;
 - (ii) Female Pathway Focus Group;
 - (iii) Male Pathway Focus Group;
 - (iv) Disability Focus Group;
 - (v) Competitions Sub-Group;
 - (vi) Youth Network.

All constitutional matters are covered in the Articles, Membership Rules, and Standing Orders of the Company/Association. Also, members may be required to undertake certain training as the role requires.

All members are reminded that some discussions and subsequent outcomes are confidential, and these should not be made public or disseminated without the permission of the Company Chair/CEO. (As per the signed Code of conduct).

Meeting Dates 2024/25 - Min 4 per season

Wednesday 7th August 2024

Wednesday 4th December 2024

Wednesday 12th February 2025

Wednesday 7th May 2025

EGM – Monday 10th March 2025

AGM – Saturday 28th June 2025

(Video Conferencing may be used)

Referee Focus Group (RFG)

Membership:

The Officers (President non-voting) and FA Representative (If held independently), Appointed Board Member, up to eight elected members, (Including a third of the members are under the age of 24) (Voting Members). All members shall serve a maximum of 3 x 3 year terms. HFA staff members will attend as required. HFA Referee Development Manager will act as secretary. The Chair will be elected at the first meeting.

Purpose, Role & Responsibilities:

- To deal with matters concerning referees in accordance with the FA Regulations for the registration, promotion, and control of referees
- To monitor delivery of the Referees section of the Hampshire FA Strategy and Operational Plans
- To appoint referees and assistant referees to matches played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as decided by the International Board including county cup finals and the allocation of observers and mentors where appropriate. Appointments will be made only to clubs partaking in any sanctioned competitions of the Hampshire FA and other affiliated Associations, Leagues, or Competitions
- Permit referees on the Official Lists of other Counties or Service Associations to affiliate with the Association
- To hear and determine appeals from decisions of Local Area Referees Committees
- To receive all reports and complaints alleging incompetence against referees and assistant referees registered with the Association
- To oversee, encourage and give support to Referee Development, at all levels within the county
- To oversee and encourage basic referee training within the county
- To actively retain referees, with particular emphasis on the newer qualified referees
- To ensure that Hampshire FA have enough Tutors, Observers, Mentors, Appointment Secretaries, and the required workforce to deliver the county plan
- To provide assistance when required for referee's report writing and their attendance at disciplinary hearings
- To encourage engagement with leagues and clubs to help educate participants in refereeing matters
- To organise appropriate training for Observers, Mentors and any other training that is required
- To appoint subgroups as necessary with delegated powers to support the work of the Referees Focus Group. Ensure any subgroup achieve their terms of reference set by this Group
- To monitor delivery of the referee's section of the Hampshire FA Strategy & Operational Plans
- To consider requests for Hampshire FA registered referees to officiate in tournaments or other matches played
- To deal with referee low marks of HFA affiliated competitions that are not covered by a LARC
- Ensure that each decision made has considered Safeguarding and Inclusion as part of its process and is encouraging and listening to young people about being involved in the National Game, across all areas of the game
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- Produce bullet points/minutes of all meetings held
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Meeting Dates 2024/25 - Min 2 per season

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 3rd February 2025

(Video Conferencing may be used)

Male Pathway Focus Group (MPFG)

Membership:

The Officers (President non-voting) and FA Representative (If held independently), Appointed Board Member, up to eight elected members (Voting Members). All members shall serve a maximum of 3 x 3 year terms. HFA staff members will attend as required. HFA Male Football Development Officer will act as secretary. (Non-Voting). The Chair will be elected at the first meeting.

Purpose, Role & Responsibilities:

- To support the work of The Hampshire FA in the area of the male pathway and provide reports or updates as and when required
- To monitor delivery of the male pathway section of the Hampshire FA Strategy and Operational Plans
- To review and oversee the structure of the male pathway in the county to ensure it is fit for purpose
- To plan, support and deliver workshops and events to support the male game
- To support the work of The Hampshire FA in the area of The FAs Football Accreditation Programme & Respect and provide reports or updates as and when required
- To monitor delivery of The FAs Football Accreditation programme & respect section of the Hampshire FA Strategy and Operational Plans
- Support the Football Development Team with the implementation and management of The FA's policy and instructions about The FAs Football Accreditation Programme & Respect
- To manage the process of The FAs Football Accreditation Programme & Respect monitoring including the recruitment and training of monitors
- To support the Football Development Team with the identification of possible leagues and clubs that may be able to achieve The FAs Football Accreditation status or during the process of an application to achieve Football Accreditation
- To ensure that all Respect Leagues and Clubs are acting in accordance with the agreed codes of conduct that have been signed by all participants belonging to Respect Leagues and Clubs
- To support the designated Respect matches and events organised by the Hampshire FA
- To plan, support and deliver workshops and networking events to support Football Accreditation leagues and clubs and facilitate the sharing of good practice wherever possible
- To liaise with other relevant groups or programmes where required
- Ensure that each decision made has considered Safeguarding and Inclusion as part of its process and is encouraging and listening to young people about being involved in the National Game, across all areas of the game
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Meeting Dates 2024/25 - Min 2 per season

Monday 6th November 2024

Monday 5th February 2025

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Female Pathway Focus Group (FPFG)

Membership:

The Officers (President non-voting) and FA Representative (If held independently), Appointed Board Member, up to eight elected members (Voting Members). All members shall serve a maximum of 3 x 3 year terms. HFA staff members will attend as required. HFA Female Pathway Football Development Officer will act as secretary. The Chair will be elected at the first meeting.

Purpose, Role & Responsibilities:

- To support the work of The Hampshire FA in the area of women & girls' football and provide reports or updates as and when required
- To monitor delivery of the female pathway section of the Hampshire FA Strategy and Operational Plans
- To review and oversee the structure for women & girls' football in the county to ensure it is fit for purpose
- To offer support and guidance to female teams/referees/tutors/mentors and administrators to enable participation to be sustained and where possible increased
- To map and track women & girls football provision throughout the county to help set objectives and priorities
- Ensure that the Euro 2022 Legacy is achieved
- To consider and request support from The Hampshire FA Foundation for women and girls football activities that meet the objectives of the Foundation
- To plan, support and deliver workshops and events to support the female game
- To support the work of The Hampshire FA in the area of The FAs Football Accreditation Programme & Respect and provide reports or updates as and when required
- To monitor delivery of The FAs Football Accreditation programme & respect section of the Hampshire FA Operational & Committee Plans
- Support the Football Development Team with the implementation and management of The FA's policy and instructions about The FAs Football Accreditation Programme & Respect
- To manage the process of The FAs Football Accreditation Programme & Respect monitoring including the recruitment and training of monitors
- To support the Football Development Team with the identification of possible leagues and clubs that may be able to achieve The FAs Football Accreditation status or during the process of an application to achieve Football Accreditation
- To ensure that all Respect Leagues and Clubs are acting in accordance with the agreed codes of conduct that have been signed by all participants belonging to Respect Leagues and Clubs
- To support the designated Respect matches and events organised by the Hampshire FA
- To plan, support and deliver workshops and networking events to support Football Accreditation leagues and clubs and facilitate the sharing of good practice wherever possible
- To liaise with other relevant groups or programmes where required
- Ensure that each decision made has considered Safeguarding and Inclusion as part of its process and is encouraging and listening to young people about being involved in the National Game, across all areas of the game
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Meeting Dates 2024/25 - Min 2 per season

Monday 25th November 2024

Monday 24th February 2025

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Disability Focus Group (DFG)

Membership:

The Officers (President non-voting) and FA Representative (If held independently), Appointed Board Member, up to eight elected members (Voting Members). All members shall serve a maximum of 3 x 3 year terms. HFA staff members will attend as required. HFA Disability Football Development Officer will act as secretary. The Chair will be elected at the first meeting.

Purpose, Role & Responsibilities:

- To support the work of The Hampshire FA in the area of Disability Football and provide reports or updates as and when required
- To monitor delivery of the disability section of the Hampshire FA Strategy and Operational Plans
- To review and oversee the structure and provision of disability football in the county to ensure it is fit for purpose
- To offer support and guidance to disability teams and participants to enable participation to be sustained and where possible increased
- To map and track disability football provision throughout the county to help set objectives and priorities
- To plan, support and deliver workshops and events to support the disability game
- To consider and request support from The Hampshire FA Foundation for disability football activities that meet the objectives of the Foundation
- To liaise with other relevant groups or programmes where required to deliver disability activities in partnership
- Ensure that each decision made has considered Safeguarding and Inclusion as part of its process and is encouraging and listening to young people about being involved in the National Game, across all areas of the game
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Meeting Dates 2024/25 - Min 2 per season

Wednesday 13th November 2024

Wednesday 19th February 2025

(Video Conferencing may be used)



Competitions Focus Group (CFG)

Membership:

The Officers (President non-voting) and up to eight elected members (Voting members). All members shall serve a maximum of 3 x 3 year terms. HFA staff members will attend as required. HFA Senior Operations Officer (County Cups) will act as secretary. (Non-Voting). The chair will be elected at its first meeting.

Purpose, Role & Responsibilities:

- To control and manage all of Hampshire FAs Cup Competitions on and behalf of Hampshire FA and to make decisions on matters arising out of the Competitions, which shall be deemed to be a decision of Hampshire FA
- To alter or add to the Rules of the Hampshire FA Cup Competitions they from time to time deem to be required, subject to the approval of Hampshire FA. (Proposals must be submitted to the Football Management Board by the 31st October in any year)
- To be appointed as match delegate as a representative of the subgroup at key matches within Hampshire FA cup competitions as and when required
- To provide assistance at Hampshire FA Cup matches and finals, as and when required
- Ensure that each decision made has considered Safeguarding and Inclusion as part of its process and is encouraging and listening to young people about being involved in the National Game, across all areas of the game
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Meeting Dates 2024/25 - Min 2 per season

Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 3rd March 2025

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ADDITIONAL DATES



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday 15th July 2024

Monday 16th September 2024

Monday 18th November 2024

Monday 20th January 2025

Monday 17th March 2025

Monday 19th May 2025

YOUTH NETWORK

Wednesday 27th November 2024

Wednesday 26th February 2025

ADULT LEAGUE FORUM

Thursday 24th October 2024

YOUTH LEAGUE FORUM

Thursday 3rd October 2024



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