



It is proposed to amend the Constitution of the Club as follows:

**Amendment #1**

At PART 3—MEMBERS, DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES AND GRIEVANCES, Clause 8 Who is eligible to be a member?

It is proposed to include a further clause numbered 8.3 to read as follows:

*8.3 Attendees of sanctioned Club functions where a ticketed price has been charged shall include a \$10.00 limited social membership fee for the duration of the event. Such membership expires at midnight of the day of the event and does not confer voting rights. The attendance and booking sheet for the purposes of record keeping pursuant to these rules constitute a record of membership.*

**Rationale:**

Under the terms of our liquor licence, we are required to sign in each person if they are not a member. We have previously captured visiting teams through clause 8.2, but have failed to include members of the public attending Club functions. The inclusion of clause 8.3 will make us compliant with the Liquor licensing regulations.

## Amendment #2

It is also proposed to include an annexure at the end of the Constitution setting out the guidelines for the Mark West Award as per below:

# MARK WEST MEMORIAL AWARD

## Nomination Form

The Mark West Memorial Award can be won by all Newtown & Chilwell Football Netball Club players at Junior level of both Football and Netball Teams.

*This award is the most prestigious award a junior player can receive at Newtown & Chilwell.*

This form is standard, thus allowing all nominees a fair and equitable opportunity to be successful, also providing the judging of the award to be standardised.

Nominations will only be accepted via this nomination form.

The nomination is to be judged on the following criteria:

### **Playing Ability**

### **Club Involvement**

### **General Attitude toward Training, Team mates and Coaches**

Please rate nominee on each criteria and provide clear evidence.

*Rating scale:* 1 = weakest 10= strongest (please circle most appropriate)

eg. PLAYING ABILITY    1       2       3       4       5       6       7       8       9       10

**Evidence:** This should include **real** examples of what the nominee has achieved or contributes. Clearly stating 'what they actually do' or what they have achieved.

**Playing Ability:** Skill improvement, team orientated approach, playing to instruction, list of achievements etc.

**Club Involvement:** Volunteering to assist coach at training eg, packing up equipment, Assists in setting up of functions willingly eg, puts goal post pads on, seeks opportunities to be involved with the Club eg. mentors younger players by arriving early to help these players etc.

**General Attitude (toward Training, Team mates and Coaches):** Attending training punctually on a regular basis, always shows respect and listens attentively to Coaches instructions, Assists team mates by regular verbal positive encouragement, shares the ball





# MARK WEST MEMORIAL AWARD GUIDELINES

## BACKGROUND

Mark West was a football player at the Newtown & Chilwell Football Netball Club (Newtown & Chilwell) representing the Club at both junior and senior level. Mark embodied all of the qualities Newtown & Chilwell could hope for in a player. He knew that whilst playing was very important, he also realised that being involved in the Club and helping improve his teammates and other people was also very important. His family were heavily involved in an off field capacity with Mark also coaching several teams in the junior section of the Club whilst still being very young. Mark set a fantastic example at training of how to get the best out of yourself and was always willing to help out with clinics, fundraisers, social events, etc.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1998 at the age of 19, Mark died suddenly as a result of an on field collision whilst proudly representing Newtown & Chilwell in the senior football side against St Mary's at Elderslie Reserve. This was a tragedy never before experienced by the Club and hopefully a tragedy that will never be experienced again.

## THE AWARD

In 1998 the Club with the support and input from the West family, struck this memorial award to honour Mark and the qualities he displayed. The award is designed to inspire young footballers and netballers to improve themselves both on and off the ground/court and also become active people in the Newtown & Chilwell Football Netball Club community. It is awarded every year to the junior player that best embodies the following attributes and behaviour –

- Playing Ability
- Club Involvement
- General attitude toward training, team mates and coaches

This award is the most prestigious award a junior player can receive at the NCFNC.

## NOMINATIONS

Each junior football and netball team (excluding u/18's) is to nominate one player from their team for the award. Nominations can only be made by the coach and will only be accepted via the standard 'Mark West Memorial Award' nomination form. The Mark West Memorial Award committee will distribute this standardised form at the beginning of each year to the coaches.

To ensure confidentiality, nominations will only be accepted by direct delivery (hard copy) to the individual who has been appointed as the guardian of the 'Mark West Memorial Award'.

## **MARK WEST MEMORIAL AWARD COMMITTEE**

The committee is made up of the following roles –

- Guardian of the 'Mark West Memorial Award' – Whilst not having this official title, it was Mark's parents who first held this role. This role was then passed onto the current guardian, Darren Troy. When a guardian decides to step down it is their responsibility to decide who should take on this role. If it is not possible for the Guardian to make this decision then it is up to the committee (via a vote) to decide who will be the guardian.
- The President of Newtown & Chilwell Football Netball Club
- A representative of the junior football section of Newtown & Chilwell. This person is to be selected by the Guardian of the award.
- A representative of the junior netball section of Newtown & Chilwell. This person is to be selected by the Guardian of the award.
- An individual endorsed by the West family – If the West family have no direct involvement in the award then the Guardian of the award can endorse an individual on behalf of the family.

This committee's main objectives and responsibilities are -

- Administer and uphold the integrity of the award each year.
- Educating the junior players, junior coaches and the rest of Newtown & Chilwell about Mark, the award and what the award stands for.
- Oversee the short listing process
- Periodically attend junior games to ensure each person can contribute to the short listing process

All members of this committee are to ensure that all discussions and decisions surrounding this award remain confidential.

### **DECIDING A WINNER**

The committee will confidentially shortlist nominees and present this short list along with all nominations to the West family. The West family will then make the final decision as to who is receiving the 'Mark West Memorial Award'. This decision is final.

If the West family at any time decide to withdraw their involvement in the 'Mark West Memorial Award' but wish and pledge their support for it to continue, the committee (via a vote) will make the final decision as to who is receiving the 'Mark West Memorial Award'.

## **PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD**

The award is to be presented at the senior presentation evening of Newtown & Chilwell each year as the first award of the ceremony. All nominees are to be invited to attend the Mark West Memorial Award presentation component of this ceremony.

The process listed below is to be followed when deciding who should present the award each year –

- The West family are to be asked if they would like to present the award or nominate someone that they would like to present the award on their behalf.
- If the West family decline this offer, a former winner of the 'Mark West Memorial Award' will present the award.
- If a former winner is not available then the current senior football captain and A grade netball captain will present the award.

## **CHANGES TO THESE GUIDELINES**

As these guidelines form a part of the Newtown & Chilwell constitution any changes must be made via the documented process that any changes to the constitution must follow.

*Note from the drafters of these guidelines – Any changes that would further build this award would be welcomed however it is hoped that only extreme circumstances would see any changes to this award that would diminish its integrity.*

*Some things to take into serious consideration before this action is taken are –*

- *Mark died on Elderslie Reserve representing Newtown & Chilwell*
- *He was cremated in a full Newtown & Chilwell football uniform*
- *His coffin was painted in Newtown & Chilwell Colours*
- *His headstone contains the words 'On Eagles Wings' in reference to the Newtown & Chilwell Football Netball Club*
- *He would do anything to see Newtown & Chilwell succeed*
- *His death had a profound effect on everyone that was at Newtown & Chilwell at the time of his death.*

*There are so many more factors than these 6 points, however these points alone should be enough to ensure any negative changes are not pursued. Mark has earned the right to have his legacy honoured as he paid the ultimate price representing Newtown & Chilwell and these guidelines uphold this honour.*

## **WINDING UP THE AWARD**

If the West family withdraw their support of this award or wish for it not to continue then the award is to cease immediately. It would be hoped that the award would be continued under another name as it has many positive benefits to Newtown & Chilwell

If the West family are supportive of the award but have no involvement then only a decision made by the guardian of the award can see the award wind up. In this instance, the guardian will recommend to the President of Newtown & Chilwell that the award be wound up and the President will then take the necessary steps to have the constitution of the Club amended to reflect the cessation of the award by the removal of the reference to the award in the constitution.

**Rationale:**

Given the importance that the Club regards this award, it was decided that to give the award appropriate gravitas that the guidelines and the award itself should be enshrined in the Club constitution. The effect of its inclusion will also mean that there will be a regulatory framework around the award.