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## **JOINT CLUB STATEMENT TO PARTICIPANTS – REGISTRATION in 2025 via Dribl rather than PlayFootball2.0**

This statement has been prepared by the club in consultation with Football Canterbury to provide information about Football Australia's new registration platform PlayFootball2.0 and the Football Canterbury and Hurlstone Park Wanderers position about the new platform. This information is important for players registering in 2025.

In November last year many of you will have received an email from Football NSW about a new registration platform implemented by Football Australia – PlayFootball 2.0. The email included information about potential implications for Associations, and their members (clubs and players within clubs), who elected not to adopt the new registration platform.

The purpose of this note is to inform you of the position of Football Canterbury, our Club, and that of the national and state bodies, and to explain why Football Canterbury is choosing not to comply with the directive to adopt the new system.

### ***Why am I receiving this?***

Football Canterbury, with the support of Member Clubs, have made a considered decision to remain for the 2025 Winter season with a tried and tested registration platform – Dribl.

Dribl is a system that has provided a seamless registration and competition service for the Association, and others, for a number of seasons.

Football Canterbury believes the adoption of PlayFootball 2.0, a new system that has not been sufficiently tested, and still has several deficiencies, is one we cannot impose upon the volunteer base that is the life of community run organisations. The system was not ready for launch at the beginning of 2025 and has already resulted in many clubs in other Associations having to delay registrations.

You are receiving this information so that we can keep you up to date with the any outcomes of this decision.

### ***What does this mean for me, a community football player?***

By continuing with Dribl in 2025, players will be able to register with a familiar system. For the vast majority of players there will be no difference from any other year.

Insurance will still be provided by Football NSW to all registered Football Canterbury participants. This means that Hurlstone Park Wanderers players and other participants will still be covered by insurance.

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However, Football Australia and Football NSW have imposed some restrictions on Associations who have not adopted PlayFootball 2.0.

Clubs within Associations who do not adopt PlayFootball 2.0 will not be able to participate in optional tournaments such as: Australia Cup (FA); Sapphire Cup (FA); State Cups (FNSW); and Champion of Champions (FNSW). This affects a small number of players within our club. We recognise that these competitions are important to these players to provide additional football development, but they are not core to the participation of most association community footballers.

Football Canterbury is working with the other associations who have also elected not to migrate to PlayFootball in 2025 to develop alternatives to the State Cup and Champion of Champions.

***What about coach and/or referee education?***

Currently there are some concerns about the expected restrictions imposed by Football Australia and/or Football NSW on issuing accreditations (at the time) for attendance at Football Canterbury coach and/or referee education courses in 2025.

As this is education, and not an elective or extracurricular football activity, the Association is continuing to work with the governing bodies to ensure education opportunities remain available. There will be education available in 2025 for Football Canterbury participants.

Football Canterbury and its Clubs will provide more information on the availability and delivery of coach and referee education in due course.

***What are the consequences for not transitioning to PlayFootball 2.0 in 2025?***

Your Club within Football Canterbury in 2025 will continue to operate as they did in 2024. Clubs together with the Association are here to provide the best possible community football experience for all – be you a player, team official, or most importantly, a valued club volunteer. Football Canterbury is also working with Football NSW to resolve the concerns about PlayFootball2.0 beyond 2025.

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