

Welcome to the Australian Premier League, a unified pathway which will change the way we develop Elite Football across Australia.

By now, you would have heard about the National Competition Review and the Elite Player Pathways. The new Australian Premier League is a step forward in developing the very best talent across all age groups from Senior First Team Football to Under 12's, and is a logical improvement to the QSL & JPL.

Over the coming months, Football Queensland will embark on a process that will bring together the 12 best applicants to form the Australian Premier League here in Queensland.

Key dates for the process are as follows:

- 8th June Expression of Interest close.
- 12th June 3rd August FQ road show to all interested parties.
- 24th August Applications close.
- 24th August 31st August FQ to assess applications and make recommendation to the FFA. Clubs will be notified of results as they become available from FFA.
- 26th September Official announcement of the teams participating the Australian Premier League.
- 31st January 2013 Presentation from Clubs detailing all aspects of the criteria including key appointments.

Please find attached an Expression of Interest Form which needs to be completed by the club/entity and forwarded to Ben Mannion by the due date.

Once received, Football Queensland will deliver the Accreditation Criteria to each of the applicants and begin to make appointments for one-on-one meetings with each club.

Should you require further information, please feel free to contact Ben Mannion on 0401 691 142 or email <u>benm@footballqueensland.com.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

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