

## **Northern Premier League Appointment of Club-aligned Director**

The Northern Premier League invites applications from suitable candidates for the role of a club-aligned Director to take office for an initial period of three years, from the Annual General Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

In 2024, the League underwent an external governance review, to comply with Code for Sports Governance, and is in the second of a three-year implementation of the changes endorsed by NPL clubs.

Priority will be given to applications from chairs, directors, and secretaries at current Step 4 NPL clubs who can participate in good governance of the League.

You will have been directly involved with decision-making at your club and will have acquired skills and insight into one or more of: - club administration, commercial, financial management, legal, stadium development, and community programmes.

As a director of the League, you will play a vital role in our governance and strategic direction. You will be responsible for ensuring good governance of the League's operations and contributing to the league's long-term success. Directors are not appointed to represent the interests of their own clubs, but all NPL clubs.

The Terms of Reference outline the responsibilities, expectations, and duties of a Board Member.

The League is committed to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and welcomes applications from all areas of society. The role is voluntary, although out of pockets expenses will be reimbursed.

For an informal discussion please contact Chairman Mark Harris on 07850 072166 or [mark.harris@thenpl.co.uk](mailto:mark.harris@thenpl.co.uk) or Chief Executive Angie Firth on 0785 220 7619 or [angie.firth@thenpl.co.uk](mailto:angie.firth@thenpl.co.uk)

Please send brief application and CV to [angie.firth@thenpl.co.uk](mailto:angie.firth@thenpl.co.uk)

Closing date for applications is 18th March 2026. Interviews will be arranged shortly afterwards.

## **About the Northern Premier League**

Formed in 1968, the Northern Premier League is one of the Leagues who collectively run competitions at Steps 3-4 of the National Leagues Pyramid (tiers 7-8 of the English Football Pyramid).

Comprising 87 clubs across four divisions, the NPL's footprint covers an area from Hadrian's Wall to south of Birmingham, the Welsh borders in the West and the Wash in the East. Together with the Isthmian and Southern Football League, the NPL makes up the third competition under the banner of the Trident Leagues. Former NPL member clubs now in the English Football League (EFL) comprise Wigan Athletic, Salford City, Burton Albion, Harrogate Town, and Fleetwood Town.

In 2000 the NPL was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee. The 2026 AGM will be the 27<sup>th</sup> of the Northern Premier Football League Limited. The League is currently administered by a Board of six Directors, who each serve three-year terms elected by Member Clubs from their number at the AGM, with a Chair and Vice-Chair elected annually by the board.

In 2024, the League underwent an external governance review, to comply with Code for Sports Governance, and is now in a three-year implementation of the changes endorsed by NPL clubs. These changes include reducing the board in size and achieving the right balance between club-aligned and independent directors

The board is supported by a six-strong Executive headed by a CEO to whom Operations, Registrations, Training & Development, Commercial & Compliance and Media Managers and a Matchday Co-Ordinator report.

Amongst the League's strategic objectives is the development of The Hub; a portal through which clubs can access information from NPL and FA systems, to provide a 'single source of truth' to club officials. In tandem, the League is currently in the second phase of implementing a new digital platform, which is intended to provide a fan-facing source of match information, results etc. together with third party content and functionality.