

Northern Premier League

Appointment of Independent Director

The Northern Premier League is looking to appoint an Independent Director to take office from the Annual General Meeting on 20th 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.

The League is looking for an individual from a variety of backgrounds who can participate in good governance of the League. Preferred candidates will have worked in, or run an online business, ideally in an IT & Development role, and will have experience of integrating third party content and of building social media engagement.

If appointed, the candidate would oversee the continuing development of the League's digital platform and Hub for NPL clubs, including the League's in-house resources. The successful candidate should be self-motivated, dynamic with strong management and analytical skills.

The League is looking to add to the skillsets of the individuals within the organisation, so would also welcome applicants from Legal, Commercial, and marketing backgrounds.

The League is committed to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and welcomes applications from all areas of society.

The appointment will be for a period of three years and may be extended for a further three years. The role is voluntary with privileges commensurate with the role. 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 or Chief Executive Angie Firth on 0785 220 7619 or angie.firth@thenpl.co.uk

Please send brief application and CV to angie.firth@thenpl.co.uk

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 18th March 2026.

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, Burton Albion, Harrogate Town, Salford City and Fleetwood Town.

In 2000 the NPL was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee. The 2026 AGM will be the 27th 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 included 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 an Operations Manager, Registrations Manager, Commercial & Compliance Manager, Media Manager and 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.