



THE PLAYERS' BOARD



FAQs – Players' Board Applications

The PFA will soon be holding elections for key positions at the union, including the Players' Board. The Players' Board protects your interests and decides on our strategy as a union.

We have compiled some frequently asked questions about the Players' Board's role and responsibilities. We have also outlined the application process. If you are interested in helping lead our organisation, we look forward to hearing from you.

If you have any further questions, please get in touch. You can find your PFA staff representative here: thepfa.com/club-representatives

Applications and Election

How do I apply for the Players' Board?

Please submit your application to CPElections@thepfa.com. We have a sample application form attached to this document. Your application should include the following information:

- Details of your playing career;
- Reasons for applying to the Players' Board;
- Relevant positions of responsibility held during your playing career.
- Three current members must sign the application.

Who decides whether I will be included on the voting shortlist?

All current members who apply to be on the Players' Board will be included on the ballot. Former members will be determined by a sub-committee of the Players' Board.

When is the closing date for applications for the Players' Board?

You need to submit your nomination application form by **14th March 2021**.

Can the three players supporting my application for the Players' Board be teammates?

Yes. The proposers can be any three current players (PL, EFL or WSL).

How many spaces are on the Players' Board?

There will be 13 spaces available overall. Ten spaces are allocated to current players. The composition of the new Players' Board will be as follows:

- 2 x Premier League players
- 2 x Women's Super League players
- 2 x Championship players
- 2 x League One players
- 2 x League Two players
- 3 x Former members.

Election address. How will members decide on who to vote for?

All candidates will have the right to produce an election address of up to 750 words. This will be circulated to eligible voting members with the ballots. We have attached a guide to writing your address in this document. The election address needs to be submitted by the 14th March 2021.

When is the vote held for Players' Board positions?

Voting will take place over a three week period that commences once the ballots have been printed and posted out to members. Our current expectation is that election results will be announced on 12th April 2021.

Why is it a postal vote?

Trade union law dictates that all leadership votes must be conducted via the post.

Will the existing provisional Players' Board (formerly the Management Committee) be eligible to reapply for their positions?

Yes. The existing players on the transitional Players' Board are eligible to reapply for their positions, either as current members or former members, depending on their current playing status.

If I am a current/former PFA member and hold a position as a current manager, coach or executive at a club, can I apply to be on the Players' Board?

No. If you are a manager, coach, or executive at a club, you cannot apply to be on the Players' Board.

Who are the scrutineers for the election?

In accordance with Section 49 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 the independent scrutineer appointed by the PFA for these elections is Civica Election Services Ltd, 33 Clarendon Road, London, N8 0NW.

Where can I find a copy of the PFA Rule Book?

You can obtain a copy of the PFA rules here: thepfa.com/pfa-rules

Players' Board: Role and responsibilities

What would be my responsibilities on the Players' Board?

As a member of the Players' Board you will be representing the views of members and giving direction on strategy and policy to the PFA's Operational Board. The Players' Board will review the PFA's expenditure and seek professional or technical third party advice when required.

Is there remuneration for being on the Players' Board?

Yes. Players' Board members will receive £300 per meeting.

How often will the Players' Board meet?

The Players' Board will typically meet once a month, subject to any urgent issues arising.

If I am elected, when will the role start?

Any person elected as a member of the Players' Board, will take up the position with immediate effect. It is anticipated that the new Players' Board will first convene within a month of the announcement of the elections.

Where will the Players' Board meetings take place?

It is anticipated that Players' Board meetings will typically take place digitally. Meetings will be scheduled around training and match times wherever possible.

How long will I serve on the Players' Board?

An election will take place every three years for current players sitting on the Players' Board. Elections for former Players' Board members will be at least every two years. Members of the Players' Board can only apply to be re-elected once (so a member can serve a maximum of two terms).

Who decides the PFA Chair and Vice-Chair roles?

The newly formed Players' Board will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from the elected group. The nominated Chair and Vice-Chair will also sit on the PFA's Operation Board.

The Chair must be a current professional player at the time of his or her election. The Vice-Chair can be any other member of the Players' Board.

If elected, will I be able to access any training and support to fulfil my obligations on the Board?

Yes. Members of the Players' Board will undertake an induction course and be given the opportunity to undertake governance training or other relevant qualifications.

Candidate Application Form (page 1/2)

Election of members to the Players' Board of the PFA

Candidate details

- Details of your playing career;
- Reasons for applying to the Players' Board;
- Relevant positions of responsibility held during your playing career.

Details of your playing career

Reasons for applying to the Players' Board

Relevant positions of responsibility held during your playing career

Candidate Application Form (page 2/2)

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*Note to candidates: Please complete the 'Candidate section' below and send this document to three **current players** (playing in the Premier League, EFL or WSL) who will propose you for election. Please note, we may contact the listed proposers to authenticate their support.*

Please email your completed nominations to CPelections@thepfa.com by the **14th March 2021**.

Candidate details

Name	
Email	
Phone	
Current Club	

Election address - Please mark here to acknowledge you are aware of your right to produce an election address (750 words) to be submitted by the **14th March 2021**.

Proposers

If you are proposing the above candidate to become a member to the Players' Board of the PFA, please fill in the relevant details below.

Proposer 1

Name	
Email	
Current Club	

Proposer 2

Name	
Email	
Current Club	

Proposer 3

Name	
Email	
Current Club	

Election Address

Election of members to the Players' Board of the PFA

All standing candidates have the right to produce an election address of up to 750 words. This will be circulated to all eligible voting members with the ballot forms. We have attached a guide to the structure of the address below.

Please email your Election Address to CPElections@thepfa.com by the **14th March 2021**. If you wish to include a photo with your address, please attach it to the email.

Name:

Club:

Phone number:

Election Address Summary (150 words)

Summarise why you think you should be elected to the Players' Board. This summary will be printed on the front of the election address booklet or as a separate leaflet. This will be the main summary that voters are likely to read (*150 words max*).

Biographical Details (100 words)

Provide details of your club/playing history and any relevant PFA positions you have held (*100 words max*).

Skills and Experience (250 words)

Please describe what skills and experience you believe you can bring to the role. This part of your election address should detail your skills and experience that are relevant to being a member of the Players' Board, representing the PFA membership (*250 words max*).

Any Other Information. Views and Opinions (250 words)

Please provide any other information you would like members to know about you and why you are standing for election to the Players' Board. This may include your views and opinions on the PFA (*250 words max*).