

MEMO 07 - 26

To: NPL Queensland and FQPL 1 Clubs
From: Football Queensland
Subject: FQ Club Licensing Compliant Filming Solutions
Date: May 13, 2026

Dear Clubs

In accordance with Football Queensland (FQ) Club Licensing requirements, clubs are reminded of their mandatory obligations regarding the broadcast of NPL Queensland and FQPL 1 first team matches.

As outlined in the FQ Club Licensing 2026 – Venue Standards, clubs must provide a stable, elevated filming platform positioned on the halfway line. Filming from ground level does not meet these requirements due to reduced visibility of the field of play and a significant impact on broadcast quality.

Compliance Timeframe

FQ is aware that several venues remain non-compliant, with matches continuing to be filmed from ground level despite this being a licensing requirement.

Clubs currently filming from ground level are **required to demonstrate that they are actively progressing toward a compliant solution** and will be given four (4) weeks from the date of this notice to procure and implement a compliant elevated filming platform.

Failure to meet this requirement within the specified timeframe may result in disciplinary action, including fines and potential licensing sanctions.

Interim Filming Solutions

FQ acknowledges that some local councils have restrictions on scaffolding and scissor lifts at community venues. In these cases, clubs are permitted to use temporary semi-mobile staging platforms as an interim solution while working toward a permanent, council-approved structure.

All temporary platforms must:

- Provide sufficient elevation to improve the broadcast vantage point
- Be stable, fit-for-purpose, and safely installed
- Provide safe access (e.g. steps or ladder where required)
- Be positioned to minimise trip hazards and operational risk
- Comply with relevant safety considerations and applicable Work Health and Safety (WHS) obligations

Clubs are reminded that under Queensland WHS legislation, there is a duty to identify and minimise risks associated with working at height, including providing stable work platforms and appropriate fall prevention measures where required.

Under Australian building standards, barriers or balustrades are generally required when a platform exceeds 1 metre due to fall risk, introducing additional compliance requirements. It is therefore recommended that clubs utilise a stage solution that is between 400mm and 900mm in height to avoid additional compliance requirements.

Where platforms exceed 1 metre in height, handrails or edge protection may be required where there is a risk of falling or where stairs or raised access points are used.

Clubs should also ensure that any temporary platform complies with relevant local council requirements, which may include:

- Site-specific approvals or permits for temporary structures
- Engineering certification for elevated or load-bearing platforms
- Submission of site plans, risk assessments, and insurance documentation
- Ongoing responsibility to ensure structures are safely installed and maintained

These requirements are commonly applied by councils across Brisbane, Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast for temporary structures and event infrastructure to ensure public safety.

Acceptable Examples

Examples of suitable temporary staging solutions include (but are not limited to):

- Mobile folding stages (approx. 600mm height)
- Mobile folding stages 1.2m x 2.4m (600mm height)
- Mobile Stage systems (Turn Key Furniture or similar)
- Commercially available modular stage platforms

Clubs may also consider suppliers including:

- [Transtage – Mobile Folding Stage](#)
- [Intellistage Portable Staging](#)
- [Holstens Modular Stage Platforms](#)

Clubs **must** ensure that any installed solution is safe for operators and compliant with local venue and council requirements. FQ reserves the right to review and approve all temporary setups to ensure compliance.

Adherence to venue and broadcast requirements remains a mandatory component of club licensing, and ongoing non-compliance will not be permitted.

Football Queensland appreciates the cooperation of clubs in maintaining consistent and professional broadcast standards across the NPL Queensland and FQPL 1 competitions.



For further guidance or to discuss your venue requirements, please contact Licensing@footballqueensland.com.au

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