

Proposal for NIBU Website

Outline

The main website (MW) would be redeveloped using the new development environment supplied by our web hosting service. This site would be the main source of reference for current and archived news items and would have menu options pointing to an expanded results website (RW) which would include NIBU administrative information accessible to NIBU members only. The following sections propose briefly how each site would be laid out.

Main Website (MW)

Strip menu across the Home Page:

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| NIBU | About NIBU, Contacts, List of clubs, Contact Us, Schools Bridge |
| Calendar | Links to RW; Calendar, Monthly calendar, Upcoming events, fixture list |
| Results | Links to RW; Results calendar, Leagues, Knockout Cups, Interclub, Archives |
| Congresses | Possibly replace Congress website with full details under this item |
| Representative | Home Internationals, Egan, Sonya Britton, Inter-provincials, other events |

Home Page Boxes

Main Box

Current news items, photographs, upcoming events information.

Right- Hand Boxes

Members Only

Description of members only features, link to Members Only on RW

News Archives

Links to previous news items catalogued by month – see FOB or CBAI websites

Other Notices

Permanent or temporary notices

Current menu items for Administration and Committees would be removed as current details are on RW Members Only, however all of the underlying information would be retained as an archive and would be available to members via links on RW.

Results Website (RW)

The RW would remain much as at present and would be accessible directly to members, however it is anticipated that most accesses would be to specific areas of the site via links on MW.

A 'Members Only' button would be added; when clicked this would request members to login – at their first login they are asked for an email address and they are sent an email with a link to enable them to create their own password for future logins.

The Members Only feature would contain the following:

NIBU Administration: Council and Committee details, minutes and papers with links to the 'hidden' archive on MW providing a full history of administrative activity.

Find a Partner: linked to the Calendar this would enable members seeking a partner to enter their details. This would be flagged on the event entry on the Calendar

Master Points: the information in this area would be developed in conjunction with the MP Secretary. The individual enquiry entry would remain on the MW but hidden but accessible from this area.

Web Admin: Certain members can be given access to enable them to update particular areas of the site – e.g. Tournament Directors could update the Results Calendar with spreadsheets where results upload was not available.

Other Points

Navigation: when links to RW are clicked the linked site should be opened in a new browser tab, this enables the user to return to MW just by clicking on original tab or by closing the linked tab.

Website Team: it is important that development and maintenance of the websites should be a team effort so that there is not a dependency on a single individual to update the site. The team should take a proactive approach rather than waiting to be asked to update items. The development environment for the main website should be available to the whole team although most maintenance will be undertaken by one of the team designated as Website Manager.

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