



Brendan Schwab LL.B MBA

Brendan, 41, is the Chief Executive and General Counsel of Professional Footballers Australia (PFA). He also sits as a member of the Board of FIFPro, the world footballers' union, and is Chairman of FIFPro Asia, the division of FIFPro that represents players' associations in Asia and Oceania. The key objective of FIFPro Asia is the development of the voice and career path for the professional footballers of Asia and Oceania, which encompasses major football nations such as Japan, India, Indonesia and Malaysia and is committed to extending the players' voice to China and South Korea. He was also one of FIFPro's inaugural nominees to the FIFA Dispute Resolution Chamber (2002) and has recently been appointed to that body for a 4 year term.

Brendan, a PFA Life Member (2003), has a long history with the PFA. He co-founded the association in 1993 with Socceroo Kimon Taliadoros and acted as its original solicitor. He served as PFA Chief Executive from June 1995 to August 2003, Chairman from March 2005 to December 2006 and since then has again served as Chief Executive.

Brendan has done much to advance the interests of the PFA and its members throughout Australia and the international football community. He has negotiated several collective bargaining agreements for Australia's national team (the Socceroos) and players in today's A-League and the former National Soccer League of Australia. He has also advocated many cases for players both collectively and individually. These include the PFA's successful legal challenge to the domestic transfer and compensation fee system in 1995 and winning the jurisdictional protection of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission for national league players in 2003. He has also been a leading advocate for the positive reform of Australian football, including developing the PFA's submissions to the Crawford Report and sitting on the National Soccer League Task Force commissioned by FFA Chairman Frank Lowy AC in 2003, which recommended and designed the new premier men's football competition in Australia, now known as the A-League.

The PFA enjoys the unanimous support of Australian professional footballers based both in Australia and around the world. Among many activities, it conducts the prestigious annual PFA Footballer of the Year Awards, provides extensive education programs to assist players in preparing for life after football, drives the involvement of elite players in the community and has recently launched a player management agency.

Brendan is also deeply committed to the rights of all professional athletes and the well being of Australian sport. He is a co-founder of the Australian Athletes' Alliance (AAA), the peak body for Australian players' associations in sports including AFL, rugby, rugby league, cricket, netball, swimming and, of course, football. He presently acts as the AAA's part-time General Secretary.

He holds a Bachelor of Laws and Master of Business Administration. He is married with three children.