

# CIRCULAR



**Subject:** F-GRADE TEAM RE-NOMINATION

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<b>Summary:</b> The WAAFL is seeking clubs to re-nominate for F-Grade.	<b>Action:</b> Clubs wishing to nominate a F-Grade team may do so by emailing Geoff Palmer - <a href="mailto:gpalmer@wafc.com.au">gpalmer@wafc.com.au</a> by 4pm Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2018.
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Clubs are permitted to amend their current team nomination from another grade to F-Grade or add a new F-Grade team without penalty.

Team re-nomination will close 4pm Monday 19th March 2018.

It is proposed round 1 for F-Grade will be 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

- F-Grade players still need to be 28+ to play.
- F-Grade would still remain a 16-a-side competition.
- The 'even up rule' would still remain.
- No boundary umpires required, last possession rule still applies.

## PROPOSED CHANGES TO CURRENT BY-LAWS TO PLAY F-GRADE:

### Affiliation Fee Concession

A \$500 Affiliation Fee concession to play F-Grade is offered. F-Grade Affiliation Fees will be \$1994 (plus GST) per team.

### Team composition

Currently, By-law B2.3.1(e) states that a F-Grade player playing more than 3 matches in a higher grade cannot return to F-Grade for the remainder of the season.

It is proposed this by-law be deleted to allow clubs more flexibility with team selections in higher grades. However, to avoid 'team stacking' into F-Grade finals, the finals eligibility for F-Grade would be amended to encourage predominantly F-Grade players in finals as detailed below.

### Finals

Only a Grand Final will be played which will be determined by the two highest ranked teams after the qualifying rounds.

To play F-Grade finals, a player shall;

1. Have played at least one F-Grade qualifying match in the season for the club.
2. Have played more F-Grade qualifying matches than the combined total matches in higher grades in the season for the club.

F-Grade qualifying matches may be counted towards a player's finals eligibility in accordance with By-law B2.6 – Finals Eligibility.

A player who has played less than five qualifying matches in a grade will be permitted to play finals in the highest grade in which he has played and F-Grade finals.

#### **Forfeit**

The \$300 fine applicable for forfeiting a match would not be applied in F-Grade.

#### **Provisional Fixtures**

Subject to team nomination, the following provisional fixture structure is provided.

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Option 1 Rounds</b>	<b>Option 2 Rounds</b>	<b>Notes</b>
31-Mar-18			
07-Apr-18	1	1	
14-Apr-18			School holidays
21-Apr-18			School holidays
28-Apr-18			School holidays
05-May-18	2	2	
12-May-18			
19-May-18	3	3	
26-May-18	4	4	
02-Jun-18	All grades bye	All grades bye	WA Day Public holiday
09-Jun-18	5	5	
16-Jun-18			
23-Jun-18	6	6	
30-Jun-18	AFLX Tournament	AFLX Tournament	School holidays
07-Jul-18			School holidays
14-Jul-18		7	School holidays
21-Jul-18	Grand Final		
28-Jul-18		8	
04-Aug-18			
11-Aug-18		9	
18-Aug-18			
25-Aug-18		10	
01-Sep-18			
08-Sep-18		Grand Final	B to E Grade Grand Finals