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Subject: DRAFT - PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM (PPS) BY-LAW

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Summary: The WAAFL Board has reviewed club feedback together the WAFc's state-wide PPS and provide the following draft WAAFL by-laws for the PPS.	Action: Feedback to David Armstrong, General Manager darmstrong@wafc.com.au by Friday 12 th October 2018.
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The WAAFL Board encourages clubs to review the draft by-laws (schedule) and provide any further feedback. The Board will review any additional feedback at its meeting Monday 15th October 2018 to finalise the PPS by-laws for implementation from 1st November 2018.

PPS – OVERVIEW

Component	Comment	WAFc State-wide PPS
Total team points caps	TBC by WAAFL Board, 15 th October 2018 meeting.	N/A, WAAFL to decide
Club of Origin definition	A player's Club of Origin is the first WAAFL club the player played at <u>prior</u> to playing at another senior football club.	N/A, WAAFL to decide
Player categorisation	5 point model.	Previously WAAFL endorsed 5 point model. The Board does not support WAFc Reserves at 4 points.
Highest level definition	<u>3 years / 5⁺ matches:</u> A player's highest level will be determined on the current and previous 3 years where they played 5 ⁺ matches. (AFL 3 years/1 ⁺ match)	Yes
Loyalty deduction	<u>5⁺ matches / 3rd season:</u> 1 point deduction for each season of service (5 ⁺ matches) commencing at the start of the 3 rd season.	Yes

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS

The WAAFL Board also seeks your feedback on the following two implementation options – Option A and Option B.

Both options can have the desired restrictive player movement outcome of a PPS by setting an appropriate Total Team Points Cap.

OPTION A: All players registered at your WAAFL club as at 1st July 2018 will have a player points allocation of 1 point unless they transfer to another WAAFL club.

OPTION B: All players registered at a WAAFL club as at 1st July 2018 will be subject to full application of the PPS; i.e. the 3 year look-back and loyalty deductions applied accordingly.

Worksheet – Total Teams Points Calculator

To assist clubs in assessing the implementation options, a Total Teams Points Calculator is attached for Options A and B.

We invite clubs to complete and submit this worksheet to darmstrong@wafc.com.au.

OPTION A:

For this exercise to have comparative value, Option A is based on all registered players as at 1st July 2017 being 1 point.

Steps:

Using the team sheet for round 18 of the 2018 season for your respective A, B, C1 C2, C3 or C4 team;

1. All players listed on the team sheet who were registered with your club as at 1st July 2017 (not 1st July 2018) allocate 1 point.
2. All players who transferred to your club in the 2018 season, allocate player points in accordance with player categorisation.
3. All players who were Type 2 LIP to your club in the 2018 season, allocate player points in accordance with player categorisation.

OPTION B:

Steps:

Using the team sheet for round 18 of the 2018 season for your respective A, B, C1 C2, C3 or C4 team;

1. All players listed on the team sheet who were registered with your club in 2018, allocate player points in accordance with player categorisation.
2. Any players allocated more than 1 point, apply any loyalty deduction points.
3. All players who were Type 2 LIP to your club in the 2018 season, allocate player points in accordance with player categorisation. (Loyalty points do not apply to Type 2 LIP players)

DRAFT BY-LAW SCHEDULE B3: PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM (PPS)

1. APPLICABLE GRADES

The PPS is only applicable to the following WAAFL mens League grades; A, B, C1, C2, C3 and C4.

2. TOTAL TEAM POINTS

- a) Total Team Points are not to exceed **XX** points per team per match.
- b) Total Team Points shall be calculated on the total player points allocated to each player per match.
- c) Total Team Points are to be visible on the respective team sheets prior to the commencement of each match.
- d) Each player listed on the team sheet shall be allocated player point(s) in accordance with this schedule.

3. PLAYER POINTS CATEGORIES

- a) All players (including playing coaches) registered or on a Type 2 Local Interchange Permit in the WAAFL shall receive a player points allocation of 1 point, unless determined otherwise in accordance with the Player Points Categories.
- b) A player is deemed to have 'played' when he is listed on the team sheet, is at his respective match, dressed in his playing uniform and ready to play.
- c) Where a player plays in a competition predominantly conducted during March to October who, in the same or following year, plays in a competition predominantly conducted during November to February ('the Summer Competition'), the Summer Competition shall be disregarded for the purposes of determining the player's points category attributable to that player upon a subsequent transfer or permit.
- d) A player who does not meet any of the Player Points Categories shall apply to the General Manager who shall determine the player's points category.

TABLE 1: SUMMARY PLAYER POINTS CATEGORIES

Allocation	Category	Competition	Qualification
5 points	AFL	AFL	1+ match in the current or previous 3 seasons
4 points	WAFL (League), interstate equivalents	WAFL, SANFL, VFL, NEAFL, TSL, NTFL	5+ matches in the current or previous 3 seasons
3 points	WAFL (Reserves/Colts), interstate equivalents Senior Community (League)	WAFL, SANFL, TSL, NTFL, Vic Premier 1 Div, TAC Cup WAAFL, WACFL, MFL, interstate competitions	5+ matches in the current or previous 3 seasons
2 points	Senior Community (Reserves/Colts)	WAAFL, WACFL, MFL, interstate competitions	5+ matches in the current or previous 3 seasons
1 point	Club of Origin	WAAFL	As per definition
	Transferring junior	Junior club competitions	Transfer direct from junior club
	Retired, absent, long-term injured	WAAFL	
	Not played competitive football in the current or previous 3 seasons		

CLUB OF ORIGIN (1 point)

A player's Club of Origin is the first WAAFL club the player played at prior to playing at another senior football club.

Club of Origin dispensation is conditional to players;

1. Registered (not Type 2 Local Interchange Permit) with the WAAFL club at the time of playing his first WAAFL colts or senior match.
2. Returning directly from AFL or WAFL (League/Reserves/Colts and interstate equivalents) by way of transfer or Type 2 Local Interchange Permit to their first WAAFL club.

For the avoidance of doubt, Club of Origin dispensation cannot be applied where;

- a player progresses directly from junior football and plays AFL or WAFL (League/Reserves/Colts or interstate equivalents) without playing in the WAAFL.
- a player plays AFL or WAFL (League/Reserves/Colts or interstate equivalents) and returns to the WAAFL after playing in another senior community competition.
- a player was on a Type 2 Local Interchange Permit when he played his first WAAFL club match.

A player returning to his Club of Origin shall have a player points allocation of 1 point.

Where a player is not eligible as a Club of Origin player, a player's points category will be determined on the highest level of football the player has played in any of the current or previous three seasons as follows:

CATEGORY 5: AFL (5 points)

A player who has played one or more AFL matches in the current or previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 5 points.

CATEGORY 4: WAFL League, interstate equivalents (4 points)

A player who has played five or more League matches in WAFL or interstate equivalent in the current or previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 4 points.

CATEGORY 3: (3 points)

a) WAFL Reserves/Colts, interstate equivalents

A player who has played five or more Reserves and/or Colts matches in WAFL or interstate equivalent, including Victorian Premier Division 1, in the current or previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 3 points.

Victorian Premier 1 Divisions: AFL Yarra Ranges Div1, Eastern FL Div1, EDFL Premier Div, NFL Div1, SFNL Div1, WRFL Div1, Ballarat FNL, Bendigo FNL, Geelong FNL, Gippsland FL, GVFL, Hampden FNL, Murray FL, OMFNL, MPNFL Div1, SEFNL.

b) Senior Community – League

A player who has played five or more League matches in WAAFL, WACFL, MFL or interstate senior community competition in the current or previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 3 points.

League mean the club's league, first or highest graded team within a senior competition.

CATEGORY 2: Senior Community – Reserves/Colts (2 points)

A player who has played five or more Reserves and/or Colts matches in WAAFL, WACFL, MFL or interstate senior community competition in the current or previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 2 points.

Reserves means any team which is not the club's league or first team such as the Reserves, thirds, fourths or fifth teams within a senior competition.

CATEGORY 1: (1 point)

a) Transferring junior (1 point)

A player transferring directly from junior club football to a WAAFL club shall have a player points allocation of 1 point.

b) Retired, absent, long-term injured uncategorised player (1 point)

An uncategorised player who whilst remaining continuously at his WAAFL club, played in at least one of the previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 1 point.

A retired, absent or long-term injured uncategorised player is a player who is yet to have a player points category determined, does not play with another club over the previous three seasons, yet may miss one or two seasons of the previous three seasons due to work or injury, or had retired and may wish to play again at his respective WAAFL club.

c) Not played competitive football (1 point)

A player who has not played competitive club football in any of the current or previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 1 point.

Competitive club football means any formally organised football competition conducted by a recognised league or competition excluding AFL9s and school football competitions.

4. LOYALTY POINTS REDUCTION

- a) A registered player, who is categorised at more than 1 point and whilst remaining at his WAAFL club, may commence reducing his points value by 1 point after completing his second 'Season of Service' till he reaches 1 point.

A 'Season of Service' means 5 or more WAAFL matches played per season with his respective WAAFL club. These seasons do not have to be consecutive seasons nor all matches in the one grade for his WAAFL club. However, if this player transfers to another club, all loyalty points applied will be forfeited and the player subject to the highest level of football he has played in any of the current or previous three seasons.

A 'Season of Service' is not applicable to Type 2 Local Interchange Permit players. Type 2 Local Interchange Permit players are not registered WAAFL players. These players are registered with a non-WAAFL club in another competition but allowed to play in the WAAFL under permit arrangements.

Example 1:

*1st season: 4 point player, plays 5+ matches
2nd season: 4 point player, plays 5+ matches
3rd season: Reduce to a 3 point player, plays 5+ matches
4th season: Reduce to a 2 point player, plays 5+ matches
5th season: Reduce to a 1 point player*

Example 2:

*1st season: 4 point player, plays 5+ matches
2nd season: 4 point player, plays only 2 matches
3rd season: 4 point player, plays 5+ matches
4th season: Reduce to a 3 point player, plays 5+ matches
5th season: Reduce to a 2 point player, does not play
6th season: 2 point player, plays 5+ matches
7th season: 1 point player*

- b) Before the commencement of each season, each club is to review and where applicable, apply a 1 point reduction to those players in accordance with each 'Seasons of Service'.

5. COMPLIANCE

- a) The General Manager shall determine and record a player's points category in Footyweb prior to the player's first League match for his respective club. Clubs seeking a player's points category shall lodge its request with the WAAFL no later than 10am Friday preceding the respective League match.

- b) A player without a player points category shall not be permitted to play a League match. A club which plays an uncategorised player in a League match shall lose the match and be penalised as playing an ineligible player in accordance with By-law A2.6.2.
- c) A team which exceeds the Total Team Points cap shall lose the match and be penalised as playing an ineligible player in accordance with By-law A2.6.2.
- d) A club which makes a false or provides incorrect information regarding a player's football playing history shall lose the match and be penalised as playing an ineligible player in accordance with By-law A2.6.2.

6. REVIEW

- a) Where a club disputes a player's points category, the Club President may request the Competition Integrity Officer review the determination before 30th June of the current season. The request shall be;
 - i. Lodged with the Competition Integrity Officer together with the player's football playing history no later than 10am Friday preceding the match.
 - ii. Accompanied by a \$200 bond which shall be refunded if the decision is upheld.
- b) Any decision of the Competition Integrity Officer may be subject to appeal in accordance with By-law A2.29.9(f).