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Summary: The WAAFL By-laws have been restructured to include womens football and F-Grade. Several amendments and additions were also approved by the Board, which are outlined below.	Action: None
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Section 1;

The Spirit of the Game policy has been included as a by-law as By-law 1.1.

Section 2 Competitions;

- By-law A2.4 (Player transfers) amended to clarify that a player transfer is completed or 'finalised' once the player registers with his new club online. Until the player registers with his new club the transfer/clearance process is not completed and the player is unable to be electronically added to the team sheet.
- By-law A2.5 was added to include a Type 2 Local Interchange Permit agreement with the WAAFL.
- By-law A2.12.3 was added to include the requirement to have an interchange steward to record yellow and red cards issued by the umpires, and where a stretcher has been used.
- By-law A2.12.7(g) was amended to ensure clubs electronically update team sheets to include the assignment of jumper numbers to each player.
- By-law A2.14 (Coaches) was amended resulting from changes to the AFL Coaching Accreditation process. Previously coaches were allowed to gain their accreditation before 30th June in the given year. Coach accreditation is now required before the first match they coach.
- By-law A2.14.10 (Coach Demerit Points) was amended to include 1 point for every 3 yellow cards issued in a season.
- By-law A2.15 provides for new umpire requirements, including field umpire accreditation, which was previously within WAAFL policy.
- By-law A2.29 (Reporting and Disciplining Players, Club Officials and Clubs) was amended resulting from the establishment of the WAFCL Perth Community Football Tribunal which will replace the WAAFL Protest and Disputes Tribunal. The WAFCL Perth Community Football Tribunal will hear all junior, WAAFL, MFL and AFL Masters WA tribunal matters at local locations. The WAAFL Investigation Tribunal was renamed the Disciplinary Committee as to avoid confusion with WAFCL Perth Community Football Tribunal and to highlight that it will deal with more disciplinary matters. The Disciplinary Committee will allow for its decisions to be appealed.

Section 4 Sub Boards (Committees)

- With the role of the Competition Integrity Officer and restructure of Tribunals, By-law 4.3 amended the Competition Integrity Committee's responsibility to an advisory committee and will not hear and determine disciplinary matters. This will matters will be heard by the Disciplinary Committee.
- By-law 4.5 established a Female Football Advisory Committee.