

# CIRCULAR



**Subject:** WAAFL Senior Community Womens Competition

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<b>Summary:</b> Following from the senior community womens football workshop conducted Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 and further review of AFL pathways, the WAAFL provides the following guidance to WAAFL clubs wishing to play in a senior womens community competition in 2018 under the auspices of the WAAFL.	<b>Action:</b> FYI
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The WAAFL plans to conduct two competition levels of football in 2018. Clubs will be requested to nominate their team(s) to the appropriate competition at team nominations.

Team nominations will be requested at the same time and will be an online process as the senior mens/colts competitions. A team nomination circular will be sent to clubs to act on.

A grading carnival is planned for the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Team re-grading is scheduled after round 3. These two actions are subject to team nominations.

Clubs will need to liaise with their local council and junior club (if applicable) for ground use, as the WAAFL will request each club to nominate a ground for their womens team at team nomination.

## 1. Grade structure

### Senior community womens competition

AIM: To cater for the influx of women new to the game wishing to participate in a competitive competition. To support WAAFL players not selected to play.

The following grades will be established:

- A Grade Womens
- B Grade Womens

### Key points to these grades:

- Same playing rules as senior mens competition.
- 4 x 15 min. quarters.
- Minimum age 17 years.
- Matches to be played predominantly on Sundays.
- Even up rule will be permitted.
- WAAFL branded Burley yellow leather size 4 to be used.

## Senior community womens development competition

AIM: To cater for the women who would prefer a more social approach, appealing to entry level participants that are learning the game in a safe environment.

The following grades will be established:

- C1 Womens (Development)
- C2 Womens (Development)

Key points to these grades:

Modified rules as per flowchart.

### **2. Match day and training football**

Due to the WAAFL's exclusive agreement with Burley, WAAFL branded Burley yellow leather size 4 are to be used. The WAAFL has ordered specific branded Burley footballs which will be available for purchase through the WAAFL at \$85 per ball.

### **3. Playing jumper and shorts**

Due to the WAAFL's exclusive agreement with CUB, all senior community womens grades will be required to wear playing jumpers and shorts in accordance with the current specifications in the WAAFL By-laws; i.e WAAFL and Carlton Draught logo required. There will be a period for clubs to transition to meet these specifications.

Playing jumpers and shorts may be purchased through the WAAFL website as per mens apparel.

### **4. Registrations**

All players are to register via Sports TG. The WAAFL is working with Sports TG to establish these competitions on the database.

Type 2 LIC Permits between the WAAFL and WAFC District (Juniors) will be established under the same conditions as the senior mens/colts competitions.

### **5. Affiliation Fees**

Affiliation fees will be similar to senior mens lower graded teams at ~ \$2500 per team.

Affiliation fees specific to the team will include;

- Ground hire
- Burley Match Day Footballs
- JLT Personal Injury Insurance (Bronze)
- \$1m Quad/Para Insurance

### **6. Umpires**

Clubs will be required to provide a 1 field, 1 boundary and 1 goal umpire in accordance with the rules flow chart and in an orange Midway Ford uniform. These uniforms may be purchased from the WAAFL. Any payment to umpires is at the discretion of each club.

### **7. Support personnel**

Clubs will be required to provide runners, water and trainers in the same uniforms as the senior mens/colts competitions. These uniforms may be purchased from the WAAFL.

Each team will be required to have a qualified trainer at match day.

## 8. Key dates

<b>WAFC Come n Try Carnival</b>	Mid February 2018
<b>Team nominations close</b>	Late February 2018
<b>Grading carnival (if required)</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
<b>Season commencing</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
<b>Team re-grading (if required)</b>	After round 3
<b>Season concluding</b>	Late July/Early Aug 2018

## 9. Senior Women's Competitions - Rules Flowchart

Competition Rules	Senior Grades A, B	Development Grade (C1, C2)
<b>Purpose</b>	To cater for the influx of women new to the game wishing to participate in a competitive competition. To support WAWFL players not selected to play.	To cater for the women who would prefer a more social approach, appealing to entry level participants that are learning the game in a safe environment.
<b>Games</b>	Season commencing 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2018. Weekly matches 13-16 round season. Byes planned.	Weekly matches 10 round season. Some byes planned.
<b>Fixtures</b>	Home and away fixtures held Sunday afternoons (12 – 5pm), occasional double headers to men's games Saturday afternoons (12-5pm).	Conference and Carnival model (rotating venue all games one ground with music). Friday night under lights 6pm Onwards or mid-week fixtures
<b>Training</b>	Once – twice a week.	Maybe once a week or small 30min session before games.
<b>Players</b>	18 a side (min. 14 modified field)	12-15 a side (min 9 modified field)
<b>Even up rule</b>	Permitted	Permitted
<b>Ground size</b>	Full size ground	Modified size ground
<b>Match length</b>	4 x 15 minute quarters. Breaks 5/10/5mins.	2 x 20 minute halves.
<b>The football</b>	Burley WAAFL branded yellow leather size 4 for match days and training.	Burley WAAFL branded yellow leather size 4 for match days and training.
<b>Tackling</b>	Tackling is permitted as per the Laws of the Game.	<b>Modified Wrap Tackle</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrap arms around player and hold feet.</li> <li>• Do not drop to ground.</li> <li>• Strictly no slinging or deliberately bringing opposition player to the ground.</li> <li>• Grabbing the arms is not permitted.</li> <li>• Players once tackled have 3 seconds to dispose of the ball.</li> </ul>
<b>Umpiring</b>	2 field (club), 2 boundary (club), 2 goal (club)	1 field (club), 2 goal umpires (club)
<b>Out of bounds</b>	Allowed as per laws of the game.	<b>Last possession rule</b> From a kick or handball, a free is awarded against the player who kicked or handballed the ball across the line without it being touched by the opposition. If the ball goes out of bounds after no clear possession or is touched after a clear possession, the umpire will ball up 10 metres inside the boundary line.
<b>Bounces</b>	Allowed as per laws of the game.	A player can bounce the ball once.
<b>Soccurring the ball</b>	Allowed as per laws of the game.	Not permitted unless accidental.
<b>Stealing / Smothering</b>	Allowed as per laws of the game.	A player may attempt to snatch or steal the ball but if unsuccessful and contact is made a free kick will be awarded to the opponent.
<b>Scoring and awards</b>	Scoring, ladders, finals, premiership. Best and Fairest awarded, A Grade leading goal kicker awarded	Scoring, ladders. No finals - highest ranked team awarded season grade trophy. No Best and Fairest awarded, no leading goal kicker awarded.
<b>Trainer</b>	Mandatory	Mandatory
<b>Registrations</b>	Player register via Sports TG. Type 2 LIC Permits between WAWFL and Juniors permitted.	Player register via Sports TG. Type 2 LIC Permits between WAWFL and Juniors permitted.
<b>Minimum age</b>	17 years	17 years
<b>Playing jumper and shorts</b>	As per current specifications.	As per current specifications.