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INTRODUCTION

The WAFL Rules & Regulations reflect the following guiding principles:

- To promote, develop, and ensure the effective management of WAFL football matches and recognise the WAFL as the pre-eminent league in Western Australia;
- To recognize that the WAFL Competition sits within a national framework and is commensurate with other State leagues;
- To create an exciting and even competition which is appealing to the public;
- To ensure the WAFL is a broadcast quality competition;
- To adopt good governance and integrity within the WAFL competition;
- To ensure Player welfare is paramount;
- To administer natural justice in Arbitration and Tribunal hearings;
- To ensure transparency and fairness in transfer rules and Total Player Payments;
- To strive for consistency of coaching standards and the development of Players in the Colts competition;
- To encourage good sportsmanship; and
- To providing a safe, fair and inclusive game day environment for all involved.

The WAFC conducts the WAFL competition in accordance with its power under the Constitution of WAFC.

These Rules & Regulations:

- have been drafted in an effort to simplify the Player Rules and Regulations and By-Laws that have evolved since first published on 14 February 1986 and the Country Zoning Regulations introduced in 1972;
- contain ‘introductory boxes’ which provide background, context and meaning to the Rules that follow;
- contain policies in the Schedules which form part of the Rules & Regulations;
- have been drafted with input from the WAFL Clubs;
- will refer back to preceding versions of the Rules and Regulations should there be any dispute regarding the interpretation of the current Rule and Regulations; and
- may be amended by WAFC after duly consulting with the WAFL Clubs.

The WAFL competition plays under the Laws of Australian Football as determined by the Australian Football League. These Laws are updated annually and published by the AFL. The WAFC may deviate from these Laws in order to provide for Laws which better suit the WAFL competition.

All Players must indicate their willingness to abide by the WAFL Rules and Regulations by signing the Competition Registration Form and the Playing Contract with their WAFL Club.

Each rule shall be read and construed independently of the other provisions of these Rules. Parts of a rule may be valid if other parts or provisions of the rule were deleted.

The WAFC will act in the best interests of the competition, without undue formality and without being bound by the rules if they consider it is not in the best interests of the competition.

A copy of these WAFL Rules and Regulations will be provided on the WA Football Website www.wafootball.com.au.
The West Australian Football League (WAFL) registration system aims to promote the inclusion of geographically Zoned Players on WAFL Club lists and to limit the recruiting of Players that are external to Club boundaries. As a result, the registration system has defined limitations placed on the ability for WAFL Clubs to recruit Players. This registration system has been implemented to enhance the geographic zoned model adopted by the West Australian Football Commission (WAFC) for football in Western Australia.

The West Australian football system allows for Players to participate at multiple levels of competition. Conceptually, the Australian Football League (AFL) is the highest level, followed by the WAFL and Community Football (Senior Metropolitan and Country Leagues). Player movement is determined by transfer and permit guidelines as outlined by the AFL National Transfer Regulations and further defined in Rules 1.4 and 1.6, of these Rules.

The West Australian Football League implements a points system for registered senior Players of a WAFL Club and a Colts List for Zoned Players. Limitations placed on WAFL Clubs through the use of the points system and a Colts List may have an impact on the ability of a Player to be registered to a WAFL Club. Guidelines for the registration of senior Players with a WAFL Club are defined in Rule 2 (Registered Senior Player Points List) and colts Players are defined in Rule 11 relating to the Colts Competition.

1.1 Registration

1.1.1 Registration Process

a) The Registration Process will be overseen by the WAFC.

b) The WAFC shall assess and determine any question relating to the right or qualification of any person to register in the WAFL.

c) Prior to any Player playing in any WAFL Match, the WAFL Club must:
   i. submit a completed Registration (Form 1) via WAFL Online; and
   ii. present a copy of the relevant Player Contract to the WAFC for inspection.

d) Prior to playing any League Grade Match, a Player must complete the Drug Education component online via www.learningseat.com/wafc.

e) Prior to playing any WAFL Colts, Reserves or League match, a player aged 18yrs or over must complete the AFL PPMS prior to Round 1. Should a player turn 18 years of age during the season, the player must complete the registration prior to playing their next WAFL match.

f) It is the responsibility of the WAFL club to supply the players name and relevant details to the WAFL.

g) In signing a WAFL Registration Form (Form 1), a Player agrees to follow the terms as set out in these Rules and accepts that these Rules may be amended from time to time at the sole discretion of the WAFC.

h) In the event that any Player or Club fails to provide information or complete the processes for registration contemplated by (1.1.1) above, the corresponding WAFL Club may be penalised in accordance with Rule 14.
1.1.2 Player and Club Education

The WAFC is committed to ensuring safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for all people involved in Australian Rules Football in Western Australia. To achieve this, the WAFC has adopted a specific and consistent approach to a range of social issues, underpinned by education, awareness-raising activities, support services, social responsibilities, research and evaluation, and compliance in line with education programs delivered by the AFL.

The following key topics are covered:

- Alcohol
- Anti-Doping
- Problem Gambling
- Illicit Drugs
- Social Media
- Match-Fixing and Corruption
- Mental Health
- Respectful Relationships
- Vilification and Discrimination
- Concussion

As part of their obligations to the WAFC, WAFL Clubs and Players must attend and complete education programs as required by the WAFC to ensure those participants in the WAFL are informed to ensure a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment.

a) All Players (Colts, Reserves and League Players) must attend any education session, including online components, facilitated by the WAFC and delivered to WAFL Clubs on key issues and challenges that exist within society and, therefore, within WAFL Clubs as required from time to time by WAFC.

b) Any representative, including but not limited to an Authorised Officer, of a WAFL Club may be required to attend and complete the education session contemplated by (a) above upon request by the WAFC.

c) In the event that any Player or Club Official fails to attend or complete those education sessions contemplated by (a) above, the corresponding WAFL Club may be penalised in accordance with Rule 14.

1.1.3 Authorised Officers

a) WAFL Clubs must lodge a list of four (4) persons who shall for the purpose of these Rules, act as that WAFL Club’s Authorised Officer.

b) The Authorised Officers of the Club have the right to act on behalf of the Club in all matters including but not limited to, registrations, transfers, permits and termination of matches.

c) WAFL Authorised Officers (Form 4) must be updated and lodged with the WAFL as of 1st February each year via WAFL Online.

d) In the event that an Authorised Officer is no longer required by the WAFL Club to act as an Authorised Officer, or the list of four (4) persons otherwise requires amendment during the year, the WAFL Club must update the WAFL of the change via WAFL Online immediately by:

i. updating the details of Authorised Officers using the ‘Officers’ option and choosing WAFL Authorised Officers (Form 4) menu item;

ii. identifying the Authorised Officer to be removed from the list (where applicable); and

iii. populating the role, name and email address of any person who is to be added to the Authorised Officer list.
1.1.4 Minimum Age of Registration

a) Any Player reaching 16 years of age during the current season’s Calendar Year may apply to the WAFL to register as a Player of a WAFL Club.

b) A Player registration will only be accepted by the WAFL if the Player satisfies the Minimum Age Criteria.

1.1.5 Obligations of the WAFC

a) The WAFC has an obligation to:
   i. ensure any application for registration is lodged in accordance with these Rules;
   ii. approve those applications which conform with these Rules; and
   iii. deny those applications which do not conform with these Rules and advise the unsuccessful WAFL Club of the denial of registration.

1.1.6 Obligations of the WAFL Club

a) WAFL Clubs must complete a WAFL Registration Form (Form 1) signed by the Player (and parent/guardian where the Player is under 18 years of age).

b) The WAFL Registration Form must be provided to the WAFL in accordance with f) and signed by an Authorised Officer of the WAFL Club prior to the Player playing any match for that WAFL Club.

c) The WAFL Registration Form may be included in the official match day paperwork of the Player’s first game in satisfaction of (b) above.

d) WAFL Clubs must not play any person who is not regarded as a Registered Player of that WAFL Club in accordance with Rule 1.

e) Unless a Player is regarded as a Registered Player with the WAFL Club, the Player will be considered ineligible and the Club will be penalised in accordance with Rule 14 in the event that the Player participates in any scheduled Matches.

f) Registration forms (Form 1) must be complete, saved as an individual .pdf document, labeled with the players surname and emailed to wafloperations@wafc.com.au

1.1.7 Licence and Funding Agreements

On January 1 2005 the WAFC granted WAFL Clubs a licence to field teams in the WAFL Competition which commenced on 1 November 2004 with further licences granted over the duration of the WAFL Competition. Broadly speaking, the Licence Agreements permit the relevant WAFL Club to field teams in the WAFL Competition on and subject to the terms and conditions of the Licence Agreement and in accordance with the terms of the WAFC Constitution.

Similarly, the WAFC provides funding to WAFL Clubs as determined by the Funding Agreements which imposes obligations on WAFL Clubs in return for financial support provided by the WAFC.

Both the Licence Agreement and the Funding Agreement allows the WAFC to impose penalties for breach of either the Licence Agreement or the Funding Agreement.

a) In order to field any team in the WAFL Competition, the Club responsible for that team must be in possession of a licence as granted by the WAFC.

b) The terms of the licence contemplated by (a) above shall be governed by a Licence Agreement.
c) Those WAFL Clubs in possession of a licence may be provided funding by the WAFC in consideration of the terms and principles determined by the WAFC.
d) The terms of the licence contemplated by (c) above shall be governed by a Funding Agreement.
e) Any WAFL Club party to a Licence Agreement or Funding Agreement acknowledges that both documents are fundamental to their participation in any competition governed by the WAFC.
f) Any WAFL Club who breaches either a Licence Agreement or Funding Agreement will be penalised in accordance with Rule 13.

1.1.8 Cancellation of Registration
a) The WAFC may at any time and on such conditions as it thinks fit cancel or suspend the registration of a Player or coach when it is of the opinion such that the Player or coach has:
   i. conducted themselves in a manner unbecoming of a WAFL Coach or Player;
   ii. conducted themselves in a manner likely to prejudice the reputation or interests of the WAFC;
   iii. has brought the game of football into disrepute;
   iv. has been found guilty at the WAFL Tribunal three times in one season; or
   v. has met criteria defined in AFL National Deregistration Guidelines.
b) Notwithstanding (a) above, the WAFC in its sole discretion may refer any allegation of a breach of the Laws of Australian Football by a person to the WAFL Tribunal.

1.1.9 Player Ineligibility
a) A Player is deemed an Ineligible Player by the WAFC where that Player or their WAFL Club:
   i. fails to comply with any provision contained in Rule 1;
   ii. is currently under suspension (in any league); or
   iii. has had their registration cancelled in accordance with Rule 1.1.8.
b) Where an Ineligible Player participates in a sanctioned WAFL match, the team that Player represented will be considered as playing an Ineligible Player and the WAFL Club to which that team belongs will be penalised in accordance with Rule 14.
c) For the avoidance of doubt, penalties will be classified as a Major Breach, Intermediate Breach or Minor Breach as follows:
   i. Major Breach
      a. Player is over 19 years of age has not had a completed registration or a permit of any type lodged with the WAFL and is currently registered in an alternative league;
      b. Player is under 19 years of age and is not zoned to the WAFL Club.
      c. Player is currently under suspension in any league;
      d. Player is currently listed for WAFL Club on Supplementary List as defined in Rule 2.3; or
      e. Player registration had been previously cancelled by the WAFL or has been nationally de-registered under AFL National deregistration policy.
   ii. Intermediate Breach
      a. Player has previously had registration form lodged with WAFL, is registered in another senior league and did not complete relevant permit for Temporary Registration.
b. Player is registered or is playing on temporary registration and is currently listed for WAFL Club on Long Term Injury List as defined in Rule 2.4.

c. Player is in breach of Top-Up Player guidelines outlined in Rule 2.5.

d. Player was not included on the 40 list and participates in League Football.

iii. Minor Breach

a. Player is a registered colt aged Player, is not included on the WAFL Club senior list as defined in Rule 2.1 and participates in a league match.

b. Player is zoned under 19 years of age and registration form was not included prior to or match day paperwork. Relevant paperwork must be submitted to the WAFL by 10am Monday morning or the first business day after the completion of the WAFL round.

c. Player is a registered Colts aged Player who does not qualify in accordance with Rule 11.1(i) and is deemed to be an Ineligible Player.

d) In the event a WAFL Club is deemed to have committed a Major Breach, the Club will:

i. lose all premiership points and these will be awarded to the opposition team, where applicable;

ii. record a match score of zero points for and maintain the original opposition score as their points against, however the team in opposition will maintain the original match percentage (the scores stand); and

iii. individual Player statistics for the match will stand as recorded, meaning all Players receive a match credit for games totals, match statistics are included in Player tallies and any reports to be assessed by the WAFL Tribunal stand.

1.2 Rules Relating to Registration

1.2.1 Zoned Players

The WAFL operates under a zoning agreement that outlines WAFL Club geographical recruitment zones. The aim of this system is to develop and promote Players from within their respective WAFL Club allocated zone.

a) WAFL Club metropolitan and country zones are as defined in Rule 9.

b) A Player is considered a Zoned Player of their respective WAFL Club until they are turning 18 years of age or older in that current season calendar year. A Player is also considered a Zoned Player if they are included on the WAFL Club Colts List as defined in Rule 11. Any Player that is not yet turning 18 years of age or younger in that calendar year may not transfer to another WAFL Club unless there is mutual agreement reached with the zoned WAFL Club.

c) Players (or Player representatives) that approach a WAFL Club that is not their zoned Club are to be referred to their zoned WAFL Club. Any contact or discussion with a Zoned Player that is under 18 years of age and/or who is not turning 18 in that calendar year and not zoned must be initiated with the zoned WAFL Club and permission granted by that WAFL Club to allow for any further discussion to take place. WAFL Clubs that make any approach or contact with a Zoned Player of another WAFL Club will have the appropriate penalty applied as defined in Rule 14 applied.

d) A Player that is under 18 years of age is considered a Zoned Player and may be recruited by another WAFL Club provided they satisfy criteria outlined in Rule 1.3 - Family History.

e) Any Player that is turning 18 years of age or older in that calendar year and is not included on the WAFL Clubs Colts or Senior 40 list is automatically eligible for transfer between WAFL Clubs.
f) A Player is bound to their WAFL Club zone where the Player has lived in a Permanent Residence within the WAFL Club metropolitan or country zone for a period of not less than 18 consecutive months.

g) In the event that a Player’s parents reside at more than one address the Permanent Residence is determined by the address that the Player primarily resides.

h) For the purposes of establishing Permanent Residence in accordance with (g), the WAFC may request further documentation to establish the players custodial parent and consideration may be given to:
   i. the residential address of the custodial parent; and
   ii. The residential address listed at the players school;

i) Any person who is temporarily residing within a WAFL Club zone for the purpose of attending a scholastic institute, military or service institute or is incarcerated in a correctional facility, shall not become bound to the WAFL Club in that WAFL Club zone.

1.2.2 Non-Football Player Zoning

The purpose of this rule is to enable potential turning 16 years of age or older who do not currently play AFL football at any level to be introduced into the Football Talent Pathway. This will enable first choice athletes to register with a WAFL Club and not be residentially bound.

a) Any person who has not held an active AFL football registration for the preceding twenty-four (24) months at any level and is turning 15, 16, 17 or 18 years of age in that calendar year will be eligible to register with any WAFL Club in the calendar year the Player turns 16 years of age or older, regardless of where the Player may be zoned under these Rules.

b) For the purpose of this rule, if a Player has actively played school football (Private Schools Association including Aquinas College, Christ Church Grammar, Guildford Grammar, Hale School, Scotch College, Trinity College and Wesley College), the WAFC will utilise the national registration database to review the history of a Player prior to determining eligibility as a non-football Player for the purposes of this Rule.

1.2.3 Listed Players

The West Australian Football League operates under a points system for registered Senior Players of a WAFL Club as defined in Rule 2 Registered Senior Player Points List and a Colts List defined in Rule 11. WAFL Clubs are permitted to nominate 40 Players from their Senior Player Points List and 40 Players (including country list) in their 18th year or older from their Colts List that are regarded as Listed Players of that WAFL Club.

Listed Players may only transfer to another WAFL Club if there is mutual agreement reached with the current WAFL Club or if they are regarded as eligible for transfer subject to criteria outlined in Rule 1.4.6 Eligibility for Transfer between WAFL Clubs.

Further to the nominated 40 Senior Players and 40 Colts Players defined by the WAFL Club the following criteria will apply.

a) Any Player who is registered with a WAFL Club and moves interstate or overseas either for personal reasons, through interstate transfer or registered to an AFL Club, shall remain tied to the WAFL Club as if he were at all times included on the Clubs list of 40 senior Players or Colts List, whether or not they are so included until:
i. The Player is transferred by his WAFL Club to any other Club, WAFL or otherwise. The WAFL Club may include the Player on their supplementary list as defined in Rule 2.3 Supplementary List on completion of transfer from the WAFL Club.

ii. In the event that the Primary Club fails to list the player within the expiry of six (6) clear business days of the Notice of Player Discussion (Form 10) being lodged, the Transfer will be deemed to be approved.

b) All AFL senior or rookie list Players that have been delisted by their respective AFL Club and are bound to their WAFL Club of origin as outlined in Rule 1.2.1 shall be eligible for transfer to another WAFL Club subject to the payment of a transfer fee not exceeding the maximum determined under Rule 1.5 Transfer Fees.

c) Any club that has Player Points List recruiting restrictions under Rule 2.8 are permitted to list “AFL Delisted Players” with a points value of two (2) points or greater on WAFL Online List Management ‘AFL Delist’ and are not subject to rule a)ii.

For the purpose of this rule and for the avoidance of doubt, any delisted AFL player with a points value greater than two (2) points will be subject to a transfer fee as per b). Any delisted AFL Player with a points value of one (1) is subject to rule a)ii.

1.2.3.1 Notice of Player Discussion

In order to ensure transparency across the WAFL, Players and/or representatives of, are prevented from holding discussions with WAFL Clubs other than their own, without notifying their WAFL Club.

The obligation to notify a WAFL Club of any discussions with one of their Listed Players provides that WAFL Club with the opportunity to consider that Player’s position and where appropriate, hold their own discussions in relation that Player’s future at the WAFL Club.

These provisions ensure transparency across the WAFL in the interests of all WAFL Clubs.

a) Listed Players in accordance with Rule 1.2.3, may make approach or may be approached by an alternate WAFL Club outside the Transfer Application Period contained in Rule 1.4.1, provided a Notice of Player Discussion (Form 10) is lodged detailing discussion within 24 hours of discussion occurring.

b) A Notice of Player Discussion (Form 10) must be lodged by the WAFL Club who is approaching the Player using the WAFL Online administration system or by submission of Form 10 to the WAFL, outlining relevant details of the discussion.

c) Following a Notice of Player Discussion (Form 10) being lodged in accordance with a) or b), the Player’s source WAFL Club and the destination Club will receive a notification by email of the discussion having occurred.

d) Should the destination Club make an offer (including any subsequent offers) to the Player a new Notice of Player Discussion (Form 10) must be lodged using WAFL Online for each offer.

e) Subject to d) above, the Destination Club must lodge all particulars of the offer in writing to the WAFC (wafloperations@wafc.com.au) upon lodgment of the Notice of Player Discussion (Form 10).

f) WAFL Clubs may only approach or have Player discussions with another WAFL Club’s Listed Player during the period marked from 9:00am the Tuesday morning following the AFL Grand Final until the end of the Transfer Applications Period in accordance with Rule 1.4.1.

g) For the avoidance of doubt, all players listed on WAFL online will be considered as Listed players and subject to f) above and rule 1.4 where no player can be transferred between WAFL clubs.

h) WAFL Clubs acting contrary to this Rule 1.2.3.1 will be penalised in accordance with Rule 14.
1.2.3.2 Permission to Train

a) No Listed Players, whether contracted or uncontracted, may train with any other Club, unless there has been a mutual agreement between Clubs documented in a Permission to Train (Form 22), stating the terms with which permission is granted.

b) For the purposes of this Rule, training includes any involvement in any team activity or any activities supervised by any member of the coaching staff at a Club.

c) The primary WAFCL Club must lodge the Permission to Train (Form 22) using WAFCL Online administration system or by submission of Permission to Train (Form 22) to the WAFCL.

d) Following a Permission to Train (Form 22) being lodged in accordance with (c), the Player’s primary WAFCL Club and the destination WAFCL Club will receive a notification of the approval by email.

e) No Listed Player, whether contracted or uncontracted, may play any Inter-Club or Intra-Club Match with any other Club, unless there has been a mutual agreement between Clubs provided by Permission to Train (Form 22), stating the terms with which permission is granted.

f) In the event that a Player intends to play in any Inter-Club or Intra-Club Match with any other Club, the Player’s primary WAFCL Club must lodge the Permission to Train (Form 22) using WAFCL Online administration system or by submission of Permission to Train (Form 22) to the WAFCL.

g) Following a Permission to Train (Form 22) being lodged in accordance with (f), the Player’s primary WAFCL Club and the destination WAFCL Club will receive a notification of the approval by email.

h) Once written permission is granted, the Primary Club may not retract permission without written agreement from the WAFC. If it is agreed by the WAFC to retract the permission the destination club must cease all contact with the player immediately.

i) WAFCL Clubs acting contrary to this Rule 1.2.3.2 will be penalised in accordance with Rule 14.

1.2.4 Interstate Players

To promote the development of Players within defined WAFCL Club zones, the WAFC places restrictions on Players that are recognised as Interstate Players.

Broadly speaking, an Interstate Player is a Player who has transferred to the WAFCL Club in accordance with Rule 1.4 from another state outside of Western Australia and who did not have their first senior football registration recorded in Western Australia.

a) Subject to (e), a WAFCL Club may have up to six (6) Interstate Players.

b) Interstate Players must be recognised by a WAFCL Club in accordance with Rule 2.2.

c) Interstate Players, other than those recruited by a WA AFL Club, who have not previously played in the WAFCL, may choose which WAFCL Club with which they wish to register.

d) Where an Interstate Player that is turning 18 years of age or older in that calendar year and has not lived in another WAFCL Club zone for a period of 18 months (see Rule 1.2.1).

e) AFL Players or Rookie Players not from Western Australia who play in the WAFCL as a result of being drafted by a Western Australian AFL Club are not included in the number of Interstate Players at a WAFCL Club.

f) AFL Players or Rookie Players not from Western Australia once delisted from their respective WA AFL Club will be regarded as Interstate Players to any WAFCL Club who may recruit them to play.

g) AFL Players or Rookie Players not from Western Australia who are registered in the WAFCL whilst playing for their respective AFL Club will not be recognised as previously registered in the WAFCL should they leave the state and return at a later date.

h) Players originating from a State or Territory other than Western Australia who are recruited in satisfaction of the Family History criteria of Rule 1.3 will not be regarded as Interstate Players.
i) The WAFC may, in its absolute discretion without giving reasons:
   i. Adjust the maximum number of interstate players at a WAFL Club based on an individual club circumstances. i.e Competitive Balance

1.2.5 Community League Players (Western Australia)

The WAFL aims to promote Player development and allows Players registered in Community Leagues within the state of Western Australia to register with a WAFL Club.

Community Football Leagues are amateur and country leagues; including any of the Western Australian Amateur Football League, the Metropolitan Football League or the West Australian Country Football League.

A Player may be registered at a Primary Club in the WAFL however they may still play for a Community Football League. This ensures that Community Football Leagues receive the benefit of quality WAFL Players in their games where practical.

Players may register through transfer in accordance with Rule 1.4, or be granted Temporary Registration with the WAFL Club in accordance with Rule 1.6.

   a) Players may play under Temporary Registration between WAFL and affiliated WACFL leagues in accordance with Rule 1.6.
   b) Players may play under Temporary Registration between WAFL and affiliated metropolitan senior community leagues in accordance with Rule 1.6.
   c) Players transferring out of the WAFL, who have been transferred to a WAFL Club from a Senior Community Club shall be transferred back to their club of origin. Should the player wish to be transferred to an alternative senior community club, the player will need to be transferred from that senior community club. Players are still eligible to be permitted in accordance with Rule 1.6.

1.2.6 Coaches

   a) A person who is a Registered Player with a WAFL Club may at any time become a non-playing coach of another WAFL Club.
   b) A person participating as a non-playing coach in accordance with (a) must gain a transfer in accordance with Rule 1.4 from their Primary WAFL Club before being able to become a Registered Player with their Destination WAFL Club.

1.3 Family History

The WAFL promotes the ability for family members to maintain links to WAFL Clubs.

Players must satisfy the provisions of this Rule 1.3 in order to be considered for registration at a WAFL Club under which they are not geographically zoned.

   a) A Player who satisfies criteria in accordance with Rule 1.3.1, 1.3.2, or 1.3.3 will be eligible to register with a WAFL Club provided that Player is not already a Registered Player with their zoned WAFL Club.
   b) Once registration and transfer requirements are completed in accordance with these Rules, the
Player will be regarded as a local Zoned Player of that WAFL Club.

c) In addition to the Player’s completed WAFL Registration Form (Form 1), the WAFL Club must submit the following (as applicable):
   i. Father / Son (Form 5a)
   ii. Great Grandfather/ Grandfather / Grandson (Form 5a)
   iii. Brother / Brother (Form 5b)

d) The WAFL Club may be required to provide when requested, any further information deemed necessary by the WAFC in order to prove identity or validity of the associated family member.

1.3.1 Father / Son

a) A Player may become a Registered Player for the WAFL Club for which his father played or was associated where that Player’s father:
   i. played in fifty (50) or more League Matches with that WAFL Club; or
   ii. played for one (1) WAFL Club for a combined total of 85 League or Reserve Matches in at least five (5) football seasons; or
   iii. was elected as a Life Member of the WAFL Club; or
   iv. held a full time administrative position at the WAFL Club for a combined period (if employment is broken) of ten (10) years; or
   v. qualified for and was drafted to the AFL (or recruited by an AFL Club prior to the draft) from a WAFL Club and played:
      a. fifty (50) AFL Matches; or
      b. 85 AFL and State League Matches (as an AFL Player) combined, over five (5) years.

1.3.2 Great Grandfather / Grandfather / Grandson

a) A Player may become a Registered Player for the WAFL Club for which his great grandfather or grandfather played or was associated where that Player’s great grandfather or grandfather:
   i. played in 50 or more League Matches with that WAFL Club; or
   ii. played for (1) WAFL Club for a combined total of 85 League or Reserve Matches in at least five (5) football seasons; or
   iii. was elected as a Life Member of any the WAFL Club; or
   iv. held a full time administrative position at the WAFL Club for a period (or a combined period if the employment is broken) of ten (10) years; or
   v. qualified for and was drafted to the AFL (or recruited by an AFL Club prior to the draft) from a WAFL Club and played:
      a. fifty (50) AFL Matches; or
      b. 85 AFL and State League Matches (as an AFL Player) combined, over five (5) years.

1.3.3 Brother / Brother

This Rule 1.3.3 is only to apply where brothers are forced to play with different WAFL Clubs due to changes in the WAFL Club allocated zones.

a) A Player may become a Registered Player for the WAFL Club for which his brother played or was associated where:
   i. both brothers must have the same Mother and/or Father; and
   ii. the first brother must have played his first game prior to reaching 19 years of age; and
   iii. the first brother must be a Registered Player of a WAFL Club playing either Colts, Reserves or League level at the time of application, or has progressed onto AFL level.
through that WAFL Club; or
iv. the first brother has played at least fifty (50) League Matches or played for the WAFL Club for a combined total of 85 League or Reserve Matches in at least five (5) football seasons.
1.4 Transfers

The West Australian Football League operates in alignment with the AFL National Transfer Regulations to determine transfer guidelines of Players between and amongst all state bodies, state leagues and community football bodies.

In circumstance where the AFL National Transfer Regulations do not apply, or are only applicable to Players currently registered or applying for registration with the West Australian Football League, the following criteria will be used to determine the outcome of transfer.

1.4.1 National Transfer Application Period

a) A Transfer may be lodged between 1 November to 30 November or 1 February to 30 June in each calendar year.

b) No Application for Transfer is to be lodged after 11:59pm (AEDST) on 30 November or 11:59pm (AEST) on 30 June in any calendar year.

c) The WAFC shall schedule a Christmas Closed Period which will be communicated via email to all WAFL Clubs during which period no Application for Transfer is to be lodged or player discussion commenced as per Rule 1.2.3.1. Clubs may continue any previous discussions with players if the appropriate forms had been lodged prior to the 'closed' period commencing.

d) For the purposes of this Rule 1.4, the period between 1 November to 30 November or 1 February to 30 June in each calendar year will be the Application Period.

e) Where any Player registration is received within the Application Period, the Application for Transfer will be processed by the WAFC in accordance with this Rule 1.4, subject to the AFL National Transfer Regulations.

f) Where any Application for Transfer is received outside of the Application Period the application will be received by the WAFC and the application may be considered at the discretion of the WAFC, subject to Rule 1 and Rule 2.

g) Where any Application for Transfer is received outside of the Application Period and the Player wishes to participate in activities such as training and/or practice matches with the Destination Club, a written agreement between the Primary and Destination Clubs must be submitted in accordance with Rule 1.2.3.2 prior to that Player as training and/or participating in any practice match.

1.4.2 Procedure for Transfer

a) The WAFL Club must lodge a Registration Form (Form 1) with the WAFC in accordance with Rule 1.1.6(a), detailing all information relating to the Transfer.

b) The Application for Transfer must be completed online via AFL Footyweb system by the Club seeking to have the Player transferred (i.e. the Destination Club), or by the WAFL on behalf of that Destination Club.

c) Following the lodgement of the Application for Transfer online via AFL Footyweb, all relevant parties will be notified via email and the Player’s Primary Club will have six (6) clear business days (including public holidays) to respond.

d) For the avoidance of doubt, where a Player’s Application for Transfer is lodged in hard copy to the WAFL, the six (6) business days will commence from the time the WAFL lodges the application for transfer on behalf of the WAFL Club in the AFL Footyweb system.

e) Clubs may view Transfers involving their Club at any time in the AFL Footyweb system using their log in credentials to determine whether the Transfer is awaiting approval, pending, approved or denied.
1.4.3 Approvals of Transfer

a) Subject to (b), the Primary Club may approve the Application for Transfer at any time within the Application Period by notifying their affiliated league of the approval using the AFL Footyweb system.

b) In the event that the Primary Club fails to respond within six (6) business days of the Application for Transfer being lodged, the Transfer will be deemed to be approved.

c) The WAFC will only approve transfers upon receipt of a completed Form 1 in accordance with Rule 1.

1.4.4 Refusals of Transfer

a) Subject to (b), the Primary Club may deny the Application for Transfer within the Application Period by notifying their affiliated league of the denial via AFL Footyweb system.

b) Any denial of an Application for Transfer by a Primary Club may only occur where the Primary Club can substantiate that the relevant Player:
   i. is a Contracted Player; and/or
   ii. is indebted to the Club; and/or
   iii. is in possession of Club property.

c) In the event that a Player is not a Listed Player for their respective WAFL Club and has their Application for Transfer denied on the basis of (b)(ii) or (b)(iii) above, that Player’s Primary WAFL Club must not include that Player as a Listed Player before that Player has been granted the opportunity to repay Club debt or return Club property.

d) Where an Application for Transfer is from one WAFL Club to another WAFL Club, denial of transfer will be accepted by the WAFC in the event that that Player is deemed ineligible for transfer in accordance with Rule 1.4.6.

1.4.5 Withdrawal of Transfer

a) A WAFL Club or Player may withdraw their Registration Form (Form 1) and Application for Transfer by completing a Withdrawal of Registration Form (Form 1b) and submitting the Withdrawal of Registration Form (Form 1b) to the WAFC.

b) The Withdrawal of Registration Form (Form 1b) must be submitted to the WAFC prior to the acceptance of transfer by the Player Primary Club or the expiry of the transfer time limit, being six (6) business days.

1.4.6 Eligibility for Transfer between WAFL Clubs

The WAFL places restrictions on the ability for Players to move between WAFL Clubs for a number of reasons. Players who are considered eligible for transfer may transfer to another WAFL Club in agreement between the current WAFL Club (the Primary Club) and the destination WAFL Club (the Destination Club). A transfer fee may also be applied in accordance with Rule 1.5.

Players who do not satisfy the defined criteria in this Rule 1.4.6, are deemed as ineligible for transfer and may seek transfer by negotiation between WAFL Clubs or appeal to the WAFL Arbitrator in accordance with Rule 6.15.

a) A Player is eligible to transfer between WAFL Clubs where that Player:
   i. is an AFL Player or AFL Rookie Player delisted in the current or immediate past season in accordance with Rule 1.2.3(a), and has not signed a Registration Form (Form 1) for another WAFL Club;
ii. is twenty-three (23) years of age or older and has been included on their Primary WAFL Club’s Supplementary List in accordance with Rule 2.3;

iii. is nineteen (19 years of age or older), is one of the 40 Players from the Senior Player Points List that are regarded as Listed Players of that WAFL Club in accordance with Rule 1.2.3(a), or is not contracted and satisfies one of the following:
   
   a. is twenty-three (23) years of age or older and has completed five (5) years of League service to the WAFL Club;
   
   b. is twenty-three (23) years of age or older and has played over ninety (90) League Matches for the WAFL Club;
   
   c. has completed five (5) years of League service and has played over ninety (90) League Matches for the WAFL Club;
   
   d. has not played in any five (5) Matches in any grade of the last eighteen (18) consecutive Matches, where Matches missed while suspended or included on the long-term injury list do not count, where any years played in the Colts Grade do not calculate towards the eligibility for the preceding (1) WAFL seasons;
   
   e. was only available for selection in the League or Reserves Grade teams during the preceding two (2) WAFL seasons, but was not selected to play in the league Team, where any years played in the Colts Grade do not calculate towards the eligibility for the preceding (2) two WAFL seasons; or
   
   f. was only available for selection in the League or Reserves Grade teams and has not played thirty (30) Matches in any Grade in four (4) seasons, where Matches missed while suspended or included on the Long Term Injury List do not count.

b) A Player is automatically eligible to transfer between WAFL Clubs where that Player is nineteen (19) years of age or older and is not one of the 40 Players from the Senior Player Points List or 35 Players from the Colts Player Points List that are regarded as Listed Players of that WAFL Club in accordance with Rule 1.2.3(a).

1.5 Transfer Fees

1.5.1 WAFL Players

   a) WAFL Transfer Fees are defined in accordance with Rule 1.5.7.
   
   b) Where a Transfer is mutually agreed upon by the Clubs, or determined by the WAFL Arbitrator, the Player is not permitted to play until the settlement fee, payable at the time, is paid.
   
   c) Where a WAFL Club agrees to lease a Player from another Club, the Destination Club may not play the Player unless the lease fee payable at the time is paid in full.
   
   d) Where the Application for Transfer relates to a Player transferring between two (2) WAFL Clubs and the Primary Club and the Destination Club agree to the Transfer:
      
      i. the timing of the payment of the transfer fee must be agreed by the two (2) WAFL Clubs;
      
      ii. the timing of the payment of the transfer fee may be tied to the number of WAFL League Matches played by the Player on a per game fees basis for Matches played at his Destination Club.
   
   e) In the event that the Destination Club transfers the Player to another League and subsequently the Player transfers back to the WAFL to a WAFL Club other than the original Destination Club, the original Destination Club must notify the new Destination Club of the per game fees as applied in
accordance with (d)(ii) that were agreed between the Primary Club and the Destination Club.

f) Where the original Destination Club fails to notify the new Destination Club of the per game fees as applied in accordance with (d)(ii), the original Destination Club is liable to pay the per game fees to the Primary Club in relation to WAFL League Matches played by the Player with the new Destination Club.

1.5.2 WACFL Players
   a) A country Player is one whose parents are permanent residents in the country.

1.5.3 Transfer Agreement Not Reached
   a) Where a Transfer agreement for a WAFL Player, nineteen (19) years of age and older, is not reached between WAFL Clubs within fourteen (14) days of a transfer denial, the matter will immediately be referred to the WAFC for mediation.
   b) In the event that the dispute is not resolved in accordance with (a) above, the WAFC may refer the matter for determination by the WAFL Arbitrator.
   c) In the absence of agreement on Transfer between WAFL Clubs the amount may be determined by the WAFC who shall without limiting matters, make a ruling in accordance with Rules 1.5.4, 1.5.5, 1.5.6 and 1.5.7 having regard to the fact that the Primary Club has not had any obligation to make any payments to the Player during the period he has been at a Club other than that Player’s Primary Club notwithstanding that for the purposes of the Rules the Player has been tied to the Primary Club in accordance with Rule 1.
   d) Any decision of the WAFL Arbitrator is final.

1.5.4 Appeals Regarding Player Transfers
   a) Where a Player appeals on the grounds that he is entitled to be removed from the Player list of one Club and placed on the Player list of another Club, or transfer to a Community Football League, the WAFL Arbitrator will consider the interests of football and the Player before making his decision.
   b) In relation to the interests of football the WAFL Arbitrator’s decision should attempt to:
      i. ensure sufficient stability in the membership of Club teams to enable team spirit and public support to be maintained;
      ii. prevent the stronger Clubs from obtaining an unfair proportion of the best Players at the expense of weaker Clubs;
      iii. provide Clubs with an incentive to expend substantial time and effort in the development of junior and senior football; and
      iv. enable football to continue to conduct vigorous competitions between competitive and financially viable Clubs.
   c) In relation to the interests of the Player, the WAFL Arbitrator’s decision should have regard to:
      i. the Player’s age;
      ii. the period of service the Player has given to the Club and the number of games played during that time, and the financial and other benefits that have been given to the Player by the Club;
      iii. the willingness and ability of the Club to employ or continue to employ the Player and select him in the League team on a regular basis;
      iv. the established and potential performance level of the Player;
      v. the circumstances under which the Player was recruited by the Club to which he wishes to transfer;
      vi. the benefits and opportunities available to the Player and the Club to which he
wishes to transfer.

d) The provisions of this Rule 1.5.4 shall apply to any other appeal the WAFL Arbitrator is requested to determine regarding a Player’s freedom to transfer from one Club to another Club.

1.5.5 Transfer Fees

a) Where the WAFL Arbitrator determines that a Player is entitled to be transferred, the WAFL Arbitrator shall decide on the amount of Transfer Fee to be paid subject to Rule 1.5.6.

1.5.6 Determining the Transfer Fee

a) In determining a Transfer Fee, the WAFL Arbitrator shall take into account the Guidelines for Transfer Fees Table at Rule 1.5.7 in making a Transfer Fee determination.

b) Where the Player is ineligible for transfer between WAFL Clubs in accordance with Rule 1.4.6 then the Player will have a loading of 50% applied to the Transfer Fee.

c) Any transfer arrangements made between Clubs or set down by the Arbitrator shall be ongoing to the original Club, if a Player is subsequently transferred or listed by another Club or Clubs.

d) It is the responsibility of the Club transferring the Player to advise the other Club of any ongoing Transfer Fees.

e) The Primary Club is liable for such payment of transfer fees if they were to occur in the event that the Primary Club fails to advise the Destination Club of any applicable Transfer Fee.

f) The amount so determined by the Arbitrator shall be the Transfer Fee payable by the Destination Club to the Primary Club.
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| **Group 1** | Non Partner $10,000. Partner Club $12,500  
Club Captain, WAFL State Player, top 3 in Club Fairest & Best, Played at least 100 WAFL League games,  
Delisted AFL Player (3 years or greater)  
Delisted AFL Player (2 years or less – player is eligible at the ineligible 50% weighting) | Non Partner $15,000. Partner Club $18,250  
Club Captain, WAFL State Player, top 3 in Club Fairest & Best, Played at least 100 WAFL League games.  
Delisted AFL player (signed a registration form at primary club) | $10,000 | $12,500 |
| **Group 2** | Non Partner $8,000 Partner Club $10,000  
Vice-Captain, top 6 in Club League Fairest and Best, played at least 50 games of his games at league level at his current WAFL Club. | Non Partner $12,000 Partner Club $15,000  
Vice-Captain, top 6 in Club League Fairest and Best, played at least 50 games of his games at league level at his current WAFL Club. | $8,000 | $10,000 |
| **Group 3** | Non Partner $7,000 Partner Club $8,750  
Regular League Player, has played 50% or more of his games at league level over the last two seasons that the player was registered in the WAFL. (years listed on the Supp List do not count towards preceding two seasons) | Non Partner $10,500 Partner Club $13,125  
Regular League Player, has played 50% or more of his games at league level over the last two seasons that the player was registered in the WAFL. (years listed on the Supp List do not count towards preceding two seasons) | $7,000 | $8,750 |
| **Group 4** | Non Partner $5,000 Partner Club $6,250  
Occasional League Player, has played less than 50% of his games at league level over the last two seasons that the player was registered in the WAFL. | Non Partner $7,500 Partner Club $9,375  
Occasional league Player, has played less than 50% of his games at league level over the last two seasons that the player was registered in the WAFL. | $5,000 | $6,250 |
| **Group 5** | Non Partner $4,000 Partner Club $5,000  
Current or previous Colts or Reserves Player that has played State Academy Under 18’s, current colts 35 listed player, finished top 10 in the Jack Clarke Medal/ Prendegast Medal, Top 6 Club Colts/ Reserves Fairest and Best and is 21 years and under. (Colts 35 Listed players Ratio- 50% up front and $1000 every six (6) League matches to $2000) | Non Partner $6,000 Partner Club $7,500  
Current or previous Colts or Reserves Player that has played State Academy Under 18’s, current colts 35 listed player, finished top 10 in the Jack Clarke Medal/ Prendegast Medal, Top 6 Club Colts/ Reserves Fairest and Best and is 21 years and under. (Colts 35 Listed players Ratio- 50% up front and $1000 every six (6) League matches to $3000) | $4,000 | $5,000 |
| **Group 6** | Non Partner $3,000 Partner Club $3,750  
(50% up front, 50% to paid on League games played basis).  
Current Reserves Player that has not played League Football that does not meet any qualification as a group 5 Player. | Non Partner $4,500 Partner Club $5,625  
(50% up front, 50% to paid on League games played basis).  
Current Reserves Player that has not played League Football that does not meet any qualification as a group 5 Player. | $3,000 | $3,750 |
| **Group 7** | Non Partner $2,000 Partner Club $2,250 to be paid on a league games played basis.  
Colts Player who has played at WAFL Colts level that does not meet any qualification as a group 5 Player. | Non Partner $3,000 Partner Club $3,375 to be paid on a league games played basis.  
Colts Player who has played at WAFL Colts level that does not meet any qualification as a group 5 Player. | $2,000 | $2,250 |

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**a)** If a player qualifies in multiple groups, the highest group qualification and transfer fee will be applied  
**b)** A player needs only to have achieved one definition in a group to be classified in that group  
**c)** A player’s value may not exceed the maximum value attributed to a players group. This needs to be considered if the primary and destination clubs are 'swapping' a player.
1.6 Permits

The WAFL promotes the development of Players within the state and allows WAFL Clubs to temporarily register a Player for competition through the use of permits. The permit will be regarded as a Temporary Registration in the respective league for the duration of the permit.

The WAFL recognises the permit agreements as outlined in the AFL National Transfer Regulations and SportsTG as follows:

1. **Match Day**: Allows Player to play for another Club for the period of one match.

2. **Local Interchange**: Player to play for both Clubs for the duration of the permit, maximum one season.

3. **Temporary Transfer**: Allows a permit to another Club for an agreed period of time, maximum one season.

Clubs are able to view permits involving their Club at any time in the AFL Footyweb system using their log in credentials. The transfers are listed by status such as Awaiting Approval, Pending, Approved or Denied.

1.6.1 Type 1 Match Day Permit

a) A Match Day Permit allows a Player to play for the duration of one (1) match for a WAFL Club other than the WACFL Club under which that Player is registered subject to (b), without a formal transfer to the WAFL Club being required.

b) A Match Day Permit may only apply to Players moving between WAFL and affiliated WACFL leagues and Clubs.

c) Players granted Temporary Registration by way of a Match Day Permit satisfy the registration requirement for selection in the State 18s program and for nomination in the AFL Draft.

d) Where a Club seeks a Match Day Permit for a Player transferring to a WAFL Club from a WACFL Club, the following restrictions apply:

   i. Match Day Permits are not valid for use in the WAFL League Matches;
   
   ii. a maximum four (4) Match Day Permits per Player may be granted prior to June 30 in Reserves or Colts Grades; and
   
   iii. a Maximum three (3) Match Day Permits per Player may be granted post June 30 in Reserves or Colts Grades.

e) Where a Club seeks a Match Day Permit for a Player transferring from a WAFL Club to a WACFL Club(s) the following restrictions apply:

   i. a maximum of six (6) Match Day Permits per Player may be granted prior to June 30;

   ii. no maximum match restrictions may be placed on Registered Players of a WAFL Club 19 years of age and under who have been transferred from their WACFL Club of Origin in the current or immediate past season;
iii. WAFL Players are permitted to play a maximum one (1) match in any Grade over the duration of a weekend or long-weekend.

f) Any Player who plays a match that is not in accordance with this Rule 1.6.1 will be penalised in accordance with Rule 14.

1.6.2 Type 2 Local Interchange Permit

a) A Local Interchange Permit allows a Player to play for an extended duration, maximum of one (1) season, for a WAFL Club other than the Community Football League Club under which that Player is registered without a formal transfer to the WAFL Club being required.

b) The Player may play in matches representing either the Player’s Primary Club or the Player’s Temporary Club in the affiliated league of that Club.

c) The WAFL approves the use of Local Interchange Permits between Community Football Leagues including:
   i. The West Australian Amateur Football League;
   ii. The Metropolitan Football League (Formally Mercantile Football League); and
   iii. The WACFL Affiliated leagues (24 leagues).

d) Players gaining Temporary Registration by way of a Local Interchange Permit satisfy the registration requirement for selection in the State 18s program and for nomination in the AFL Draft.

e) The WAFL Club must lodge a WAFL Registration Form (Form 1) with the WAFL in accordance with Rule 1.1.1, detailing all information relating to the Local Interchange Permit.

f) The Local Interchange Permit must be completed via the AFL Footyweb system by the requesting WAFL Club, or by the WAFL on behalf of the requesting WAFL Club.

g) Once the Local Interchange Permit is lodged online via the AFL Footyweb system all relevant parties will be notified via email and the Primary Club will have six (6) business days (including public holidays) to respond.

h) For the avoidance of doubt, where a Player’s application for registration is lodged in hard copy to the WAFL, the six (6) business days will commence from the time the WAFL lodges the application for Local Interchange Permit on behalf of the WAFL Club in the AFL Footyweb system.

i) The duration of the Local Interchange Permit must be no longer than the end of the current season of the Destination Club’s relevant league.

j) Once the end date of the Local Interchange Permit is reached, the Local Interchange Permit will automatically expire and the Player will have no Temporary Registration with the Destination Club (i.e. a further Local Interchange Permit will need to be lodged in order for the Player to play another match).

k) Players are permitted to play a maximum of one (1) match in any competition, including but not limited to any WAFL or Community Football Leagues, over the duration of a weekend or long-weekend.

l) Where a Player granted a Local Interchange Permit has been included on the WAFL Club Senior Points List in accordance with Rule 2 during the duration of the Local Interchange Permit, the Player will be subject to internal WAFL transfer guidelines in accordance with Rule 1.4 should the Player wish to play for an alternative WAFL Club.

m) Players who have been transferred to a WAFL Club from any Community Football League Club
under a Local Interchange Permit in the current or immediate past season must be permitted back to their respective Community Football League Club.

n) Should a Player wish to be permitted to play for an alternative Community Football League Club, the Player will need to be transferred within the Community Football League system prior to permits being arranged from a WAFL Club.

o) Where an agreement has been made between the WAFL and the WACFL, a Type 2 Local Interchange Permit may be utilised for Players returning to Club of Origin to reduce processing of multiple Type 1 Match Day Permits in accordance with Rule 1.6.1.

p) For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Rule 1.6.2 precludes the application Rule 1.6.1 save for that there will be no requirement to lodge multiple permits online in the AFL Footyweb system.

q) Any Player who plays a match that is not in accordance with this Rule 1.6.2 will be penalised in accordance with Rule 14.

1.6.3 Type 3 Temporary Transfers

A Temporary Transfer is generally utilised for transfer between WAFL and AFL NT Clubs due to the nature of the AFL NT season operating outside the time frame of the WAFL season.

The WAFL operates in accordance with Section 3.18 of the AFL National Transfer Regulations (Northern Territory Football League) in regards to Players transferring between the WAFL and AFL NT.

a) A Temporary Transfer allows a Player to play for a WAFL Club other than the WAFL Club under which that Player is registered for an extended duration, maximum of one (1) season, subject to (b), without formal transfer to the Temporary Club being required.

b) The Player may only play in matches representing the Player Temporary Club in the affiliated league of that Temporary Club.

c) Where a WAFL Club formally agrees to lease a Player from another WAFL Club (zoned or otherwise) for an extended period of time, a Type 3 Temporary Transfer must be used.

d) The WAFL Club must lodge a WAFL Registration Form (Form 1) with the WAFL in accordance with Rule 1.1.1, detailing all information relating to the Temporary Transfer Permit.

e) The Temporary Transfer Permit must be completed online in the AFL Footyweb system by the requesting WAFL Club, or by the WAFL on behalf of the requesting WAFL Club.

f) Once the Temporary Transfer Permit is lodged online via the AFL Footyweb system all relevant parties will be notified via email and the Primary Club will have six (6) business days (including public holidays) to respond.

g) For the avoidance of doubt, where a Player’s application for registration is lodged in hard copy to the WAFL, the six (6) business days will commence from the time the WAFL lodges the application for Temporary Transfer Permit on behalf of the WAFL Club in the AFL Footyweb system.

h) The duration of the Temporary Transfer Permit must be no longer than the end of the current season of the Destination Club’s relevant league.

i) Once the end date of the Temporary Transfer Permit is reached, the Temporary Transfer Permit will automatically expire and the Player will have no Temporary Registration with the Destination Club (i.e. a further Temporary Transfer Permit will need to be lodged in order for
the Player to play another match).
j) Where a Player granted a Temporary Transfer Permit has been included on the WAFL Club Senior Points List in accordance with Rule 2 during the duration of the Temporary Transfer Permit, the Player will be subject to internal WAFL transfer guidelines in accordance with Rule 1.4 should the Player wish to play for an alternative WAFL Club.
k) Any Player who plays a match that is not in accordance with this Rule 1.6.3 will be penalised in accordance with Rule 14.
2 REGISTERED SENIOR PLAYER POINTS LIST

The Senior Player Points List uses a points allocation system to assess the relative strength of each Player based on their playing background.

Importantly, the Senior Player Points List imposes a ‘cap’ on the relative strength of a WAFL Club to ensure that no one WAFL Club has a list of Players substantially stronger than any other WAFL Club. The classification of Players in this manner ensures equalisation across the WAFL to the overall advantage of all WAFL Clubs.

2.1 Senior List

a) Each WAFL Club must include the names of all senior Registered Players on a Senior Player Points List that is comprised of a minimum of 55 Players.

b) Each Player on the Senior Player Points List must be allocated points based on history and aligned to a point category as outlined in Rule 2.1.1.

c) For the avoidance of doubt, there is no maximum number of Players included on the Senior Player Points List.

d) The Senior Player Points List of Players must not exceed a maximum of 100 cumulative Player points or as per Competitive Balance Rule 2.8.

e) AFL Players or Rookie Players allocated to WAFL Clubs will not be awarded a point value and will not be included in the minimum of 55 Players.

f) Players nominated by the WAFL Club and included in the top 40 names of the Senior Player Points List are as Listed Players in accordance with Rule 1.2.3 Listed Players.

g) Players may not participate in any WAFL League or Reserves Match unless they are included on the WAFL Club Senior Player Points List or are defined as a Top-Up Player for the purposes of Rule 2.5.

h) Nothing in this Rule 2.1 excuses a Player included on the Senior Player Points List from satisfying the requirements of registration in accordance with Rule 1.

i) Players possessing temporary registration by way of a Type 1 Match Day Permit (see Rule 1.6.1) are not permitted to be included on the WAFL Club Senior Player Point List.

j) Players included on the Senior Player Point List registered by way of a Type 2 Permit Local Interchange (Rule 1.6.2) or a Type 3 Temporary Transfer Permit (Rule 1.6.3) will be regarded as a Registered Player of their respective Secondary WAFL Club should they choose to transfer between WAFL Clubs.

k) Any player who has played nine (9) or more League matches in the immediate past season or any player with a value of five (5) points or greater must be listed at all times on the WAFL Club 40 list, from the commencement of the open period until Round 1 of the next Home and Away season.

l) Players may not participate in any WAFL League match unless they are included in the top 40 names on the WAFL Club Senior Player Points List in accordance with Rule 1.2.3 Listed players on the day of the match.

m) Players named in the League squad on the Thursday night, in accordance with Rule 3.3, must be listed on the 40 list or have a request to be listed (form 8) prior to 8:00pm on Thursday prior to the match.

n) Any player with a points value of 5 points or greater and/or is considered an Interstate player
in accordance with Rule 1.2.4 is required to be listed as a 40-listed player in accordance with 2.1.1 m) above.

o) Any player with a points value of 5 points or greater and/or is considered an Interstate player in accordance with Rule 1.2.4 who participates in a League match is required to be listed as a 40-listed player for the remainder of the season.

p) The WAFC may, in its absolute discretion without giving reasons:
   i. apply a points value to a WAFL Club based on an individual club circumstances. Ie competitive balance

q) Penalties may apply for a breach of this rule in accordance with Rule 14.

### 2.1.1 Senior List Points

Point Categories are based around four classifications:

| Local District | Player from the WAFL Club country or metropolitan zone, set out in Rule 9 |
| Non-District | Player from an alternate WAFL Club country or metropolitan zone |
| Interstate | Player originally from a state outside of WA |
| AFL Non-District | Delisted AFL Player or Rookie Player from outside WAFL Club’s country or metropolitan zone |

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### 2.1.2 Senior List Additions & Removals

c) Eligible Players may be added or removed from a WAFL Club Senior Player Points List at any time via the WAFL Online administration system or by notice in writing to the WAFL by an Authorised Officer of the WAFL Club.

d) The WAFL will approve and make all necessary changes, subject to Rule 1 and Rule 2.

e) Where the addition of a Player to a WAFL Club Senior Player Points List will exceed the 100 point maximum contrary to Rule 2.1(d), the Player change will not be accepted by the WAFL.
and the WAFL Club will be advised.

f) Players who satisfy more than one point category must be classified under the category with the highest point value.

g) Players registered in accordance with the Family History provisions of Rule 1.3 will be regarded as Local District Players.

h) Players transferred from the WAFL Club in accordance with Rule 1.4 will be removed from the respective WAFL Club Senior Player Points List by the WAFL on completion of transfer.

i) The WAFc may, in its absolute discretion without giving reasons:
   i. apply a points value to a player based on an individual players circumstances.

2.2 Interstate Player List

a) Any Player classified as an Interstate Player in accordance with Rule 1.2.4 will be included by the WAFL on the respective WAFL Club Interstate List upon completion of the Player registration and transfer process in accordance with Rule 1.

b) The WAFL will make the determination of a Player classification as an Interstate Player at the time of registration and advise the WAFL Club accordingly of Player status and point value.

c) Interstate Players will be added to the WAFL Club Interstate List at the time of completion of transfer in accordance with Rule 1.4 to the WAFL Club.

d) A Player registration will not be accepted by the WAFL if the respective WAFL Club already has the maximum number of six (6) Interstate Players.

e) An Interstate Player will be removed from the WAFL Club Interstate List at the completion of transfer from the WAFL Club in accordance with Rule 1.4 or as a result of written notification by a WAFL Club Authorised Officer detailing the removal of the Player from the WAFL Club Senior Points List.

f) Once a Player is removed from the WAFL Club Interstate List in accordance with this Rule 2.2, that Player will no longer be regarded as a Registered Player of that WAFL Club.

g) Any Player who plays a match that is not in accordance with this Rule 2.2 will be penalised in accordance with Rule 14.

2.3 Supplementary List

Each WAFL Club (including Partner Clubs) excluding AFL Stand Alone WAFL teams may list additional Players on the WAFL Club Supplementary list as Community League Players. These Players are Players that are no longer currently regarded as Registered Players of the respective WAFL Club.

a) AFL Stand Alone WAFL Teams do not have a Supplementary List for the purposes of this Rule 2.3.

b) A WAFL Club may have up to six (6) Supplementary List Players at any one time.

c) A WAFL Partner Club may have up to five (5) Supplementary List Players at any one time.

d) Inclusion on the Supplementary List requires written notification from a WAFL Club Authorised Officer to the WAFL prior to the completion of transfer from the respective WAFL Club.

e) Players who are included on the Senior Player Points List who will no longer be playing for the WAFL Club due to but not limited to, retirement, travelling and time off from senior football may be placed on the Supplementary List at any time by the WAFL Club Authorised Officer.
f) Players placed on a WAFL Club’s Supplementary List in accordance with e) will not be regarded as a Registered Player of the respective WAFL Club.

g) Players listed on the Supplementary List must not be included on the Senior Player Points List until the WAFL Club has completed the Player registration and transfer process in accordance with Rule 1.

h) Supplementary List Players are not eligible to play for any WAFL Club unless they are included on the respective WAFL Club Senior Player Points List through the Player registration and transfer process in accordance with Rule 1.

i) Players who are included on the Senior Player Points List by way of a permit in accordance with Rule 1.6 must not be added to a WAFL Club Supplementary List.

j) Any Player listed on the WAFL Club Supplementary List will not have a point value awarded, will not contribute towards the cumulative total of points and will not be included in the minimum list of 55 Players for that WAFL Club for the purposes of Rule 2.1.

k) Supplementary List Players are regarded as Listed Players in accordance with Rule 1.2.3.

l) All players who are not eligible for transfer in accordance with Rule 1.4.6 shall become eligible to transfer 12 months from the date they are included on the Supplementary List as a Community League Player.

m) Players aged 22 or younger included on the Supplementary List will no longer be regarded as a Listed Player of the WAFL Club 18 months after the date they are included on the Supplementary List as a CMP and are automatically eligible to transfer to another WAFL Club without fee.

n) Players aged 23 or older included on the Supplementary List will no longer be regarded as a Listed Player of the WAFL Club 12 months after the date they are included on the Supplementary List as a CMP and are automatically eligible to transfer to another WAFL Club without fee.

o) Players must be included on the Supplementary List for a minimum of four (4) matches (including home and away and finals series) and a minimum of six (6) weeks during the period between the Open period commencing and Round 1 of the WAFL season.

p) Players listed on Supplementary List are not permitted to play in WAFL matches in any grade.

q) Any Player who plays a match that is not in accordance with this Rule 2.3 will be penalised in accordance with Rule 14.

2.4 **Long Term Injury List**

Each WAFL Club may list additional Players on the WAFL Club Long Term Injury List as Long Term Injury Players (LTIP). There Players are Players who are not able to play matches for an extended period of time due to injury.

a) A WAFL Club may have up six (6) Long Term Injury List Senior Players and five (5) Long Term Injury List Colts Players at any one time.

b) Inclusion on the Long Term Injury List requires submission of the Notification of Long Term Injury (Form 8b) to the WAFC manually via email to wafloperations@wafc.com.au.

c) The WAFL Club Authorised Officer, a WAFL Club Medical Officer and the injured Player must all sign the Notification of Long Term Injury (Form 8b).

d) The WAFL Club Authorised Officer must include supporting evidence detailing the nature of the injury with the Notification of Long Term Injury (Form 8b).

e) The WAFL will include the Player on the WAFL Club Long Term Injury List upon receiving the
above documentation for a period of no less than 6 weeks and no more than 12 calendar
months.

f) A Long Term Injury Player may be included on the WAFL Club Senior Player Points List or Colts
List at any point after the six (6) week minimum time limit is complete in accordance with (e).

g) Any Player listed on the WAFL Club Long Term Injury List will not have a point value awarded,
will not contribute towards the cumulative total of points and will not be included in the
minimum list of 55 Players for that WAFL Club for the purposes of Rule 2.1.

h) Long Term Injury Players are regarded as Listed Players in accordance with Rule 1.2.3.

i) Players listed on the Long Term Injury List are not permitted to play in WAFL matches in any
grade.

j) If a player plays in a community football competition whilst listed on the LTIP, the player will
be removed immediately by the WAFC

k) Any Player who plays a match that is not in accordance with this Rule 2.4 will be penalised in
accordance with Rule 14.

2.5 Top-Up Players

| The WAFL will allow Players that meet the defined criteria to participate as a Top-Up Player for the
| respective WAFL Club. |
| This rule is to allow for Players to temporarily play at senior level for a WAFL Club prior to a
| commitment being made to include them permanently on the Senior Player Points List. |

a) Top-Up Players are only permitted to play in Reserves Grade matches.

b) Top-Up Players may be a Registered Player in the Colts Grade with the WAFL Club in
accordance with Rule 1.

c) Top-Up Players may be permitted to play with a WAFL Club on a Temporary Registration by
way of a Permit in accordance with Rule 1.6.

d) Top-Up Players must be included on the WAFL Club Top-Up Player List prior to playing a match,
or the WAFL Club must notify the WAFL by email prior to the Player participating in the match
and complete all relevant paperwork required.

e) Top-Up Players are permitted to play maximum of four (4) matches for any one WAFL Club in
a season as a Top-Up Player.

f) In order for a Top-Up Player to exceed the four (4) matches in accordance with (e), that Player
must be included on the respective WAFL Club Senior Player Points List in accordance with
Rule 2.

g) For the avoidance of doubt, matches calculated in accordance with (e) are inclusive of matches
should the Player have previously been included on the Senior Points List.

h) Top-Up Players are not permitted to play in any WAFL Finals Match.

i) Any Player or WAFL Club in breach of this Rule 2.5 may be penalised in accordance with Rule
14.
2.6 Player Service and Point Reductions

The WAFL recognises contributions made by Players to their respective WAFL Clubs through service.

To enhance the ability for WAFL Clubs to retain Players that are not considered local zone Players and are awarded higher Player Point Values, concessions are granted that will reduce Player Point Values over service to a WAFL Club.

a) A Player that is not considered a Zoned Player and has an existing point value higher than 1 in accordance with Rule 2.1.1 will have their point value halved at the completion of their third (3rd) consecutive season of senior football for the respective WAFL Club.

b) The process outlined at (a) will occur at the completion of the initial block of three (3) seasons and the player will have their point value halved thereafter at the completion of each season until the Player is no longer regarded as a Registered Player of the WAFL Club or the Player reaches a Player Point Value of 1.

c) For the purposes of calculating points in accordance with (a) and (b), where the Player Point Values is not a whole number after the initial value is halved, the value will be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

d) Any Player Point Value reductions applied at one WAFL Club will not be recognised if the Player transfers to another WAFL Club in accordance with Rule 1.4.

e) Any Player categorised as a Non-Zone Player will be recruited by another WAFL Club that is not their Zoned WAFL Club at the category of their total career WAFL League games.

f) Where a Player is to transfer from the WAFL Club or at any point that Player is not regarded as a Registered Player of that WAFL Club as outlined in Rule 1 or Rule 2, prior to playing a third (3rd) consecutive season, the history at the WAFL Club will not be included in awarding Player Point Value reductions for service should that Player return to that WAFL Club in the future.

g) Where a Player is to transfer from the WAFL Club or at any point not be regarded as a Registered Player of that WAFL Club as outlined in Rule 1 or Rule 2, and that Player has had their Player Point Value reduced for the purposes of Rule 2.1.1, this history at the WAFL Club will be included and the Player will be recruited by the respective WAFL Club with the awarded Player Point Value prior to transferring from that WAFL Club.

h) Any former WAFL Player who is 19 years of age or older and not a Listed Player is eligible to have their Player Point Value reduced to 1 point provided they have not played in the WAFL during the previous 24 months.

i) The only Players eligible for the reduction are as follows:

2 Non District 1-10 Games
3 Non District 11-25 Games
5 Non District 26-50 Games
7 Non District 51-100 Games
10 Non District 101+ Games

j) For the avoidance of doubt the following categories will be ineligible for any reduction to Player Point Value other than the service reduction:

10 Interstate Category (a) Tier 1 - League (Played League in VFL, SANFL, or NEAFL category (b) Tier 1)
5 Interstate Category (a) Tier 1 – Non League (Played Reserves or Colts, VFL TAC Cup, SANFL, VFL, or NEAFL category (b) Tier 1)
5 Interstate Non Category (a) Tier 1
10 AFL Non Zone 0-50 Games
11 AFL Non Zone 51-100 Games
12 AFL Non Zone 101+ Games

k) Any former WAFL Player who has been an AFL Player or Rookie Player, is 19 years and older and not a Listed Player, is eligible to have their Player Point Value reduced by 50%, provided they have not played in the WAFL during the previous 24 months.

l) The only Players eligible for the reduction are as follows:
   10 AFL Non Zone 0-50 Games
   11 AFL Non Zone 51-100 Games
   12 AFL Non Zone 101+ Games

m) For the avoidance of doubt the following categories will be ineligible for any reduction to their Player Point Value other than the service reduction:
   10 Interstate Category (a) Tier 1 - League (Played League in VFL, SANFL, or NEAFL category (b) Tier 1)
   5 Interstate Category (a) Tier 1 – Non League (Played Reserves or Colts, VFL TAC Cup, SANFL, VFL, or NEAFL category (b) Tier 1)
   5 Interstate Non Category (a) Tier 1

2.7 Appeals
   a) The WAFC will make all decisions with respect to Player points in accordance with Rule 2.
   b) Any appeals against the decision of the WAFC will be heard by the WAFL Arbitrator.

2.8 WAFL Competitive Balance

At the conclusion of the 2019 WAFL season, the WAFC reviewed the points system and after consultation with WAFL clubs and referencing the WAFC objectives for competitive balance (below), a new model has been implemented for the 2020 season.

WAFL Competitive Balance Objectives

- Create an even playing field for all clubs, so the WAFL is a close, competitive and quality competition.
- To ensure the WAFL competition builds its foundations from local district players and ultimately having more WA home grown talent on each WAFL Club list
- Create a competition with more upsets and closer winning margins between the top and bottom end of the ladder.
- Ensuring WAFL supporters believe their club has a chance of winning every week regardless of the club’s financial strength
- The closer and more competitive the competition is, the more attractive it becomes for the broadcaster, WAFL Fans, sponsors, members and the broader community.
- Enhancing the financial sustainability of WAFL clubs.

a) The following is a summary of the competitive balance measures that have been placed on WAFL clubs for the 2020 season:
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| East Perth FC           | • Up to one hundred and twenty-five (125) cumulative player points  
• Up to forty-five (45) protected players  
• Up to a maximum of seven (7) players from interstate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Peel Thunder FC         | • Up to eighty (80) cumulative player points  
• Player list to be a minimum of 50 players  
• Maximum of four (4) players with a points value of 5+ points  
• Protected list of 35 players plus a Supplementary List of 5 protected players                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Perth FC                | • Up to one hundred and ten (110) cumulative player points  
• Up to forty five (45) protected players                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| South Fremantle FC      | • Up to one hundred (100) cumulative player points                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Subiaco FC              | • Up to one hundred (100) cumulative player points  
• Minimum 55 Senior Listed Players  
• Can recruit 1-point players, Local District or players from outside their zone (Non-District - 0 games)  
• Can relist AFL Drafted Local District and Non-District – 0 Game players, within the 100 points.  
• Can replace any recruited multiple point player (one for one) who leaves their club following the 2019 season with a player based on their player points value in accordance with the WAFL Rules & Regulations.  
As an example: Can only replace the player who departs, up to their player points value with one player, not exceeding the maximum points value of that player, and not exceeding the Senior Points List cap of 100 points.  
i.e. Can’t replace a 10-point player with two 5-point players. Cannot replace a 7-point player with a 10-point player.  
• Local District and Non-District – 0 Game players, recruited by Subiaco, with a value of one (1) point, may only be replaced by a one (1) point player.  
• Subiaco FC cannot use any residual points value on their list to recruit over and above this rule.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Swan Districts FC       | • Up to one hundred and twenty (120) cumulative player points                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| West Coast Eagles FC    | • Up to fifty (50) cumulative player points                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| West Perth FC           | • Up to one hundred (100) cumulative player points                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
3 MATCHES

3.1 WAFL Matches

3.1.1 Sanctioning of Matches
   a) No Club shall play in any match without the sanction of the WAFC.
   b) The programme of matches to be played by the Clubs in each year shall be submitted for the approval of the WAFC as requested by the WAFC, ordinarily in or around mid-December. Such a programme shall consist of qualifying fixtures and a finals series.
   c) In the qualifying fixtures, each Club will play against each of the other Clubs as many matches at the programme will permit.
   d) The points awarded in the qualifying fixture shall be awarded as follows:
      i. four points shall be counted for a win and two points for a draw;
      ii. no points are awarded for a loss; and
      iii. in the event of any Clubs gaining the same number of points at the conclusion of the qualifying fixtures the position of such Clubs shall be determined by the percentage of points kicked for and against.
   e) At the conclusion of the season, the position of the Clubs shall be determined as follows:
      i. the Clubs playing off for the Premiership in the Grand Final shall be placed, winner first and loser second;
      ii. the loser of the Preliminary Final shall be placed third, and the loser of the First Semi-final shall be placed fourth and the loser of the elimination final will be placed fifth; and
      iii. the other Clubs shall be placed according to their relative positions on the Premiership Table at the conclusion of the qualifying round of matches.

3.1.2 Fixturing of WAFL Matches
   a) The fixturing of Matches will be determined by the WAFC, including details relating to the:
      i. location of Matches;
      ii. date of Matches;
      iii. time of Matches;
      iv. configuration of the Finals Matches;
   b) Where possible, WAFL matches are to be played on Saturday afternoons in season.
   c) The WAFC will endeavour to fixture in the best interests of the WAFL competition overall and will take into account a range of issues relating to fixturing including but not limited to:
      i. the number of days rest between each match;
      ii. the likely attendances;
      iii. the best TV time slot;
      iv. any clash with a WA based AFL fixture; and
      v. marketing and promotion of the game.
d) Subject to approval of the WAFC, WAFL Clubs may apply to the opposing Club for approval of an alternative time for the scheduling of the proposed match provided that the proposed alternative time:
i. complies with the fixturing aims of the WAFL competition over a weekend; and
ii. allows competing teams a minimum of five (5) days between games, for the avoidance of doubt, 5 days is calculated as the first day after the match and inclusive of the day of the next round. ie Monday - Saturday or Saturday - Thursday.
e) In the event that a Club objects to an application made in accordance with (d), the WAFC will make a determination.
f) Clubs must apply to the WAFC one (1) month prior of any change to the agreed fixture.

3.1.3 Playing Surface
a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Rule 3.1.3 and the WAFL Venues Policy as set out in Schedule 7 the ground requirements are as stated in the Laws of Australian Football booklet, including but not limited to Part C paragraph 3.
b) The minimum distance between the boundary line and the fence shall be five (5) metres.
c) The area at (b) above must remain clear of any apparatus or object that could cause injury or obstruct any Players on the playing surface.

3.1.4 WAFL Venue Match Inspection
a) Not before two (2) months prior to the season commencing, each WAFL Match venue must be inspected by an Independent Turf Consultant as approved by the WAFC.
b) The WAFL Clubs must bear any costs associated with the inspection of the venue for the purpose of this Rule 3.1.4.
c) The Independent Turf Consultant must notify the WAFC of the condition of the ground, and formal approval must be granted by the WAFC to a WAFL Club prior to any Match being played at that WAFL Club’s venue.
d) In the event that any WAFL Match venue undergoes any re-surfacing work during the season, the process set out in (a) – (c) above applies.
e) On Friday morning of each week the designated Authorised Official at the match venue, is to inspect the WAFL Match venue and confirm, on pro forma document, via email to wafloperations@wafc.com.au by no later than 12:00pm, that the venue is in satisfactory condition for WAFL Match/es on that weekend.
f) By no later than one (1) hour before the first WAFL Match of the day at the venue the competing teams’ Authorised Official and Match Day Ground Manager are to inspect the match oval and complete the WAFL Ground Assessment Form on the Sports TG MDP App and the JLT AFL Match Day App and advise the Match Umpires that the ground is in suitable condition to start the match.
g) Subject to Rule 10.6.2 of the Laws of Australian Football and Rule 3.1.5, the Match Umpires have the authority to cease the playing of a match if the ground or climatic conditions are such that it is considered unsafe to continue playing the match.
3.1.5 Terminated Matches
a) Matches may be terminated at any time by the WAFC, after having regard to the weather, structural damage, venue conditions, crowd safety threat, power or lighting failure or any other occurrence that, in the opinion of the WAFC poses a threat to the safety of Players, staff or spectators.
b) Where a WAFL Club has not complied with this Rule 3 or the WAFL Venues Policy contained at Schedule 7, the WAFL Club may be penalised in accordance with Rule 14.

3.1.6 Commencement of Matches
a) At all WAFL Matches, unless otherwise specially arranged, a siren or other approved device shall be sounded when the Umpires enter the ground and when the game is started.
b) The siren or other approved device shall be again sounded at the proper time for the termination and announcement of each quarter and at the end of the match.
c) The WAFC shall determine the starting times of all games at the commencement of each season in consultation with WAFL Clubs.

3.1.7 Playing Time
a) League Matches will be played over four (4) quarters of 20 minutes’ duration plus time on when:
   i. the umpire determines the ball is out of bounds.
   ii. the goal umpire signals a goal or behind is scored.
   iii. the umpire signals for a stretcher.
   iv. the umpire signals time on to complete a report.
   v. the umpire signals time on for any undue delay.
b) The breaks between quarters must be:
   i. six (6) minutes (1/4 time);
   ii. twenty (20) minutes (1/2 time); and
   iii. six (6) minutes (3/4 time).
c) Reserves Grade Matches must be played over four (4) quarters of twenty-eight (28) minutes with no time on added.
d) Colts Grade Matches must be played over four (4) quarters of twenty-five (25) minutes with no time on added.
e) For both Reserves and Colts Grades time on will only be added in the event of a stretcher.
f) For the avoidance of doubt, no time on shall be added for the Blood Rule.
g) The breaks for both Reserves and Colts Grades must be six (6) minutes (%), twenty (20) minutes (%), and six (6) minutes (%).

3.1.8 Clubs Not Ready for Start Play
a) Any WAFL Club not ready to start to play within fifteen (15) minutes after the time fixed for the commencement of the game, or to recommence play within:
   i. thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of the second quarter; or
   ii. fifteen (15) mins after the scheduled start time of the 2nd and 4th quarters shall be deemed to have forfeited the match unless the WAFC are satisfied that the delay was unavoidable.
b) All teams must move to position on the sounding of two (2) sirens as a part of the game start.
countdown of the sirens.

c) Clubs who breach (b) above will be fined as follows:
   i. League Matches will be $20:
   ii. League Finals $100;
   iii. Reserves Finals $75; and
   iv. Colts Finals $50

   per quarter on teams who do not break on the sounding of two (2) sirens if the start time is delayed according to the timekeeper’s report.

d) Reserves and Colts Grade teams must follow the protocol as set out in (b) above although fines will not be imposed in those grades during the home and away season.

e) These fines are applied after the WAFC views match vision.

3.1.9 Clubs Desiring to Abstain from Playing in a Match

a) No WAFL Club shall abstain from playing in any official match without first obtaining the permission of the WAFC.

b) Permission will only be granted in the most extreme circumstances (e.g. Death of a Player immediately prior to the game).

c) Where permission is granted to abstain in accordance with (a), Clubs may reschedule the match provided that:
   i. the team asking to abstain from playing must make the decision of whether they will play; and
   ii. the WAFC must determine the game time with consideration to the overall season fixture.

d) Subject to Rule 3.1.10, where a game is not played, no premiership points or points for or against either team will be awarded for the game.

3.1.10 Penalties for Teams Forfeiting Matches

a) A team shall immediately be deemed to have lost the match and its opposition awarded the full match premiership points in the event that that team forfeits a match by:
   i. having its numbers reduced to less than fourteen (14) Players through the implementation of the Order Off Rule; or
   ii. through the application of Rule 3.1.9.

b) Each team will receive a score of 0 goals and 0 points and their percentage adjusted accordingly.

c) Where a team is deemed to have deliberately caused a forfeit, the WAFC may fine the forfeiting team in accordance with Rule 14.

3.1.11 Incomplete Matches

3.1.11.1 Terminated Matches

a) Matches may be terminated by:
   i. the home Club CEO (or an Authorised Officer of the Club) after consultation with the Umpires and visiting team, as a result of:
      a. the weather;
      b. structural damage;
      c. crowd safety threat;
d. power or lighting failure; or
e. any other occurrence that, in the opinion of the CEO, poses a threat to
the safety to Players, staff or spectators, including in accordance with
Rule 3.1.5.

ii. The home Club CEO (or an Authorised Officer of the Club) on compassionate
grounds in the event of the death of a Player during the game. If the deceased
Player is stretchered off then the game may continue at the CEO discretion but if
the circumstances are that death is obvious then the game should be stopped
with the CEO’s approval. Note that in the event of a tragedy prior to a game
Clubs may request to abstain from playing under Rule 3.1.11.1 or 3.1.9.

iii. The Umpires when a team is reduced to less than fourteen (14) Players through
the use of the Order Off Rule 3.6.5.

iv. The home Club CEO (or an Authorised Officer of the Club) if, for games that must
run within a daily schedule:
   a. an incident stops play so that play is not resumed within thirty (30)
      minutes of the stoppage as determined by the timekeepers at the
      Match; or
   b. for games where a finishing time is not imposed at the discretion of the
      home Club CEO (or an authorised Officer of the Club).

b) Games will not continue after a delay of thirty (30) minutes as determined by the WAFL
timekeepers as a result of a stoppage caused by light/power failure (for a night game), injury
or any other cause.

3.1.11.2 Consequences of a Terminated Match

a) Where a match is terminated in accordance with Rule 3.1.11.1, Clubs shall either continue the
   match at another time or replay the match.

b) The WAFC will make the decision to continue or replay the match in accordance with (a) in
   consultation with both Clubs and with consideration given to the overall fixture.

c) Where the game was terminated in the first half, the game may be replayed.

d) Where a game was terminated in the second half then the half time score should stand and
   the game be continued from that point.

e) Where it is not possible to replay or re-commence a terminated match in accordance with this
   Rule 3.1.11.2, then the game will be deemed to be terminated.

f) Where a game is terminated in accordance with (e), and the stoppage occurred before half
   time, the result will be declared a draw and each team awarded two premiership points (with
   the respective scores at the time counting for the purposes of percentages).

g) Where a game is terminated in accordance with (e) and the stoppage occurred after the half
   time break, the result will be declared on the basis of the score at half time (being the first
   point of the game where all things are deemed to be equal).

h) Where a match is stopped during a day game, the teams must stay on the ground during the
   break unless directed to move.

i) Where a stoppage occurs during a day game, non-playing staff, excluding medical staff and
   runners, are not permitted ground access during this break.
3.1.11.3 Procedures in the Event of Light Failure

a) In the event of one or more light towers ceasing to operate or the light intensity is reduced, the Field Umpire shall blow full time.

b) Games may only be recommenced with reduced light where the lighting can be measurably proven to be within the WAFL Lighting for Night Football Policy as set out in Schedule 8.

c) Upon the Field Umpire blowing full time the timekeepers shall stop time as per the normal time on procedures and record the exact time the game ceased.

d) Umpires and Players must vacate the playing arena and move towards their respective change rooms.

e) The No 1 Field Umpire, Home team CEO (or Authorised Officer of the Club), Football Manager or Team Manager of both competing teams and the WAFL Ground Manager, must meet immediately in the Umpires Room where the Home team CEO (or Authorised Officer of the Club), will contact the WAFC and will advise as to the ability to re-commence play.

f) Where the game does not recommence within the thirty (30) minute period, the match shall be deemed incomplete and a decision shall be made in accordance with Rule 3.1.11.1(a)(iv).

g) Where the game is able to recommence, the Field Umpire shall direct both teams to enter the playing arena to recommence the match provided that a ten (10) minute warm up period precedes the recommencement.

h) Upon recommencing the match, the timekeepers must start time as per the normal procedure at the conclusion of time on.

i) In the event of the match recommencing within the thirty (30) minute period, the Field Umpire shall start play from where the match ceased as a result of light failure.

j) In the event of re-occurring light failure after the match has re-commenced, this Rule 3.1.11.3 applies per failure and the home team CEO (or Authorised Officer of the Club) must decide on the appropriate course of action.

k) Where a power failure has prevented a scheduled night fixture being able to commence after the additional thirty (30) minutes from start time, the game will be abandoned and rescheduled where possible.

l) Where a lighting failure has occurred:

i. Clubs must notify all patrons at the game of what is happening by their PA system approximately every five minutes of the 30 minutes lights are out; and

ii. where the game is terminated, the home Club must notify patrons and thank them for their co-operation and attendance.

3.2 Naming Players in Football Budget

a) Clubs must nominate up to thirty-five (35) Players from which their League Team and thirty-two (32) for Colts and Reserves will be selected and advise the WAFC of those Players and their respective jumper numbers, by 10:00am on the Wednesday of each week prior to the game for inclusion in that week’s Football Budget via WAFL Online.

b) Any Club which plays a Player who is not included in its list of up to thirty-five (35) Players in accordance with (a) above or which plays a Player in its League Team in a Jumper number other than the one allocated to that Player in the Football Budget may be fined in accordance with Rule 1414.

c) Where a WAFL Player is a late inclusion in Football Budget, then the prescribed form is to be used to notify the opposition, the WAFL and the media.

d) The late inclusion or exclusion of WAFL or AFL Players is not subject to penalty provided that:
i. notice is given on the Prescribed Form to the opposing team and the WAFL
   no later than two (2) hours before the match.

e) Penalties may apply for a breach of this Rule in accordance with Rule 14.

3.3 Naming Squads for the WAFL Website

a) For Sunday or Monday matches, Clubs must nominate a squad of no more than twenty-six (26) Players from which their League Team will be selected via WAFL Online in time for inclusion on the WAFL Website by 8.00pm on Thursday night prior to the game.

b) For Friday matches, Clubs must nominate a squad of no more than twenty-six (26) Players from which their League Team will be selected via WAFL Online in time for inclusion on the WAFL Website by 8.00pm on Thursday night prior to the game.

c) For Thursday matches, Clubs must nominate a squad of no more than twenty-six (26) Players from which their League Team will be selected via WAFL Online in time for inclusion on the WAFL Website by 8.00pm on Wednesday night prior to the game.

d) For all other matches, Clubs must nominate a squad of no more than twenty-five (25) Players from which their League Team will be selected via WAFL Online by 8.00pm on the Thursday prior to the game.

e) Clubs are required to publish all players included and excluded from the team that played in their last match in the 'ins' and 'outs' on the team selection page.

f) For matches against a WAFL Partner Club or AFL Stand Alone Club, Clubs may nominate a squad of no more than twenty-eight (28) players from which their League Team will be selected via WAFL Online by 8.00pm in accordance with (a) - (e) above.

g) WAFL Clubs must include available AFL Players who have not been included in their respective AFL Club’s team selection.

h) Any Club which fails to comply with Rule 3.3 or which plays a Player who is not included in its list of twenty-five (25) for Saturday matches or twenty-six (26) in the case of Sunday/Monday matches shall be fined.

i) Clubs are only permitted to play the Players who have been included in its initial squad of 25 or 26 published on the WAFL Website in accordance with Rule 3.3.

j) Penalties may apply for a breach of this Rule in accordance with Rule 13.

k) Players not nominated in accordance with Rule 3.3 may not be penalised where:
   i. the non-nomination resulted from the late inclusion of AFL Players where notice was given on the Form 20 Amendments to the Football Budget to all the relevant parties at least two (2) hours prior to the commencement of the match;
   ii. during the season a Player is brought in from outside the twenty-five (25) or twenty-six (26) and the named emergencies do not play in any grade; or
   iii. in finals games, a Player is brought in from outside the twenty-five (25) or twenty-six (26) and the named emergencies do not play when League, Reserves and Colts teams are playing and also when League and Reserves are playing.

l) Where only the League Team is playing finals, then no Player can be brought into the side from outside the listed emergency Players without incurring a fine.

m) In the event that an AFL Player included in the nominated squad of twenty-five (25) or twenty-six (26) is unavailable through injury or selection with his respective AFL Club prior to the WAFL match, then the WAFL Club shall have the discretion to include a Player outside of the nominated squad of twenty-five (25) or twenty-six (26).

n) Lists of twenty-five (25) Players for Reserves and Colts Grades are required for submission through WAFL Online according to the above conditions although fines do not apply for errors
in these squads.

o) Clubs are required to update their squads displayed on WAFL Online by 5:00pm on the day prior to the scheduled match to include the twenty (22) players plus three (3) emergencies and remove any additional players.

### 3.4 Naming Squads for the Newspaper

a) Clubs must nominate a team of twenty-two (22) Players, in position, plus three (3) emergencies and advise the West Australian newspaper of those Players on Friday in time for inclusion in the newspaper’s Saturday edition.

b) For Sunday games, Clubs must provide the WAFC with a team of twenty-two (22) Players, in position, plus three (3) emergencies by 6pm Saturday.

c) WAFL Clubs must include AFL Players who have not been included as emergencies for the AFL side and are likely to be available.

d) The WAFC will distribute the nominated squad lists submitted in accordance with (b) to opposing Clubs once they have all been received or on the morning of the match.

e) For Clubs playing on Friday, a team of twenty-two (22) Players, in position, with three (3) emergencies is to be submitted on Thursday night to the West Australian newspaper in time for inclusion in the newspaper’s Friday’s edition. If there is no paper published on Friday (Good Friday) teams must be provided to the WAFC by 6pm Thursday night.

f) For games on other days not listed above, the West Australian newspaper must have the team list, in position, with nominated emergencies on the day prior to the game in time for publication in the game day edition of the newspaper.

g) Players listed as emergency Players in the paper on the mornings of the game may only play if one of the listed twenty-two (22) does not play in Colts, Reserves or League Grades.

h) Players outside of the twenty-five (25) nominated Players may only play, without penalty, if the three (3) emergencies do not play in any grade and further Players drop out and do not play in any grade.

i) In finals games, (g) and (h) will apply when League, Reserve and Colts teams are playing and also when League and Reserves are playing.

j) Where only the League team is playing, no Player can be brought into the side from outside the listed emergency Players without incurring a fine.

k) Penalties may apply for a breach of this Rule in accordance with Rule 13. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event that no paper is published, the WAFC will receive the team in accordance with this Rule 3.4 and apply any penalty as though the team were published in a paper.

l) The late inclusion or exclusion of AFL Players is not subject to penalty provided that notice is given on the Form 20 Amendments to the Football Budget to the opposing team and the WAFL no later than two (2) hours before the game.
3.5 Competition Footballs

a) The type of footballs used in WAFL games and the printing and advertising displayed on them is determined by the WAFC in consultation with the WAFL Clubs.

b) The WAFL home Club must provide:
   i. three (3) new and one (1) near new (i.e. of good quality as a spare) approved brand footballs to be used in League Matches; and
   ii. four (4) footballs, including one (1) good standard football, for Reserves and Colts matches.
   iii. one (1) football to remain on the interchange bench with the umpires trainer to be used as a replacement football if required.

c) The WAFC must provide footballs for:
   i. all League Grade Finals; and
   ii. Grand Finals for Reserves and Colts Grades.

d) The graphic below describes the format, relevantly:
   i. Panels 2 and 3 are for competition use only
   ii. Panel 4 panel is for WAFL Club legend; and
   iii. Panel 1 is for Burley.

e) Advertising not in accordance with (d) is not permitted on any football used for the purposes of any WAFL match.

f) The home club must supply two (2) bags to be located behind the goals, 1m inside the boundary fence whereby the footballs are stored during matches.

g) Each club must supply and a ball steward in the reserves and colts matches to retrieve the footballs and return them to the football bags during play. The ball steward must be positioned behind the goals at the end their club is defending, ie Backline.
3.6 Match Procedures

3.6.1 Team Sheets

a) Prior to the commencement of each game in any grade of the WAFL competition, the participating teams’ Managers shall present to the Interchange Steward eight (8) copies of the Official Team Sheet detailing:

i. the surname, first name, registration number and jumper number of each Player participating in the game to a maximum number of twenty-two (22) Players in the League team and twenty-three (23) Players in the Reserves and Colts grades;

ii. which Players are starting the game as "interchange" Players by marking players with an ‘*’;

iii. full names of the Coaches, Medical Officers, Runners, Stewards, Team Manager Official Team Runner, Interchange Steward, Chairman of Selectors, Coach, Doctor, Property Steward and up to ten (10) Official Trainers or Water Carriers;

iv. the name and signature of the Team Manager;

b) Full surname and first name must be spelled correctly and football web number and date of birth detailed on the sheet.

c) All Players listed on the Official Team Sheet must be in attendance prior to the commencement of the game up to and including the point at which the Official Team Sheet is submitted, and must be genuinely available to play the match, and must prepare for the match with the Team, unless a valid explanation is given to the satisfaction of the WAFC. Any breach of this Rule may be investigated by the WAFC, and if proven subject to penalty under the Rules, including Rule 6.2.

d) At the conclusion of the game the Team Manager must attend the Umpire’s room, insert the goal kicking details on the Official Team Sheet.

e) Upon being satisfied that the Official Team Sheet is accurate, the Number 1 Umpire must sign the Official Team Sheet and include it in the match papers to be delivered to the WAFC.

f) The home Club must lodge the League official Results Sheet to the Department of Racing, Gaming & Liquor no later than 30 minutes following the conclusion of the Match.

g) Should any person who is known to be a Player or official of a Club other than those registered on the Official Team Sheet enter the playing arena during the playing time of a League, Reserves or Colts game, then that Club shall be fined for each such entry.

h) The WAFL clubs must remove players from Sports TG that didn’t participate in the match and insert any player that has been manually added to the team sheet before 12:00pm on the first working day following the match.

i) Penalties may apply for a breach of this Rule in accordance with Rule 14.

3.6.2 Personnel on Playing Arena

a) Subject to (b) and (c), at grounds which have coach’s boxes or dugouts, the Doctor, Interchange Players, Club Runner, Team Manager, Trainers and Water Carriers must use the facility provided.

b) Players and Officials (all coaching staff, all medical staff, runners, water carriers, trainers, team managers) must remain behind and not enter the ‘Boundary Line Exclusion Zone’ in accordance with Schedule 7 – WAFL Venues Policy during play in each quarter. For the avoidance of doubt, Players may interchange through the ‘interchange gate’ but must remain inside the ‘interchange holding area’ until the player they are interchanging with exits the playing surface and enters the ‘interchange holding area’. Umpires and WAFL Match Officials
may lodge a Notice of Investigation for any alleged breaches to be assessed and penalised at the absolute discretion of the WAFL.

c) Doctor, Club Runner, Sports Trainers and Water Carriers need not use the Interchange Area if they wish to enter the arena, during the progress of the game.

d) Trainers and Water Carriers may position themselves at intervals around the playing arena, provided they do not interfere with the functions of the Interchange Steward or other officials involved in the running of the match.

e) At grounds that do not have coaches’ boxes or dugouts, the above-mentioned personnel shall be seated between the boundary line and the fence at least ten (10) meters from the Interchange Area.

f) Other personnel included on the Official Team Sheet are not permitted on to the arena, whilst the game is in progress.

g) Security personnel involved in the protection of the Umpires need not be entered on the Official Team Sheet and may remain on the field and inside the fence.

h) For the avoidance of doubt, security staff may assist in protecting the extra ball behind the goals.

i) Penalties may apply for a breach of this Rule in accordance with Rule 14.

### 3.6.3 Interchange of Reserves

a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Rule 3.6.3, the procedures for the interchange of Players is as stated in Law 7.2 of the Laws of Australian Football.

b) Each competing Team Manager must provide the WAFL appointed Ground Manager with eight (8) copies of the completed Official Team Sheet for qualifying matches and twelve (12) copies for League Grade Finals matches no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.

c) The WAFL appointed Ground Manager will:
   i. Be in position at the Interchange Area thirty (30) mins prior to the scheduled start time;
   ii. remain in this position to receive the Official Team Sheets from the respective Team Managers; and
   iii. from the Interchange Area distribute copies of the Official Team Sheets to:
       a. The Field Umpires.
       b. The Interchange Steward;
       c. Team Manager/Football Manager of the opposition team; and
       d. A representative of Champion Data and media.

d) The Official Team Sheet must list the Players participating in the game including:
   i. the four (4) Interchange Players in League matches; or
   ii. the five (5) Interchange Players in the Reserves and Colts Grades; and
   iii. other Officials that are required to be listed on the Team Sheet.

e) Interchange Players must be identified with an asterisk (*) next to their name on the Official Team Sheet.

f) The game must begin with the named Interchange Players off the field.

g) Once the match has started, no interchange of Players will be permitted without the Interchange Program being updated with the jumper numbers of the Players being changed.

h) For the avoidance of doubt, teams interchanging reserves during the intervals (quarter, half or three-quarter time), when the Interchange Players are not required to cross through the "marked lines", are included for the purposes of (g) above.
i) Clubs must advise the Interchange Steward of such changes before play recommences.

j) Players leaving the playing surface other than through the Interchange Area, if replaced must not take further part in the match.

k) For the avoidance of doubt, Players who have left the Playing Surface other than through the Interchange Area, if replaced, may not re-enter the Playing Arena for the duration of the Match.

l) Interchange Stewards who note a Player leaving the field outside the Marked Lines must notify the Team Manager of the team concerned.

m) Players who do not leave the playing arena via the Interchange Area are not permitted to return to the game.

n) Should a WAFL Club send such a Player back onto the Playing Surface to play then that team shall lose its score up to that point in the game.

o) Where a Player is taken from the playing ground on a stretcher in accordance with Law 7.3 of the Laws of Australian Football, he may leave the field outside the marked lines of the Interchange Area but in the event that an injured Player taken from the ground later returns to the Playing Arena, he must do so through the Interchange Area.

p) Players must not enter the Playing Arena during the course of the game other than through the Marked Lines of the Interchange Area.

q) Players who are carried from the Playing Arena not on a stretcher through the Marked Lines, provided the replacement Player does not go onto the field until the injured Player is over the boundary, may participate later if desired.

r) Players who are not returning to participate in the remainder of a match must have their number recorded with the Interchange Steward.

s) Should the Interchange Steward observe the teams being lined up for the purpose of a team count, he should attend to assist the Field Umpire if required in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football.

t) Penalties may apply for a breach of this Rule in accordance with Rule 14.

3.6.4 Changes to the Official Team Sheet after Submission

3.6.4.1 For games outside of Finals

a) In Colts and Reserve Grade Matches, changes may be made for Players injured or medically unfit to play up to the game start by the Team Manager who must notify:
   i. the Match Umpires;
   ii. the WAFL Ground Manager; and
   iii. the opposition Team Manager.

b) For League Matches the same process as set out in (a) must be followed on the basis that:
   i. the Player to be replaced is injured or medically unfit to play after the Official Team Sheet has been submitted.
   ii. the Player used as a replacement was selected in the Clubs initial twenty-five (25) chosen to play.
   iii. The Ground Manager must be notified who will then notify the media and arrange an announcement to the public through the PA system.

c) Penalties may apply for a breach of this Rule in accordance with Rule 13.

3.6.4.2 Finals Games

a) Rule 3.6.4.1(a) applies to Colts and Reserves Grade for Finals Matches equally.
b) Rule 3.6.4.1(b) applies to League Grade Finals Matches with the following additional provisions:
   i. Where a Player is originally listed on the Official Team Sheet but is unable to play due to injury or being medically unﬁt, the Club or the Team’s Medical Ofﬁcer must supply a Doctor’s Certiﬁcate to the WAFL, which shall accompany the Official Team Sheet completed and lodged with the WAFL by the Ofﬁciating Umpires no later than 10.00am on the ﬁrst working day after the completion of the Match; and
   ii. any injured or medically unﬁt Player who has been replaced under this Rule must immediately leave the Playing Arena and not sit on the Interchange Bench.

c) Breaches of any of this Rule 3.6.4.2 must be noted on the Control Sheet by the Interchange Steward.

d) After the match, the Interchange Steward must lodge the Control Sheet with the Field Umpire in the Umpires' Room.

e) Penalties may apply for a breach of this Rule in accordance with Rule 14.

3.6.5 Order-Off Law
3.6.5.1 Law 20.2
   a) Where a Player is reported for any of the Reportable Offences listed at (i) – (vi) below, a ﬁeld or emergency Umpire may order the Player reported from the Playing Arena for the remainder of a match:
      i. intentionally making contact with or striking an Umpire;
      ii. attempting to make contact with or strike an Umpire;
      iii. using threatening language towards or in relation to an Umpire;
      iv. intentionally kicking another person;
      v. an act of misconduct, if the Umpire is of the opinion that the act constituting misconduct is serious in nature; or
      vi. behaving in a threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an Umpire;

3.6.5.2 WAFL local provisions
   a) For the avoidance of doubt, Law 20.3 of the Laws of Australian Football relating to other Reportable Offences does not apply.
   b) The decision to order a Player off in accordance with Law 20.2 of the Laws of Australian Football is at the sole discretion of the Umpire.
   c) A Player who is reported by a Field Umpire under Law 20.2 of the Laws of Australian Football may be ordered from the Playing Arena for the remainder of the match.
   d) A Player ordered off may be replaced immediately.
   e) A Field Umpire must signal that a Player has been ordered off, by pointing to the Interchange Area with an outstretched arm and showing a red card.
   f) Any Player ordered off must leave the Playing Arena immediately and proceed directly to the Ground Manager and into the changerooms.
   g) The Field Umpire will not accompany any Player who has been ordered off and the Team Manager will indicate by a reciprocal red card that the send-off is acknowledged.
   h) The Player may not return to the Playing Arena but he may be replaced immediately.
   i) In the event that any Player has been ordered off, the Ground Manager must inform both
Team Managers of the send-off.

j) In the event of a Player failing or refusing to leave the ground when ordered off:
   i. the Player must be reported for misconduct;
   ii. the match must terminate; and
   iii. his team will be deemed to have forfeited.

k) An emergency field Umpire shall have the powers conferred on a Field Umpire under this Rule 3.6.5.2.

l) In the event that a team is reduced to less than fourteen (14) Players, as a result of a Player being ordered off, the match may continue at the discretion of the Field Umpire, who shall forward all details including the scores at the time, to the WAFC, which may confirm the result in accordance with the scorecards or determine a forfeit under the provisions of Law 10.7 of the Laws of Australian Football.

3.6.6 Protests

a) Where the scores of a match are altered on a protest, the team with the highest score as a result of the protest hearing shall be awarded the full premiership points.

b) Any alteration to the points scored "for and against" following a protest heard in accordance with (a) will be recorded accordingly.

c) Where a team requests a head count and one team is found to have extra Players on the field the following process shall be followed:
   i. the Umpires shall note the quarter, the time of the quarter and the game score at the point the game was stopped for the head count;
   ii. should an extra Player be counted, the extra Player shall be removed from the field of play and the game shall continue with no alteration to the scores;
   iii. every endeavor shall be made to determine the source and time of the error in order to evaluate the period of influence of the extra Player; and
   iv. any subsequent decision on penalty will be made by the WAFC at its sole discretion.

3.7 Match Day Staff

3.7.1 WAFL Timekeepers

a) Timekeepers will be Club personnel who on match day keep the game timing in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football as determined by the WAFC.

3.7.1.1 Duties of Timekeepers

a) The duties and responsibilities of Timekeepers are in accordance with Law 10 of the Laws of Australian Football, as applies to League, Reserves and Colts Grades.

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Start of the Second Quarter
2 minutes prior to official start time 3 warning sirens
1 minute prior to official start time 2 sirens
Official start time 1 siren
Official half time allowance 20 minutes

Start of the third quarter
2 minutes prior to official start time 3 warning sirens
1 minute prior to official start time 2 sirens
Official start time 1 siren
Official three quarter time allowance 6 minutes

Start of the final quarter
2 minutes prior to official start time 3 sirens
1 minute prior to official start time 2 sirens
Official start time 1 siren

b) Clubs that do not move to position when the siren is blown twice by the Timekeeper to signal one minute prior to the commencement of the match shall be noted by the Timekeeper.
c) Penalties may apply in accordance with Rule 3.1.8 and Rule 13 in the event that a team is not ready to start play.

3.7.1.2 Disagreement between Timekeepers

a) In the event of any disagreement between the two Timekeepers as to the length or variation of the time of any quarter such dispute shall:
   i. in the case of the first or second quarters, be reported to the Field Umpire at the half time interval; and
   ii. in the case of the third and fourth quarters, be reported at the conclusion of the game.
b) The Field Umpires must note any disagreement in the report to the League.
c) In the event of a protest on the result of the match on the grounds of an error in timekeeping, a copy of the report will be made available to the WAFC who shall adjudicate as to the result of the game.

3.7.1.3 Timekeepers Error

a) Any Club may protest the result of a match to the WAFC on the grounds that the result was affected by an error in timekeeping.
b) The WAFC will determine the impact of the error and make a determination with respect to the match result and/or any score adjustments.

3.7.2 Official Runner

a) Each Club shall be entitled to use one (1) Runners in the League and Reserves Grade of the WAFL.
b) Each Club shall be entitled to use two (2) Runners in the Colts Grade of the WAFL.
c) The Runner’s role is solely to deliver messages from the coaching staff to Players on the Playing Arena.
d) The Runner must immediately vacate the Playing Arena once the message has been delivered.
e) The Runner must not interfere with the course of play.
f) For the avoidance of doubt, interfering includes standing in and filling a space at set plays.

g) The Runner is not permitted to coach or remain on the Playing Arena barracking and will be asked to leave by any Umpire.

h) In the event that a Runner remains on the Playing Arena contrary to the role, a free kick may be awarded against the team to which the Runner belongs at the spot of the infringement or where the ball is at that time, whichever is the greater penalty.

i) Only one (1) Runner from each team is permitted entry to the Playing Arena at any one time.

j) Access to and from the Playing Arena for League, Reserves and Colts Grade Runners must be directly in front of the Club’s Interchange Bench.

k) Ground Managers are to note any infringements relating to the interchanging of Runners to and from the Playing Arena on the Ground Managers Form.

l) Field Umpires will note any infringements to this Rule 3.7.2 on the Official Team Sheet.

m) Runners not adhering to (i) and (k) must be warned by the Interchange Steward in the first instance and in the event that the Runner continues to act contrary to (i) and (l), the Runner must be reported to the WAFC via the Ground Managers Form. Clubs will be fined if Runners are reported in such instances in accordance with Rule 13.

n) A Runner must wear the required attire, as specified by the WAFC.

o) A Runner must not engage in physical contact of any nature that may cause injury to any Player, Official or Umpire or initiate physical contact of any nature while on the Playing Arena.

p) Runners must be reported in accordance with the procedure for Notice of Investigation or Report by an Umpire as detailed in the Laws of Australian Football by the Field Umpires for infringements of (o) above to be included in the Match Day Paperwork by way of a Notice of Investigation or Report.

q) The WAFC, including referring to the Tribunal, shall determine any penalty following any report made in accordance with (p) above.

r) Any penalties incurred by a Player acting as a Runner must be viewed as penalties against a Player in regard to the competition medals for fair play.

s) Where a Runner uses foul or abusive language, a free kick may be awarded against the team to which the Runner belongs at the spot of the infringement or where the ball is at that time or whichever is the greater penalty.

t) WAFC Staff may act as Club Runner provided agreement is granted by the WAFC (WAFL Operations).

u) A suspended Player, Club CEO, Football Operations Manager or nominated Coach (in any grade of the club) may not act as a Club Runner, Trainer or Water Carrier.

v) Clubs may apply for permission from the WAFC for any Authorised Official to act as a Runner under special circumstances via email.
3.7.3 Umpires

3.7.3.1 Umpire Duties
a) The Number 1 Field Umpire must lodge with the WAFC within 2 hours after the completion of the WAFL match:
i. the Official Team Sheet and Match Results Form taken from each Team Manager at the conclusion of a game;
ii. such other remarks and observations as the Umpire may think proper to report;
iii. the official forms for reporting Players as prescribed in the Laws of Australian Football;
iv. any dispute reported to him regarding the correctness of the time interval of any quarter;
v. the official Timekeepers Sheet completed for that match;
vi. the official Interchange Steward’s Control Sheet completed for that match; and
vii. the Fairest and Best votes for Players participating in that game on the Sports TG Match Day App.

3.7.3.2 Scratch Matches
a) Where Umpires on the AFL or WAFL panel are required for any scratch match then they may be paid at a fee, arranged by the WAFC.
b) Matches will be deemed to be official games and the Umpires will be required to observe all the Laws of Australian Football and report as required.
c) Any reports or NOI’s will be processed as per Rule 6.3

3.7.3.3 Approaches to Umpires or Umpires Officials during a Game
a) WAFL Club Authorised Officials, Club President, Chief Executive Officer, Football Operations Manager, Talent Manager, Board members, Club Staff, Support staff or Coaches must not approach at any time, an Umpire or umpiring official officiating in a game.
b) Captains or Players must not approach Umpires during the ¼, ½ or ¾ time breaks.
c) Players may talk to Umpires during the game but at suitable times convenient to both Player and Umpire.
d) Penalties may apply for a breach of this Rule in accordance with Rule 14.

3.7.3.4 Restrictions on Umpires
a) No Field, Goal or Boundary Umpire for League Matches shall be eligible to play with any Club during the season for which he has received any payment as an Umpire.
b) All Umpires must comply with the Integrity rules as set out in Rule 10.
c) Penalties may apply for a breach of this Rule in accordance with Rule 14.
3.7.3.5 Physical Contact with Umpires during Games

The WAFL wishes to promote and actively encourage a safe umpiring environment for all Umpires in WAFL games and follows the Laws of Australian Football in the protection of Umpires.

Generally, a Player will be deemed negligent if he makes contact with an Umpire when the Umpire is backing out of a centre bounce or field stoppage.

For contact made in other areas, the Tribunal must take into account the Laws of Australian Football and use its discretionary powers to determine any Player liability.

a) Any Player who intentionally or carelessly makes contact with or strikes an Umpire will be reported under Law 19.2.2(a) of the Laws of Australian Football.
b) The subsequent penalty for the Player will be at the discretion of the Tribunal, Match Review Panel or WAFC.
c) A period of suspension is expected for a Player making forceful contact, particularly when the ball is bounced in the expected position and the Umpire moves along the expected exit path.

3.7.4 Trainers, Water Carriers, Club Doctors & Physiotherapists

3.7.4.1 Water Carriers

a) Appointed Water Carriers must be at least 16 years of age.
b) Official vests will be supplied by the WAFL Club for the Water Carriers to wear.
c) Water Carriers may wear Club shorts, polos and Club jackets under the official vest.
d) Enclosed footwear (sneakers or joggers) must be worn at all times by Water Carriers.
e) All Water Carriers must wear numbered uniforms and be included on the Official Team Sheet.

3.7.4.2 Sports Trainers

a) People not accredited as Sports Trainers through Sports Medicine Australia (SMA) will be regarded as Water Carriers.
b) Notwithstanding to Rule 3.7.4.4, Sports Trainers must be accredited through SMA to a minimum Level One standard and be at least 16 years of age.
c) Re-accreditation for the purposes of (b) is required every three (3) years.
d) A maximum of eight (8) Water Carriers/Sports Trainers are permitted to officiate during any official WAFL Match.
e) Sports Trainers must wear the official vests as supplied by the WAFL Club.
f) Sports Trainers may wear Club shorts, polos and Club jackets under the official vest.
g) Enclosed footwear (sneakers or joggers) are to be worn at all times by Sports Trainers.
h) Head Trainers are required to wear number one (1) on their official vest.
i) All Club Sports Trainers must be members of the West Australian Football Trainers Association (WAFTA) and shall have an appointed delegate at WAFTA Meetings.
j) Membership fees are payable to WAFTA by the WAFL Club prior to May 30 each year.
3.7.4.3 Club Doctors & Physiotherapists
   a) It is the responsibility of the home team to ensure that a Doctor is present at all WAFL Matches League Matches.
   b) Doctors and Physiotherapists will be required to wear official vests supplied by their respective Club signifying their position. i.e. “Doctor” or “Physiotherapist”.
   c) Club Doctors and Physiotherapists may elect to wear the approved Sports Trainer uniform.
   d) For the purposes of calculating the number of Water Carriers/Sports Trainers in accordance with Rule 3.7.4.2(d), Club Doctors and Physiotherapists are additional and as such, Clubs may have a total of ten (10) people permitted out onto the Playing Arena where two (2) or more of those ten (10) people are Doctors or Physiotherapists.
   e) Penalties may apply for a breach of this Rule in accordance with Rule 14.

3.7.4.4 Accreditation Exemptions
   a) In the case of lapsed accreditation with SMA, special consideration may be given, however persons seeking exemptions must:
      i. hold a current Senior First Aid certificate;
      ii. attend an approval SMA re-accreditation course (one-day course only); and
      iii. have WAFTA oversee applications for exemptions under prior learning.

3.7.4.5 Trainers / Water Carriers Procedures
   a) Sports Trainers and Water Carriers must remain behind the Boundary Line while the game is in progress and enter the Playing Arena only when there is a clear break in play away from the Player/s.
   b) Sports Trainers and Water Carriers must not unnecessarily remain on the Playing Arena even though there is a clear break in play, with the exception of any instance where a Player is injured and requires the attention of the Sports Trainers and Water Carriers.
   c) Any sponsorship advertising on any part of a uniform must be approved by the WAFC.
   d) Sports Trainers entering the Playing Arena for the purpose of attending an injured Player must not interfere with the play in any way and must vacate the Playing Arena as soon as possible.
   e) Sports Trainers must not stand inside the 50 Metre Arc during a point kick in.
   f) In the event that a point kick in takes place while a Sports Trainer is required for the purposes of treating an injured Player inside the 50 Metre arc the Sports Trainer should notify the Umpire before the kick in occurs.
   g) A free kick may be awarded against the team to which the Sports Trainer in the event that permission is not received and the Sports Trainer is deemed to be interfering with play.
   h) Sports Trainers must not stand inside the centre square during a centre bounce/ ball up after a goal is scored and at the start of a quarter.
   i) Penalties may apply for a breach of this Rule in accordance with Rule 14.
4 FINALS

4.1 Participation in Finals

There are restrictions placed upon the qualification of Players to play in grades below the highest grade that they have played in during the season. This ensures that teams playing in Finals are representative of the team from the home and away season, that is, teams do not load their list with Players from higher divisions not ordinarily in the team. This rule exists to promote an exciting and even finals series.

a) Subject to (d) and (e) any Player eligible for registration may play in Finals Matches.
b) AFL Partner Club Players may be eligible to play in Finals Matches subject to Rule 4.1.1
c) There is no minimum number of games required to qualify to play Finals Matches unless the Player has played in more than one (1) Grade previously in the season at this point there are conditions placed upon him should that Player seek to play in a lower grade in Finals Matches.
d) The five (5) Game Rule will apply to:
   i. qualified League Players to play Reserves or Colts at his club; or
   ii. Reserves Players to play Colts
where a Player must have played five (5) qualifying games in the lower grade for his club to be eligible to play in any Finals Match in that grade.
e) Where a WAFL Club’s higher-grade team is playing in the Finals, but not necessarily playing on the same weekend where lower grade teams are playing then the five (5) Game Rule does not apply.
f) Where a Player plays in all three (3) grades during the season (being League, Reserves and Colts Grades) for his club then he shall qualify to play Reserves finals if:
   i. he fulfils the finals qualification for the Colts; or
   ii. he does not qualify for the Colts, but his number of Reserves and Colts Matches he has played at his club is greater than the number of League Matches he has played for the season.
g) For the purposes of “qualifying” games, a Player who plays in more than one (1) Grade for his Club during the same fixture will be credited only with one (1) game in the highest grade in which he plays in that fixture.
h) For the avoidance of any doubt, qualification games must be at the current club to be considered for finals eligibility purposes.
i) Players who miss qualifying Matches through participation in the State 18’s Programme will be credited (for the purposes of finals qualification only) for each Match missed (generally three or four games).
j) The Grade of Match allocated in accordance with (i) will be the Grade played in the last Match played prior to the commencement of the State 18’s Programme.
4.1.1 AFL Partner Club Players Participating in WAFL Finals
   a) An AFL Player may play in the WAFL Finals where:
      i. his AFL Club is not participating in the AFL Finals match on the same weekend as his
         WAFL Partner Club; and
         a. the player must have played a minimum of five (5) WAFL League matches; and
         b. the player has played three (3) of the clubs last eight (8) WAFL League home
            and away matches; and
         c. the number of qualified AFL players eligible to play does not exceed twelve
            (12) AFL players.
      ii. or where:
          a. his AFL Club is still in the AFL Finals and playing on the same weekend
             then (i) does not apply.

   b) Any special request for AFL Partner Club Players to participate in the WAFL Partner Club League
      or Reserves Finals when not qualified in accordance with these Rules must be submitted to the
      WAFC by Tuesday 5pm prior to the Final for approval by the WAFC. This rule is designed
      to provide AFL clubs with scope to manage their list given the development needs of young,
      emerging players and long term injured players. Any request endorsed must sit within the
      maximum cap of 12 AFL players.

   c) Any Club that names a player on the Team Sheet knowing or intending that he will not play,
      or who seeks to manipulate the intent of rule 4 will be investigated by the WAFC under rule
      6.2 ‘Behaviour Detrimental to Football’, or any other applicable rule, and may be penalised.

4.1.2 AFL Stand-Alone Club Players Participating in WAFL Finals
   a) An AFL Player may play in the WAFL Finals where:
      i. his AFL Club is not participating in the AFL Finals match on the same weekend as his
         WAFL Stand-Alone Club; and
         a. the player must have played a minimum of five (5) WAFL League matches; and
         b. the player has played three (3) of the clubs last eight (8) WAFL League home
            and away matches; and
         c. the number of qualified AFL players eligible to play does not exceed seventeen (17) AFL players; plus
         d. additionally, a maximum of three (3) Category B Rookie players which include NGA players, international players or 3-year non-AFL registered players;
            (i) for the avoidance of doubt and in accordance with (d), a
            maximum of one (1) of the three (3) additional players being a
            Next Generation Academy (NGA) player;
      ii. or where:
          a. his AFL Club is still in the AFL Finals and playing on the same weekend
             then (i) does not apply.

   b) Any special request for AFL Stand-Alone Club Players to participate in the WAFL Stand-Alone
      Club League Finals when not qualified in accordance with these Rules must be submitted to
      the WAFC by Tuesday 5pm prior to the Final for approval by the WAFC. This rule is designed
      to provide AFL clubs with scope to manage their list given the development needs of young,
      emerging players and long term injured players. Any request endorsed must sit within the
      maximum cap of seventeen (17) AFL players.
c) Any Club that names a player on the Team Sheet knowing or intending that he will not play, or who seeks to manipulate the intent of rule 4 will be investigated by the WAFC under rule 6.2 ‘Behaviour Detrimental to Football’, or any other applicable rule, and may be penalised.

4.2 **Drawn Matches in Final Round**

a) In the event that scores are equal at the conclusion of any Finals Match in League, Reserves of Colts Grades, the following applies:

i. for Colts and Reserves grades, the siren will be held until the next score (‘the Golden Score’) and upon confirmation (i.e. all clear from Field Umpire and waving of the flag/s) of the ‘Golden Score’ the Timekeepers will sound the siren to complete the game;

ii. If the scores are not level, but a player is having a set shot, the timekeepers will sound the siren to end the match. If the match is then a draw from that set shot (goal or behind), then the umpires will bounce the ball in the middle of the ground and golden score rule will apply. Teams will kick in the same direction as the fourth quarter.

iii. for WAFL League matches:

a. two (2) periods of five (5) minutes duration each will follow the conclusion of the matches normal time (‘extra time’);

b. in the event that the scores are level after the completion of the first two (2) periods of extra time then a second two (2) periods will be played;

c. in the first additional period teams shall kick to the opposite end to which they kicked in the final quarter;

d. where the score is level at the elapsed time, the Timekeepers will sound the siren, the Goal Umpires will consult with each other as to the correct score and confirm to the Field Umpires that the scores are level and signal to the timekeepers that the scores are correct;

e. on receiving confirmation that the scores are level, the Field Umpires shall advise both captains that two (2) additional five (5) minute periods with time on shall be played;

f. extra time as at (ii)(b) will be played again until a result is reached in the form of one team achieving a higher score at the conclusion of an extra time period.

b) The interval between the siren to conclude the fourth quarter and the commencement of the first period of additional time shall be six (6) minutes.

c) Coaches are permitted to address teams during the interval between the siren to conclude the fourth quarter and the commencement of the first period of extra time.

d) Sports Trainers, Water Carriers and Doctors are permitted to enter the Playing Arena at the intervals and may attend their team in accordance with these Rules.

4.2.1 **Sirens for extra time**

a) Timekeepers must sound the sirens in accordance with the normal start of each quarter:
Start of the extra time

- Two minutes prior to the official start time: 3 sirens
- One minute prior to official start time: 2 sirens
- Official start time: 1 siren

b) At the conclusion of the first period of extra time, teams shall immediately change ends.

c) Coaches and other Club staff are not permitted to enter the Playing Arena at the conclusion of the first period of extra time as teams change ends.

d) Penalties may apply for a breach of this Rule in accordance with Rule 14.
5 TOTAL PLAYER PAYMENTS CAP (TPP)

A key measure of the WAFL Competition is that each Club complies annually with the TPP (previously known as Salary Cap). Payments or a benefit made to any Player of the Club includes League, Reserves and Colts Players.

5.1 Definition of TPP to be Assessed

a) From 2014 onwards, a TPP is categorised as:
   - Football Match Payments;
   - Veterans Allowance;
   - Marquee Player Allowance; or
   - Other Benefits provided to the Player.
   (collectively the 'TPP Categories')

5.1.1 Non-Partner Clubs

a) The maximum total TPP must not be exceeded in any season.

b) Each maximum total for each TPP Category must not be exceeded in any season.

c) The following maximum totals will apply:

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5.1.2 Partner Clubs

a) Partner Clubs maximum will be allocated 65% of each individual category amount and therefore TPP overall.

b) The maximum total TPP must not be exceeded in any season.

c) Each maximum total for each TPP Category must not be exceeded in any season.

d) The following maximum totals will apply:

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5.1.3 Stand Alone AFL Team

a) A Stand-Alone AFL Team have an alternative TPP model resulting in a maximum player amount per match, rather than a TPP amount applied to the team.

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5.2 Football Match Payments

The gross value (or grossed up pre-tax value) of all or any part of any money provided to the Player in respect of any match played between the period commencing 1st November in a year and expiring on 31st October in the next year under any contract, agreement, arrangement or understanding between a WAFL Club or any person or entity directly or indirectly associated with a WAFL Club and a Player or an Associate of that Player which relates to or is consideration for the playing of football (or agreement to play football) by that Player for any WAFL Club in any Match will be deemed to be a Football Match Payment for the purpose of these Rules.

For the purpose of this clause “Match” refers to any game of football played by the WAFL Club including without limitation a state league, representative, exhibition or scratch game.

Football Match Payments may also include payments that are deemed to be Football Match Payments (see Rule 5.3).

a) For the avoidance of doubt, a Match Payment includes:
   i. all payments to Players (including base or retainer payments) for selection and performance in any WAFL Match as agreed to in the Player’s contract with the Club;
   ii. all injury payments to Players made as a replacement for normal Match Payments where the Player does not actually participate in the Match;
   iii. any upfront payments to Players for signing with the WAFL Club; or
   iv. all statutory and other contributions payable by a WAFL Club on behalf of or for the benefit of a Player to an approved superannuation fund.

5.3 Deemed Football Match Payments

a) Without in any way limiting Rule 5.2, the following payments paid or provided to or for the benefit of a Player or associate of a Player by a WAFL Club or by any sponsor, supporter, supporter group of or any person or entity associated directly or indirectly with that WAFL Club are deemed to be Football Match Payments:
   i. payment, benefits or considerations made by the WAFL Club received by spouses, direct family members, Player managers or other duly authorised representatives and any other third party of the Player;
   ii. any payment or provision of goods and services received by a Player or associate of the Player from any third party person or entity for the purposes of playing football;
   iii. where a Player or an associate of a Player is employed by a WAFL Club, Partner Club or WAFL Standalone AFL Team and if such Player or associate is paid an amount which in the opinion of the WAFC is in excess of the market value of the Player’s or the Player’s associate’s services or where the Player or associate does not provide services consistent with the normal terms and conditions of such employment, the amount by which the payment exceeds the market value of those services or the whole of the payment as the case may be;
iv. any payment to a Player (other than full time League Playing Coach) for coaching purposes, which have not received approval from the WAFC as legitimate coaching fees to be set outside the TPP;

v. any Player receiving payment for coaching purposes must hold a current minimum level two (2) coaching accreditation and must provide evidence of such accreditation or training as the case may be upon request to the WAFC;

vi. any lump sum paid directly or indirectly to a Player or an associate of the Player on termination of the contract to play Football with a WAFL Club;

vii. any payment received as prize money for incentive or otherwise, other than memorabilia or as weekly after match prize incentives in accordance with Rule 5.4iv; or

viii. any payment to a Player (including a payment to be held in trust) by any person for the purpose of playing football for the WAFL Club.

b) For the avoidance of doubt, any payment made to any Player who has not achieved a minimum Level 2 Accreditation, for coaching services will be deemed a Player payment.

5.3.1 Full Time League Playing Coach

a) Where a WAFL Club appoints a full time League Coach who chooses to play, an amount per game must be determined equivalent to a Match Payment for the purposes of Football Match Payment, regardless of whether this payment is actually made to the Player/coach to play.

b) An amount to be determined by the WAFC of the gross payments to the Coach for the season will be broken down to an amount per match for the season by dividing this amount with the number of rounds played in the season.

c) The deemed Football Match Payment will be the per match calculation multiplied by the actual number of games played by the Player/coach.

5.4 Exclusions to Football Match Payments

a) The following payments paid or provided to or for the benefit of a Player or associate of a Player by a WAFL Club or by any sponsor, supporter, supporter group of or any person or entity associated directly or indirectly with that WAFL Club are not deemed to be Football Match Payments:

i. reasonable relocation expenses as determined by the TPP Officer, where such expenses must be supported by the appropriate receipts in order to be excluded. Payment made directly to the Player which is not accompanied by third party receipts for services rendered will be deemed a Football Match Payment;

ii. payment, benefits or considerations received by Players or an associate of the Player for legitimate employment at the WAFL Club where the WAFC must formally review and endorse the employment role and conditions in order for the employment to be considered legitimate;
iii. expenses incurred in WAFL Club coaching/playing trips and training camps except where the benefit has been specifically included in the Player’s contract with the WAFL Club;

iv. weekly after match prize money or goods and services given to the best weekly Player’s after match provided the total value of the prizes do not exceed $750 per week (total is inclusive of all Players in all grades). In the event, the weekly prize total exceeds $750, the differential will be deemed as a Football Match Payment;

v. money raised by Clubs (excluding market value Match payments) for Players in their designated testimonial year where the Clubs have nominated a Player for a testimonial year including a plan on how payments will be made for a testimonial year has been accepted by WAFC prior to the 28\textsuperscript{th} February each calendar year; or

vi. payments in respect of each Finals’ appearance by the WAFL Club’s league side where the value complies within the following calculation:
   a. To calculate the amount, the Football Match Payments total allowance will be divided by the number of Home and Away rounds played by the Club, which shall be rounded and then have 10% added as part of the calculation.
   b. This will be confirmed by the WAFC at the start of each season.
   c. Any amount paid over the allowance for each Final must be included as a Football Match Payment.

vii. any payments made on behalf of a Player or an associate of the Player to reimburse for the gap incurred on medical expenses is excluded as long as third party receipts are provided;

b) For the avoidance of doubt, payments in accordance with (vi) (a)(c) must be declared to the WAFC in the TPP Spreadsheet (Form 2D).

### 5.5 Veterans Allowance

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<th>Clubs may nominate Players who have played over 90 League games, or 90 AFL games if returning to their WAFL Club of origin, for inclusion of a portion, or all of that Player’s total payments or benefits in the Veteran Allowance category. In the event a portion of total payments is nominated, the remainder of the payments must be included as Football Match Payments or Other Benefits.</th>
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<td>a) Players are eligible for the Veterans Allowance in the season after they reach the 90 game milestones for the WAFL Club.</td>
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<td>b) The 90 game milestones cannot be transferred for use at another WAFL Club.</td>
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<td>c) The Veterans Allowance (refer to table 5.1.1 and 5.1.2) can be used across any number of qualifying Players.</td>
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<td>d) Players must be nominated on Form 2b submitted at the start of the season however Clubs can change their nomination should the need arise by written request to the WAFC.</td>
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<td>e) The WAFC may, in its absolute discretion without giving reasons:</td>
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<td>i. apply a ‘veteran’s status’ to a player based on an individual club’s circumstances.</td>
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5.6 Marquee Player Allowance

The Marquee Player is a Player who brings value to the Club and League both “on and off the field” and this provision reflects their value to the Club and provides a suitable allowance.

a) Only one (1) Player can be nominated as a Marquee Player (refer to table 5.1.1 and 5.1.2) for any of his total payments and benefits to be used in the Marquee Player Allowance.
b) The balance of the Player’s payments and benefits if applicable must be included in Football Match Payments or Other Benefits.
c) The Marquee Player must be agreed to by the WAFC after a written request by the Club.
d) The WAFC will consider:
   i. AFL or State League Level playing experience; and
   ii. individual honours including State League representation, Club and League Best & Fairest Results and any other honours which highlight the value that the Player will bring to the Club and WAFL.

5.7 Other Benefits Provided to a Player or Associate of the Player

The gross value (or grossed up pre-tax value) of all or any part of any money provided to the Player in respect of any benefit between the period commencing 1st November in a year and expiring on 31st October in the next year under any contract, agreement, arrangement or understanding between a WAFL Club or any person or entity directly or indirectly associated with a WAFL Club and a Player or an Associate of that Player which relates to or is consideration for the playing of football (or agreement to play football) by that Player for any WAFL Club in any Match will be deemed to be an Other Benefit for the purpose of these Rules.

For the purpose of this clause “Other Benefit” refers to any benefit made by the WAFL Club including without limitation to the categories below.

a) Other Benefits provided to a Player or associate of the Player for the purposes of playing football are to be included in the Other Benefits category and may include:
   i. Travel Allowance as approved by the WAFC for Players who travel large (50 km Round Trip minimum) distances in order to train and play at the permanent venue of the WAFL Club at which he is registered during a season where that Player submitted a Form 2b at the start of every season or as the need has arisen by written request to the WAFC;
   ii. any funding that is advanced or loaned to a Player or associate of the Player where an amount equivalent to any repayment of the advance/loan shall be deducted from the Other Benefit calculation when the repayment is made;
   iii. rent subsidies or payments made to a third party or direct to a Player or associate of the Player for the purposes of providing accommodation relief;
   iv. flight travel, other than for the purposes of a Player participating in a WAFL Match including flight travel to associates of the Player to attend a WAFL Match;
   v. individual private health insurance premiums made on behalf of a Player or an associate of the Player;
vi. any payments made on behalf of a Player or an associate of the Player to reimburse for the gap incurred on medical expenses is deemed an Other Payments should third party receipts not be provided;

vii. any Fringe Benefits Tax required to be paid under tax legislation by a WAFL Club in respect of any Other Benefit paid; or

viii. any other benefits as determined by the WAFC.

5.8 Details of Player Contracts & Football Payments

5.8.1 Compliance

a) For the purposes of compliance, each WAFL Club shall receive annually WAFL Form 2d and electronic Excel TPP spread sheet from the WAFC which will be the basis for TPP submissions for the season.

b) Any new Player entering the WAFL or any previously contracted Player changing WAFL Clubs must have their new playing contract submitted to the WAFC for actioning within five (5) Business Days prior to any public announcement of their recruitment.

c) Public announcements may not be made prior to receiving approval from the WAFC.

d) At a date determined by the WAFC but no later than one (1) week prior to the season each Club will submit a copy WAFL Form 2b, signed by the President, CEO and Football Manager of each Club endorsing that this spreadsheet and form contain all payments to Players at the Club and is a genuine estimate of the Clubs total football payments for the season.

e) Form 2b must also indicate the use of all TPP to those Players who qualify.

f) All Clubs must submit their WAFL Form 2d TPP schedule on a weekly basis by the following Wednesday of each fixture.

g) At 30 June, all WAFL Clubs are to lodge a copy of the Clubs WAFL Form 2d spread sheet as a mid-season update on their TPP projections versus actual payments.

h) Clubs may only alter a player’s contract between August 1st to August 14 in each calendar year.

i) By 1 November in each calendar year, the final, complete WAFL Form 2d TPP spread sheet is to be lodged.

j) All WAFL Clubs are to advise the WAFC in writing of any modification to a Player’s contract. Failure to advise the WAFC will incur the listed penalty in accordance with Rule 14.

k) Penalties may apply for a breach of this Rule in accordance with Rule 14.

5.8.2 Statutory Declaration – Football Payments

a) Where the spread sheet required under Rule 5.8.1 i) is submitted, it must be accompanied by a Statutory Declaration (WAFL Form 2a) signed by the President, CEO and Football Operations Manager and the officer responsible for the finance of the WAFL Club.

b) The details of any other person who has involvement in the issue of Player Football Payments must be included on the WAFL Form 2a.

c) Compliance to Rule 5.8.1 i) is not considered to be completed unless this clause is met.

5.8.3 Further Investigation

a) The WAFC has the right to audit Players from each Club annually. This audit includes the right to:
i. require a Player to attend any meeting, to answer questions and if required provide written responses;

ii. have a Player provide documents or other relevant papers or property that is under the Player’s control; and

iii. require the Player to bring his agent (including his accountant, manager or lawyer) to a meeting.

b) Where a Player does not comply with these requirements as set out or if a Player is found by the TPP Officer or the WAFC to have provided false or misleading information then the matter may be referred by the WAFC to the WAFL Tribunal where a Player may be:

i. Fined between $500 and $5000; and/or

ii. Suspended from playing for a minimum of 1 match to a maximum of life.

c) A Player who provides information, including documents, under these Rules grants permission for such information to be provided to relevant authorised representatives for expert advice, as determined by the WAFC.

d) In the event that further investigation indicates that the TPP has been inaccurately recorded by the Club then further Players from that WAFL Club may be investigated.

e) The TPP Officer will also audit the WAFL Club’s financial information annually for the purposes of determining total compliance with the TPP.

5.9 Appointment of TPP Officer

a) The WAFC shall from time to time appoint a TPP Officer(s) who will have and may exercise such powers and may from time to time be delegated to them by the WAFC.

b) Any TPP Officer appointed externally and outside of this process will need to be confirmed by the WAFC.

5.10 WAFL Clubs to do All Things Necessary to Assist TPP Officer

5.10.1 Full & Free Access

a) Each WAFL Club must permit the TPP Officer to have full and free access to such books, documents and other papers of that WAFL Club or any person or entity controlled by that WAFL Club as the TPP Officer believes may be relevant to any inquiries which they may make.

5.10.2 Copies

a) Upon request from the TPP Officer or WAFC a WAFL Club and/or a Player must:

i. provide the TPP Officer with true copies of such books, documents or other papers in the possession of or under the control of the WAFL Club or any person or entity controlled by the WAFL Club or any person or entity controlled by the WAFL Club or the Player, as the case may be; and

ii. provide such other information and answer such questions as the TPP Officer believes may be relevant to any enquiries they may make.

5.11 Roles & Responsibility of the TPP Officer

a) The TPP Officer reports to the WAFC for the purpose of:

i. administering the TPP provisions of these Rules;

ii. overseeing the management of the TPP provisions of these Rules;
iii. monitoring the WAFL Club TPP submissions to make any determinations as and when required;
iv. investigating and determining any TPP issue raised by any person concerning the WAFL Clubs where any complaint alleging breach of the TPP by a WAFL Club must be in writing and contain detailed allegations to be investigated;
v. deciding in relation to the Football Payments and any monies deemed to be Football Payments whether payments are to be deemed as such for the purpose of managing the TPP;
vi. developing respect by operating in conjunction with but independently of WAFL Clubs;
vii. representing the WAFC and having the authority to sign each individual Player contract on behalf of the WAFC upon satisfaction that all payment details are shown on the TPP spread sheet and in any other reports from the Club to the WAFC are in order as completed by the first game of the season.

b) Nothing in this Rule 5.11 shall restrict the TPP Officer from investigating and checking a WAFL Clubs' compliance with the TPP.

c) Where the WAFC deems that a payment or services other than playing are aimed at circumventing the requirements of the TPP provisions, then the matter will be referred to the TPP Officer for determination.

d) The TPP Officer may deem any payments to be Football Payments.

e) The TPP Officer is authorised to sign each any Player contract as an authorized representative of the WAFC.

5.12 Breach of TPP

a) Any alleged breach of this Rule 5 must be referred to the TPP Officer for investigation.

b) In the event that the TPP Officer determines that a WAFL Club has exceeded the monetary value described in section 5.1.1 the WAFC shall have the power to impose any of the following sanctions:
   i. Financial;
   ii. Premiership points;
   iii. Recruitment restrictions;
   iv. Loss of Player point allocations; and/or
   v. Club official and or Player deregistration's or suspensions.

c) The allocation of any sanction shall take into consideration the circumstances and scope of the offence.

d) The table below may be used as guide to determining penalties, however the WAFC reserves the right to determine the final penalty in its sole discretion.
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e) Breaches of any individual payment categories without actually exceeding the overall TPP shall face a financial penalty of $5000 plus the sum exceeding in that category.

**5.12.1 Penalties for Providing False or Misleading Information**

a) Where the TPP Officer or the WAFC determines that a Player, employee, agent or Authorised Official of a WAFL Club has provided false or misleading information including Lodgement then the WAFC shall impose financial sanctions of up to $5000.

b) The WAFC reserves the right to apply penalties from 5.12 for guilty findings based on individual circumstances relating to the guilty finding.

**5.13 Appeals**

a) WAFL Clubs shall be permitted to appeal to the Arbitrator regarding a determination of the WAFC or the TPP Officer where there has been a breach of the TPP determined in accordance with Rule 5.12.

b) There is no appeal available for penalties in respect to Rule 5.12 where breaches of the individual payment categories that don’t exceed the TPP total amount or for penalties in respect to 5.12.1.
6 TRIBUNAL, DISCIPLINARY & DISPUTES PROCESSES

6.1 Independent Investigations Officer
The WAFC, WAFL Tribunal or the Arbitrator shall be entitled to exercise discretion to utilise the services of an Independent Investigations Officer to investigate any matter pertaining to these Rules.

6.2 Behaviour Detrimental to Football
a) In this Rule 6, "official of a Club" includes any Director, committee member, employee, coach, team support person, or any person acting as or holding himself/herself out as the agent of a Club.
b) Any statement, comment, act or omission by an official of a Club or a Player which does or is likely to:
   i. damage the image of the WAFC, football in Western Australia, any WAFL Club or a Player in the opinion of the of the CEO of the WAFC; or
   ii. adversely affect the standing or reputation of the League or the League competition; or
   iii. prejudice the good order, management, control or administration of football including but not limited to:
      a. public criticism or perceived criticism of Umpires;
      b. any deliberate act or omission in contravention of the Laws of Australian Football or these Rules;
      c. failing to respond to any reasonable request by the WAFC;
      d. the occurrence of a melee at a WAFL Fixture including practice, pre-season, qualifying and finals matches;
      e. any action or deed that may occur outside of the football environment that may affect the good standing and reputation of the WAFL competition;

   shall constitute an offence by the official or Player for which his Club or the Player may be liable.

6.2.1 The process for the Implementation of a fine under this rule.
   a) The WAFC may, in its discretion, investigate any alleged breach of Rule 6.2.
   b) Any Club or Person may request an investigation into an alleged breach of Rule 6.2, subject to Rule 6.2.1(a).
   c) Any Club or Person requesting an investigation of an alleged breach of Rule 6.2 in accordance with Rule 6.2.1(b) must notify the WAFC within 48 hours of:
      i. witnessing the alleged breach; or
      ii. becoming aware of the alleged breach.
   d) If the WAFC believes there are sufficient grounds to suspect a breach of Rule 6.2 following an investigation held in accordance with Rule 6.2.1(a), the WAFC shall give notice to the Club concerned to attend a meeting where the Club may make a submission in response to the alleged breach.
e) Any notice provided in accordance with Rule 6.2.1(d) shall be given in writing, and fix a time and a place at which the Club may be heard at least 48 hours after the date of service of such notice.

f) After the meeting held in accordance Rule 6.2.1(d), if the WAFC is of the opinion that there has been a contravention of Rule 6.2, the WAFC shall impose on the Club the following penalties:
   i. For a first offence, a fine of not less than $500.
   ii. For a second offence, a fine of not less than $1,500.
   iii. For a third offence, a fine of not less than $3,000.
   iv. If the perpetrator is a registered Player of the WAFL competition the WAFC may also suspend or de-register the Player.

g) Notwithstanding the penalties enumerated under Rule 6.2.1(f), the WAFC shall be entitled to remit either, in whole or in part, so much of any penalty as may be imposed on a Club, as the WAFC considers fair and reasonable in the circumstances.

h) In the case of an offence subsequent to a third offence, the WAFC may impose such penalty as they determine in their absolute discretion, including but not limited to forfeiture of Premiership points in any competition administered by the WAFC.

i) Any fine or other penalty imposed under Rule 6.2 will expire as at 12 months from the date of event or unless otherwise detailed by the WAFC and the club shall be deemed not to have previously committed an offence under Rule 6.2, with the intent that the next contravention of Rule 6.2 shall be deemed to be the clubs first offence.

j) Any fine or other pecuniary penalty imposed under Rule 6.2 shall be deducted from the next dividend payable to the Club by the WAFC under arrangements that may exist from time to time.

6.2.2 Appeals procedure

a) Any Club aggrieved by a finding or penalty imposed under Rule 6.2 may appeal against such finding and/or penalty directly to the WAFL Arbitrator.

b) To initiate an appeal, a Club must:
   i. notify the WAFC in writing within seven (7) days of the date the penalty is imposed; and
   ii. pay WAFC a deposit of $300, which shall be refunded in the event of a successful appeal, or at the discretion of the WAFC.

c) The WAFL Arbitrator shall not hear any appeal until the applicable fees have been received by the WAFC.

d) The WAFL Arbitrator shall hear and determine the outcome of any appeal, and may:
   i. dismiss the appeal;
   ii. set aside a finding of the WAFC and substitute its own finding;
   iii. affirm the penalty imposed;
   iv. set aside the penalty imposed and impose such penalty as the WAFL Arbitrator thinks fit including a determination of exceptional circumstance and imposing a penalty which is less than the prescribed minimum for such offence.
e) At a hearing before the WAFL Arbitrator, the Club against whom the complaint is made may select a representative who has been appointed as such in writing under the hand of the President of the Club provided that such representative shall not be a legal practitioner.

f) Subject to Rule 6.2.2(e), the WAFL Arbitrator shall preside over the appeal in accordance with Rule 6.15.

g) The finding of the WAFL Arbitrator at this appeal shall be final and binding.

h) Any action taken against a Club under this rule shall not prejudice or affect any action taken under the rules, By-laws or regulations of the league against the person for whom the Club is liable to be penalised under this rule.

6.3 Reporting Procedures

6.3.1 Umpire Report

a) If an Umpire has a good faith belief that a Player or Official has committed a Reportable Offence during a Match, the Umpire shall inform the Person that they have been reported:
   i. at the time of the offence;
   ii. before the commencement of the next quarter; or
   iii. where the incident occurs in the final quarter, as soon as is reasonably possible after the completion of the final quarter.

b) An Umpire may inform the captain, acting captain or official of the Club with which the reported Person is registered of the report, where it is impractical to inform the Person who has been reported.

c) Apart from informing a Player or official of the report, an Umpire shall not speak with the reported Player or official or any other Player or official about the report which has been made.

6.3.2 Notice of Charge

a) As soon as practical after the completion of the Match, the Umpire shall complete a Notice of Charge in the form prescribed. The Umpire shall:
   i. categorise the Reportable Offence having regard to the categories of Reportable Offences (and where applicable, the grading of a Reportable Offence), as set out in Rule 6.12.3;
   ii. include the Notice of Charge in the Match-day paperwork submitted to the WAFC at the completion of the Match; and
   iii. retain a copy of the Notice of Charge.

b) If no video or inconclusive video evidence exists of an incident related to a Notice of Charge, the matter shall:
   i. be referred directly to the WAFL Tribunal;
   ii. the Player who has been reported shall attend the WAFL Tribunal hearing; and
   iii. the WAFC shall fix and give notice to the reported Person’s Club and any other Person or Club directly involved, of the date, time and place for the Tribunal hearing.

c) If video evidence exists of an incident reported by an Umpire in accordance with (a), the matter shall be referred for review to the Match Review Panel in accordance with Rule 6.6.1(a).
d) The Notice of Charge shall be provided by the WAFC to:
   i. The Match Review Panel if video evidence exists of the Reportable Offence; or
   ii. The WAFL Tribunal if no video evidence exists of the Reportable Offence.

6.4 Notice of Investigation

   a) The WAFC may, from time to time, be asked by a WAFL Club or WAFL Umpires to investigate particular incidents.

   b) Where an Umpire suspects that a Person has committed a Reportable Offence, the Umpire must, as soon as practical after completion of that Match and on the day of the Match:
      i. complete a Notice of Investigation; and
      ii. lodge a copy of the Notice of Investigation together with match-day paperwork with the WAFL.

   c) Where a WAFL Club suspects that a Person may have committed a Reportable Offence, the Club may:
      i. submit a written complaint to the WAFL by emailing wafloperations@wafc.com.au by no later than 12pm Sunday or in the case of Sunday/Monday matches, by 9am on the first working day after the Match. Notification will be sent to the Club by 10am on the first working day, if a Notice of Investigation will proceed to Match Review Panel and/or WAFL Tribunal.

   d) Where a Player involved in a Match suspects that a Person may have committed a Reportable Offence, the Player shall only submit a Notice of Information through their WAFL Club, in accordance with (c).

   e) Subject to (a) above, if video evidence of, or related to, an incident exists, the WAFC may refer a Notice of Investigation to the Match Review Panel in accordance with Rule 6.6.1(a).

   f) Subject to (a) above, if no video or inconclusive video evidence of, or related to, an incident exists, the WAFC may:
      i. withdraw the Notice of Investigation; or
      ii. refer the Notice of Investigation directly (“direct referral”) to the WAFL Tribunal if the WAFC has a reasonable belief that a Reportable Offence has taken place.

   g) If the WAFC refers a Notice of Investigation directly to the WAFL Tribunal, the WAFC shall fix and give notice to the reported Person’s Club and any other Person or Club directly involved, of the date, time and place for the WAFL Tribunal hearing.

   h) If a Notice of Investigation proceeds to the WAFL Tribunal for hearing via Match Review Panel or direct referral by the WAFC in accordance with (e)-(f) above:
      i. The matter shall be presented on the official investigation form;
      ii. The WAFL Tribunal Secretary will submit:
         a. the Notice of Investigation from the WAFL Club or WAFL Umpires; and
         b. shall have no further input in the process.
      iii. Any video evidence and/or evidence submitted by the Player subject to the Notice of Investigation and any witnesses shall be heard by the WAFL Tribunal in determining the verdict and any subsequent penalty.

   i) Notwithstanding any of the above, the WAFC can initiate or dismiss a Notice of Investigation at any time.
6.5 Medical and Victim Impact Reports

a) All WAFL Clubs must submit a Form 35 (Victim Impact Report) relating to any Notice of Charge or Notice of Investigation to the WAFC by:
   i. no later than 9:00am on the first working day after the Match; or
   ii. any other time otherwise agreed at the discretion of the WAFC.

b) The WAFC, in its discretion, may request a Medical Report result from any incident occurring during any Match.

c) A Medical Report requested in accordance with (b) above, must be forwarded to the WAFC no later than Monday 7:00pm following the match.

d) Any failure to submit a Form 35 (Victim Impact Report) in accordance with (a) or a medical report in accordance with (b) will be referred to the WAFC and may result in the imposition of a penalty upon the relevant Club.

6.6 Match Review Panel

6.6.1 Composition of Match Review Panel

a) The WAFC may, from time to time, appoint persons to a body to be known as the Match Review Panel.

b) Any person appointed to the Match Review Panel shall be:
   i. a barrister or solicitor holding a current practicing certificate; or
   ii. a person who possesses sufficient knowledge of Australian football, as determined by the WAFC.

c) The Match Review Panel shall consist of:
   i. a Chairperson (Chairperson of the Match Panel Panel); and/or
   ii. up to two (2) Appeal Panel members.

d) The composition and members of the Match Review Panel shall be confirmed prior to the commencement of competition matches in any given season, with the exception of persons appointed to the Match Review Panel by the WAFC to fill any vacancies.

e) A member of the Match Review Panel may resign by providing notice in writing to the WAFC.

f) The WAFC may remove a person appointed to the Match Review Panel at any time in its absolute discretion.

6.6.2 Procedure of Match Review Panel

a) Any video footage captured by any WAFL Club, Partner Club or WAFL Standalone AFL Team must be provided upon request to the WAFC for the purpose of reviewing that video evidence in relation to a Notice of Charge, Notice of Investigation or any other incident as determined by the WAFC.

b) WAFL Clubs must do everything in their power to reasonably seek and obtain any video evidence relating to a Notice of Charge, Notice of Investigation or any other incident referred by the WAFC from any person upon request by the WAFC.

c) The Match Review Panel shall view all video evidence relating to a Notice of Charge, Notice of Investigation or any other incident referred by the WAFC, on the first working day following the match.
d) The Match Review Panel, in its discretion, may:
   i. refer to Medical and/or Victim Impact Reports provided in accordance with Rule 6.5; and/ or
   ii. contact the victim’s Club and request information concerning the extent of any injury suffered by the victim during the course of the Reportable Offence; and/ or
   iii. contact the Club or umpire whom the notice of charge or investigation was lodged by to gather evidence in relation to an alleged incident; and
   iv. use such information to determine a penalty, if necessary, which is consistent with previous, similar Reportable Offences.

e) In determining whether to issue a Notice of Charge and any related sanctions, the Match Review Panel must refer to Rule 6.12.3 and Rule 6.12.5.3.

f) Subject to (e) above, the Match Review Panel may issue sanctions including, but not limited to:
   i. reprimand;
   ii. fine; and/or
   iii. suspension.

g) If the Match Review Panel determines that an incident under review in accordance with (a) is a Reportable Offence, the Match Review Panel shall issue a Notice of Charge to the charged Person and that Person’s Club, as well as any other relevant Person involved in the incident.

h) A Notice of Charge issued in accordance with (e) shall include:
   i. an early plea penalty offer, which may be accepted, in accordance with Rule 6.6.3; and
   ii. an additional one week penalty for any Player previously found guilty of a Reportable Offence, in accordance with Rule 6.15.2(6.15.2.7).
   iv. unless the Reportable Offence is classified as a Direct Tribunal Offence, in accordance with Rule 6.15.4(6.15.4.1).

i) The Match Review Panel, in its discretion, may amend, issue or dismiss a Notice of Charge, Notice of Investigation or any other incident referred by the WAFC.

### 6.6.2.1 Appealing the Decision

a) A Club may lodge an appeal with the WAFC if the Club feels that a report has been wrongly withdrawn by the Match Review Panel.

b) Any Club may refer a protest regarding the non-passage of the report to the WAFL Tribunal by submitting:
   i. a written notice to the WAFC together with the sum of $500; and
   ii. issuing a copy of the complaint to the opposing Club by 5pm on the day of the initial decision.

c) Any protest made under this Rule shall be referred by the WAFC to the WAFL Tribunal.

d) Both Clubs shall be expected to attend the WAFL Tribunal however the report may be heard at a later date but no later than 8pm on a Thursday night immediately following the fixture which gave rise to the Club lodging the complaint.

e) The said sum of $500 shall be forfeited to the league upon dismissal of the protest by the WAFL Tribunal. The said amount shall be refunded if the protest or charge is upheld.
6.6.3 Person may enter early plea
   a) Subject to Rule 6.6.5, where a Person has received a Notice of Charge relating to a Reportable Offence in accordance with Rule 6.6.2(e), that Person may elect to plead guilty to the offence and accept the early guilty plea penalty offered by:
      i. no later than 9:00am on the day immediately following receipt of the Notice of Charge; or
      ii. any other time as agreed by the WAFC.
   b) The Football Operations Manager at the Club of the Charged Person shall be the contact in regard to any early penalty plea offers and any penalty accepted by him on behalf of the Charged Person.
   c) If the Charged Person accepts an early guilty plea penalty in accordance with (a) above, that penalty shall be applied and the Notice of Charge will not be referred to the WAFL Tribunal.

6.6.4 Where early plea not available
   a) Where the Match Review Panel or WAFC (as the case may be) determine, in its absolute discretion, that a Notice of Charge should be determined by the Tribunal without the Person having the option to enter an early plea, the Match Review Panel or WAFC shall provide written notification to that effect to the Person, in which case, the Person shall be dealt with by the Tribunal in accordance with Rule 6.6.5(a)(iii). This written notification shall specify relevant particulars of the alleged offence, but if the Player is charged with a Classifiable Offence under Rule 6.12, the written notification need not specify an offence classification under Rule 6.12.3.

6.6.5 Persons who do not accept and early plea, other persons and other reportable offences
   a) Subject to Rule 6.6.5(e), the WAFL Tribunal shall deal with the Notice of Charge where:
      i. a Person does not elect to accept an early plea penalty in accordance with Rule 6.6.3;
      ii. a Person other than a Person is the subject of the Notice of Charge; or
      iii. notification referred to in Rule 6.6.4 has been given by the Match Review Panel or WAFC.
   b) A Person who does not accept an early guilty plea penalty in accordance with (a)(i) shall not be entitled to any reduction in the penalty set out in the Notice of Charge, including but not limited to discounts based on the entering of the guilty plea.
   c) Should a Person plead guilty to a Reportable Offence subject to an alternative classification, and successfully contest the Notice of Charge at the Tribunal (such that the Tribunal determines to downgrade the charge), the Person will be entitled to receive a reduction in the sanction equivalent to the reduction obtained had the Player submitted an early guilty plea for that lesser offence.
   d) Upon receipt of the Notice of Charge, the WAFC shall fix and give notice to the reported Person’s Club and any other Person or Club directly involved, of the date, time and place for the Tribunal hearing.
   e) The WAFC may vary the date, time and place of hearing by notice in writing to the reported Person’s Club and any other relevant party.
f) Despite the other provisions within the Rule 6.6.5, where a Person does not elect to accept an early penalty plea, the WAFC may in its discretion apply a standard penalty without discount rather than directly referring the matter to a Tribunal hearing.

g) Where the notification referred to in Rule 6.6.4, has been given by the Match Review Panel or the Controlling Body, the Person the subject of the Notice of Charge shall be entitled to lodge a plea at the Tribunal hearing which may be considered by the Tribunal in the determination of any penalty.

6.7 Changes to Notice of Charge

a) Any Notice of Charge may be amended by the WAFC at or before a WAFL Tribunal hearing.
b) If the WAFC amends a Notice of Charge in accordance with (a) above, the WAFL Tribunal hearing on that amended Notice of Charge shall only proceed:
   i. at the discretion of the WAFL Tribunal Chairperson; and
   ii. where the facts relied upon are primarily the same as for the original charge. For example, an Umpire may make a mistake with the number of the Player.

c) Where there is a procedural irregularity in the making of a charge or any other matter, the Tribunal shall still hear and determine the matter unless it is of the opinion that the irregularity has caused or may cause injustice if the matter was heard.
d) Without limitation, the Chairperson may direct that a Notice of Charge be amended to ensure that a matter before the Tribunal is decided according to its merits and not on the basis of a technicality. The power to amend shall include the power to substitute another charge.
e) A decision of the Tribunal is not invalid because of any defect or irregularity in, or in connection with, the appointment of a Tribunal member.
f) The WAFL Tribunal may, in its discretion, find a Player guilty of a related or lesser Charge. For example, a Player could be found guilty of attempting to strike, kick or trip if found not guilty of striking, kicking or tripping.

6.8 WAFL Tribunals

a) The WAFC shall, from time to time, appoint persons to a disciplinary tribunal to be known as the WAFL Tribunal.
b) Any person appointed to the WAFL Tribunal shall:
   i. be a barrister or solicitor holding a current practicing certificate within an Australian jurisdiction; and/or
   ii. possess sufficient knowledge of Australian football, as determined by the WAFC.
c) The WAFL Tribunal Panel shall consist of:
   iii. a Chairperson (Chairperson of the Tribunal Panel); and/ or
   iv. up to two (2) Tribunal Panel members.
d) If the WAFL Tribunal consists of a Chairperson with one other person, either the Chairperson or the other person constituting the WAFL Tribunal must be a barrister or solicitor holding a current practicing certificate within an Australian jurisdiction.
e) Except where the WAFC otherwise determines, a person shall not be appointed to the WAFL Tribunal if that person:
   i. has been a member of a Board of Directors of a Club;
   ii. has been a Coach or Assistant or Specialist Coach of a Club;
iii. has been a Person of a Club; or
iv. has been an employee of the WAFC or a WAFL Club,
in the twelve (12) months preceding the appointment.

f) A member of the WAFL Tribunal shall serve a term of twelve (12) months in that position, unless:
   i. that member resigns by providing notice in writing to the WAFC; or
   ii. that member is removed by the WAFC at any time in its absolute discretion.

g) The WAFL Tribunal shall exercise the following functions and its decision shall be final:
   i. Hear all reports in respect of offences under the Laws of Australian Football except to the extent that these Rules and Regulations refer those matters to the WAFC, WAFL Arbitrator or Match Review Panel.
   ii. Re-open and re-hear any matter previously dealt with if the WAFL Tribunal in its discretion considers such a step justified;
   iii. Hear and determine any Charge or Protest referred or lodged pursuant to the WAFL Tribunal jurisdiction granted under these Rules and Regulations;
   iv. Impose such penalties authorised by these Rules and Regulations as it deems fit or it may give a caution. The range of penalties includes:
      a. reprimand
      b. fines; and
      c. suspension

h) Subject to section 6.8(i) where a charge is sustained in respect of a Reportable Offence, the Tribunal must apply the sanction applicable to the Reportable Offence as per Rule 6.12.3 and Rule 6.12.5.3 and complete the appropriate form.

i) The Tribunal may determine the appropriate sanction in its absolute discretion, without having regard to the sanctions referred to in Rule 6.12.3 and Rule 6.12.5.3 where there are exceptional and compelling circumstances which make it inappropriate or unreasonable to apply those sanctions. Exceptional and compelling circumstances will exist where (at the discretion of the Tribunal):
   i. a Player has a verifiable exemplary record;
   ii. a Reportable Offence was committed in response to provocation;
   iii. a Reportable Offence was committed in self-defence; or
   iv. there are multiple Reportable Offences arising from the same event or course of conduct.

j) The Tribunal is not obliged to give reasons for any decision made by it under these Rules.

6.8.1 Reporting Officer

a) Subject to section Error! Reference source not found., the Controlling Body may, from time to time and in its absolute discretion, appoint one or more Reporting Officers to:
   i. advise the Tribunal of the particulars of the charge or matter before it;
   ii. review Match footage;
   iii. make submissions in relation to the charge or matter;
   iv. respond to any matters put in defence;
   v. ask questions of any Person appearing before the Tribunal;
vi. call any Persons to give evidence as the Reporting Officer may consider necessary or desirable in the interests of general justice and fairness; and

vii. address the Tribunal by way of summing up prior to any final submissions of the advocate of any Person charged or otherwise appearing to be dealt with by the Tribunal and prior to the Tribunal retiring to consider its finding.

b) The Reporting Officer shall have the power to withdraw any charge or matter prior to or at any time during a hearing before the Tribunal.

c) The Reporting Officer shall have the power to withdraw any charge or matter prior to or at any time during a hearing before the Tribunal.

6.8.2 Timing and Location of the WAFL Tribunal

a) The WAFC shall, in all cases, be satisfied that the relevant Rules and Regulations have been complied with before submitting a Protest, Charge or any other matter for the hearing and determination of the WAFL Tribunal.

b) The WAFL Tribunal shall meet to consider any Notice of Charge or Notice of Investigation at a time convenient to the WAFL Tribunal and any other parties involved, subject to its absolute discretion.

c) Any WAFL Tribunal hearing convened in accordance with (b) shall be held:
   i. by no later than 10pm on the Wednesday night following the event giving rise to the Notice of Charge or Notice of Investigation; or
   ii. by no later than 8pm on the Thursday night immediately following the event giving rise to the Notice of Charge or Notice of Investigation, if referred to the WAFL Tribunal in accordance with Rule 6.8.

d) The WAFL Tribunal shall meet to consider any matter other than a Notice of Charge or Notice of Investigation at a time convenient to the WAFL Tribunal and any other parties involved, so long as such a meeting shall be held within a reasonable time of the matter having been referred to the WAFL Tribunal.

e) Any WAFL Tribunal hearing shall be held at a place designated by the WAFC unless the WAFL Tribunal dealing with that particular matter directs some other place of hearing and reasonable notice of such place is given to the parties involved.

f) A WAFL Tribunal hearing may be adjourned to another time and place, reasonable notice of which shall be given to the parties involved.

6.8.3 Attendance at WAFL Tribunal hearing

a) An Umpire who lodges a Notice of Charge against any Player or Official of a Club shall attend the WAFL Tribunal hearing of that Charge.

b) Any Person of any Club against whom a Notice of Charge has been lodged shall attend the WAFL Tribunal hearing of that Charge.

c) Any Person of any Club against whom an offence has been committed in respect of which a Notice of Charge has been lodged shall attend the WAFL Tribunal hearing of that Charge.

d) The WAFL Tribunal may, of its own motion, or at the request of any party to a matter before it, require the attendance at a WAFL Tribunal hearing of:
   i. any Person of a Club; and/or
   ii. any Umpire,
   and such Player, Official and/or Umpire shall attend as required.
e) If one or more Persons does not attend the scheduled WAFL Tribunal hearing:
   i. the WAFL Tribunal hearing may be postponed to another time, date and/or place; and
   ii. the offending persons may be charged under Rule 6.10.

f) The WAFL Tribunal, in its discretion, may allow the attendance of other persons to witness the WAFL Tribunal procedures.

6.8.4 Evidence at WAFL Tribunal hearing
   a) A WAFL Tribunal may, for its purposes, rely on such evidence as it thinks fit and in particular, may admit videos and other writings as well as verbal evidence.
   b) No member of the WAFL Tribunal may preview any video of incidents relating to a matter prior to a WAFL Tribunal hearing.
   c) Any Person required to attend a WAFL Tribunal hearing in accordance with Rule 6.8.2 shall give evidence if requested by the WAFL Tribunal.

6.8.5 Representation at WAFL Tribunal hearing
   a) The WAFC may be represented by an advocate selected at their sole discretion at any WAFL Tribunal, including but not limited to a barrister, solicitor or agent.
   b) Except where otherwise determined by the WAFC, at any hearing before the WAFL Tribunal, a Person charged with a Reportable Offence may:
      i. appear in person; and
      ii. be represented by a barrister, solicitor or agent.
   c) Where the Person charged with a reportable offence is under the age of 16 years, the person may be represented by a parent or guardian.
   d) A Person other than a Person charged with a Reportable Offence, who is required to appear before a WAFL Tribunal hearing may be accompanied and represented at the proceeding by a representative of their Club or the organisation to which they belong.
   e) Where the Chairperson is of the opinion that a Person or representative of a Person appearing before the Tribunal has failed to observe directions of the Tribunal or otherwise acted in a contumacious, irresponsible or discourteous manner, the Chairperson may dismiss the Person or Person’s representative and, if appropriate, adjourn the proceedings to enable the Person to obtain fresh representation.

6.8.6 Procedure for Advocates
   a) The duties of any Advocate appearing in accordance with Rule 6.8.5 shall perform the following duties:
      i. Arrange for the charged Player and/or Official, and any witnesses to be present at the WAFL Tribunal hearing at the time and location determined in accordance with Rule 6.8.2;
      ii. Prior to the WAFL Tribunal hearing, assist the charged Player and/or Official, and any witnesses to prepare their account of the incident;
      iii. Make submissions on penalty if the Charge is upheld.
   b) An Advocate appearing in accordance with Rule 6.8.5 shall not be permitted to:
      i. ask questions or cross-examine the Charged Player, Official, and any witness,
including Umpires;
ii. make submissions as to guilt or otherwise.
c) Any matter that an Advocate may think is relevant for the purpose of cross-examination of a witness is to be referred to the WAFL Tribunal Chairperson who, in their discretion, may raise the issue with the witness.

6.8.7 Structure of WAFL Tribunal hearing
a) Any hearing of the WAFL Tribunal shall consist of:
   i. A full bench of the WAFL Tribunal;
   ii. A WAFC representative;
   iii. The reporting Umpires/s unless not required
   iv. The Charged Person/s and their Club delegate;
   v. Representatives of the Charged Person/s, including an Advocate;
   vi. The Person offended against unless not required, and their Club delegate;
   vii. Any other person invited to present by the Clubs provided they gain the permission of the WAFL Tribunal Chairperson, in conjunction with the WAFC.

6.8.8 Role of WAFC representative
a) The role of the WAFC representative in attendance at the WAFL Tribunal will be to:
   i. Act as Secretary to the WAFL Tribunal; and
   ii. Advise the WAFL Tribunal as to the prior record of the Charged Person and provide appropriate paper work including the outcome of the Match Review Panel and available technical support for the operation of video evidence or teleconference calls.
   iii. Advise on the Application of the penalty.

6.8.9 WAFL Tribunal penalties
a) The Classification Table provided under Rule 6.15.3 shall be used to assess and deliver all penalties.
b) The WAFL Tribunal may, in its discretion, determine penalties with regard to the following issues:
   i. Careless acts will form the lower end of the penalty scale with penalties increasing as the intent increases;
   ii. The degree of force used will influence the penalty with regard to any potential for injury; and
   iii. The resulting injury will also be taken into account when determining the penalty.
c) All Persons and Clubs should note that penalties for acts deemed intentional shall be severe.
d) Penalties issued for second or subsequent offences, particularly within the same season, will be greater than if it were a first offence.
e) The WAFC will summon any Person who has been charged to appear before the WAFL Tribunal or has been sanctioned by the Match Review Panel for classifiable offences on three occasions in one season to explain their conduct at a meeting.
f) If a Person is charged to appear before the WAFL Tribunal or has been sanctioned by the Match
Review Panel for classifiable offences on at least three occasions in one season, the WAFC may, in its discretion, terminate that Person’s registration with immediate effect.

6.8.10 Application of suspension

a) A Person who has been suspended or disqualified by the WAFL Tribunal, Match Review Panel and/or WAFC shall be ineligible for selection in an official WAFL competition.

b) Pursuant to (a) above, a Person who has been suspended or disqualified would be ineligible for interstate, intercity or special matches, nor would such suspension or disqualification be affected in any way by those matches.

c) If Persons, particularly young Persons, are selected in competition/s other than the WAFL competition, including but not limited to School or Representative team matches, these matches must be taken into account in the serving of the Person’s suspension, provided these matches are brought to the attention of the WAFL Tribunal Chairperson at the WAFL Tribunal hearing.

d) Where a suspension applies into WAFL finals matches of the current season, the WAFL Tribunal Chairperson must indicate which matches will apply to serve the suspension, particularly where a Person’s Club may be playing in a grade other than the Person’s regular grade. Normally, if the playing history of a Player indicates that he does not usually play in the other grade, then that match would not count as a match in which to serve a suspension, be this a higher or lower grade.

6.8.11 Person Suspension

a) A Person who is suspended or disqualified by the Tribunal shall serve such suspension or disqualification in the grade in which they participated immediately prior to such suspension or disqualification.

b) If any Person participates in another association whether affiliated or not, whilst still under suspension, that Person’s original penalty will automatically be doubled.

c) Any AFL Player suspended by either the AFL or WAFL Tribunal shall serve their suspension in accordance with the WAFC Player Agreement in force at the particular time of the suspension.

d) Unless otherwise specified by the WAFL Tribunal in exceptional circumstances, where a Person is suspended or disqualified by the tribunal, such suspension or disqualification shall apply to all Australian football competition matches, subject to Rule 6.9.8(e) below. For the avoidance of doubt:

i. a Person suspended in a previous season cannot serve their suspension in any pre-season fixtures or off-season fixtures;

ii. a Person suspended in a junior competition graduating to a senior competition shall serve their suspension in their new grade;

iii. a Person transferring from another league shall carry any suspension with them; and

iv. a Person suspended during a split round cannot serve their suspension in the same round in another grade

e) A Person suspended or disqualified by the Tribunal may still participate in practice/ training matches with his registered Club however such Matches will not be counted as a part of the Person’s suspension or disqualification.

f) Any Player who has been:

i. found guilty of a Reportable Offence; and
ii. served a suspension,
iii. shall be ineligible to win the Competition medals for best Player in any grade for the year in which they were suspended. Note, this provision relates exclusively to suspensions, and not fines.
g) Where a suspension applies to finals matches during the current season, the WAFL Tribunal Chairperson must be specific as to which finals matches and grades will be included in the penalty.

6.8.12 Guidelines for WAFL Tribunal Proceedings
a) A WAFL Tribunal hearing may proceed in accordance with the following guidelines:
   i. The WAFL Tribunal Chairperson invites the Charged Person and their Advocate, and the Umpire making the charge with their Advocate, into the hearing. The only other person in the room should be the WAFL Tribunal Secretary unless other observers have been permitted entry in accordance with Rule 6.8.3(f);
   ii. The WAFL Tribunal Chairperson reads the Charge and asks for the Person’s plea;
   iii. The WAFL Tribunal Chairperson asks the Umpire/s to outline the Charge. The Umpire/s can be questioned by:
       a. the WAFL Tribunal Chairperson; and
       b. the Charged Person’s Advocate through the chair;
   iv. The WAFL Tribunal Chairperson views any video evidence. This will be supplied by the WAFC and will also include any circumstantial vision surrounding the incident, even if incident itself is not visible;
   v. The Umpire/s may be asked to provide further evidence relating to the Charge;
   vi. The Person offended against, as defined by Rule 6.8.7 (a)(vi), is invited into the hearing after the video evidence has been viewed;
   vii. The WAFL Tribunal Chairperson asks for the version of events from the Person offended against or in the case of a guilty plea, the extent of that Person’s injury caused by the Charged Person’s action;
   viii. The Person offended against can be questioned by:
       a. the WAFL Tribunal Chairperson; and
       b. the Charged Person’s Advocate through the chair;
   ix. The Person offended against is asked to leave the hearing;
   x. The WAFL Tribunal Chairperson asks for the Charged Person’s evidence;
   xi. The Charged Person’s Advocate may call witnesses and offer other evidence if required. Witnesses can be questioned by those in attendance through the chair;
   xii. The WAFL Tribunal Chairperson asks for summary comments from the Charged Person’s Advocate;
   xiii. The WAFL Tribunal Chairperson may ask all persons to leave the room;
   xiv. The WAFL Tribunal deliberates and determines whether the Charge is sustained or dismissed;
   xv. If previously asked to leave the room, the Charged Person returns to the room with their Advocate;
   xvi. The WAFL Tribunal Chairperson seeks the Charged Person’s history from the Charged Person’s Advocate and any argument towards penalty. Information in
relation to the application of the penalty should be taken at this time;

xvii. The WAFL Tribunal Chairperson confirms Charged Person’s history from WAFL Tribunal Secretary;

xviii. The WAFL Tribunal Chairperson announces penalty.

b) In the event that the Person offended against is to be dealt with pursuant to conduct under Rule 6.2; that Person shall be asked to remain outside of the hearing and be dealt with at the conclusion of that hearing.

6.10 Obligations of Persons Attending the WAFL Tribunal

a) Any person shall be deemed to have failed in their obligations to the WAFL Tribunal in accordance with this Rule, if that person:
   i. fails to fully cooperate with the WAFL Tribunal,
   ii. fails to attend a hearing of the WAFL Tribunal as required and does not show good cause for such failure; or
   iii. failed to truthfully answer any questions asked by the Reporting Officer or the Tribunal; or
   iv. failed to provide any document in that Person’s possession or control relevant to the matter to be determined by the Tribunal following a request by the Tribunal; or
   v. makes any false or misleading statement or makes a statement or acts in a manner calculated to or which is likely to mislead; or
   vi. acts in an unreasonable manner while attending a hearing of the WAFL Tribunal.

   The Person shall be dealt with by the Tribunal as it, in its absolute discretion, thinks fit.

b) Any person who fails to comply with Rule 6.10(a) shall be guilty of misconduct and incur:
   i. suspension or disqualification as a Player and/or official; or
   ii. a fine not exceeding $1,000.

c) A Person, as defendant or witness, may only be excused from attendance at the WAFL Tribunal under exceptional circumstances. Clubs should contact the WAFC to offer the circumstances and gain an exemption from attending in consultation with the WAFL Tribunal Chairperson. In such cases, a telephone link may be established by the Person unable to attend and the WAFL Tribunal as it sits.

6.11 Prohibited Conduct

a) A Person who has been issued with a Notice of Charge, or any Person acting on behalf or in concert with a Person who has been issued with a Notice of Charge, shall not contact or procure another to contact a Person who is or ought reasonably to be regarded as a Person required to give evidence before the Tribunal, where that contact is intended to or may otherwise mislead the Tribunal or unfairly affect the conduct of the Tribunal hearing.

b) No Person shall publicly comment on:
   i. the contents of a Notice of Charge prior to the conclusion of any determination by the Tribunal and/or completion of the matter, as the case may be; or
   ii. a Notice of Investigation and any matter touching upon or concerning an Investigation under these Guidelines, until completion of such investigation and/or relevant determination by the Tribunal,

   unless the Person establishes, to the reasonable satisfaction of the WAFC, that such public
comment was not intended to influence or affect the conduct of the Tribunal hearing or the process of the investigation, as the case may be.

c) A Person who contravenes this Rule shall:
   i. be deemed to have engaged in conduct which is unbecoming and prejudicial to the interests of a just and fair hearing; and
   ii. be dealt with by the WAFC as it, in its absolute discretion, thinks fit.

6.12 Sanction on Club
a) In addition to any sanction or determination made in respect of a Person under section 6.11, the WAFC may impose a sanction on that Person’s Club as they in their absolute discretion think fit, except where the Club satisfies the Tribunal that the conduct of the Person was not entered into with the consent, acquiescence or knowledge of the Club.

6.13 Criticism of Tribunal Decision
a) No Person or Club shall make any unfair, unreasonable or excessive public criticism of a Tribunal decision or of any Tribunal Member or any other matter touching or concerning the Tribunal or a determination made by it.

b) The Controlling Body shall determine in its absolute discretion in any case, whether any public criticism is unfair, unreasonable or excessive.

c) Where the WAFC determines that any public criticism is unfair, unreasonable or excessive, the WAFC may impose a sanction in its absolute discretion.

d) Where a Person contravenes this Rule, the Person’s Club may also be liable to a sanction at the discretion of the WAFC.

6.14 WAFL Tribunal Appeal Rules
6.14.1 Composition of Appeal Panel
a) The WAFC shall, from time to time, appoint persons to a disciplinary tribunal to be known as the WAFL Appeal Panel.

b) The Appeal Panel shall consist of:
   i. a Chairperson (Chairperson of the Appeal Panel); and
   ii. up to two (2) Appeal Panel members.

c) Any person appointed to the WAFL Appeal Panel shall:
   i. be a barrister or solicitor holding a current practicing certificate within an Australian jurisdiction; and/or
   ii. possess sufficient knowledge of Australian football, as determined by the WAFC.

d) If the WAFL Appeal Panel consists of at least two members, one of those members must be a barrister or solicitor holding a current practicing certificate within an Australian jurisdiction.

e) Any Appeal Panel member, who has been appointed a member of the Tribunal Panel and who did not comprise the Tribunal for the matter that is subject of the appeal, shall be eligible for selection for the appeal hearing.

f) Except where the WAFC otherwise determines, a person shall not be appointed to the WAFL Appeal Panel if that person has been:
i. a member of a Board of Directors of a Club;
ii. a Coach or Assistant or Specialist Coach of a Club;
iii. a Person of a Club;
iv. an employee of the WAFC or a Club; or
v. serving on the WAFL Tribunal,
vi. in the twelve (12) months preceding the appointment.

g) A member of the WAFL Appeal Panel shall serve a term of twelve (12) months in that position, unless:
i. that member resigns by providing notice in writing to the WAFC; or
ii. that member is removed by the WAFC at any time in its absolute discretion.

6.14.2 Representation

a) At any hearing before the Appeal Board a Person may:
i. appear in person; and/or
ii. be represented by a barrister, solicitor or agent on such terms, if any, as the Chairperson directs;

b) Where the Chairperson is of the opinion that a Person or representative of a Person appearing before the Appeal Board has failed to observe directions of the Appeal Board or otherwise acted in a contumacious, irresponsible or discourteous manner, the Chairperson may dismiss the Person or Person’s representative and if appropriate, adjourn the proceedings to enable the Person to obtain fresh representation:

6.14.2 Notice of Appeal

a) Except where otherwise determined by the WAFC, a Person found guilty of a Reportable Offence by the Tribunal, or the WAFC may only appeal to the Appeal Board in respect of a decision made by the Tribunal under these Rules on one or more of the following grounds:
i. that the decision was so unreasonable that no Tribunal acting reasonably could have come to that decision having regard to the evidence before it;
ii. the classification of the level of the offence was manifestly excessive or inadequate; or
iii. that the sanction imposed was manifestly excessive or inadequate, (each, a Ground)

b) An appeal under these rules must be lodged with the WAFC by notice in writing from the Chief Executive Officer of the Club of the Person against whom the penalty was imposed.

c) An application for appeal must be:
i. lodged by no later than 5:00pm on the day following the decision of the WAFL Tribunal with a duly completed Notice of Appeal in the form prescribed by the WAFC; and
ii. accompanied by a $1,000 bond, which will only be refunded if the appeal is upheld and the penalty reduced.

d) The WAFC shall fix a date, time and place for the hearing before the Appeals Panel, as soon as practicable after the lodgement of the application for appeal, and shall advise all parties interested in the appeal of those particulars.

e) The Appeal Panel may, at any time prior to the hearing, vary the date, time or place specified in the Notice of Appeal and upon doing so shall, as soon as practicable, provide all parties interested in the appeal with written notice of such variation.
6.14.3 Operation of WAFL Appeal Panel

a) The role of the WAFL Appeals Panel is to review a penalty imposed by the WAFL Tribunal.

b) The WAFL Appeal Panel may, in its discretion, determine whether it is appropriate to:
   i. reduce the initial penalty;
   ii. overturn the initial penalty; or
   iii. uphold the initial penalty.

c) In order to succeed, the Appellant must satisfy the WAFL Appeal Panel that:
   i. the type of penalty is wrong; or
   ii. the amount or length of the penalty is manifestly excessive in the circumstances.

d) The WAFL Appeal Panel shall exercise its discretion as to whether there is a need to reconsider the evidence given at the initial WAFL Tribunal hearing.

e) The WAFL Appeal Panel shall not allow any new evidence to be given at the hearing of the appeal unless it is satisfied that such evidence was not reasonable available at the initial hearing before the WAFL Tribunal.

f) The Appellant’s Clubs is required to produce all evidence including video evidence upon which it proposes to rely at the appeal hearing.
6.15 Reportable Offences

6.15.1 Application

This section provides some guidelines as to the different categories of Reportable Offences and the appropriate sanctions and courses of action in respect of such offences. These guidelines are designed primarily to be used by a Match Review Panel (or some other person or persons responsible for assessing a report or referral to determine the appropriate sanction or course of action prior to any Tribunal involvement) (Panel) at the discretion of that Panel. Where there is no Panel, the Tribunal shall adopt these guidelines in assessing the particular alleged offence and appropriate sanctions for such an offence.

6.15.2 Classifiable Offences

6.15.2.1 Which Reportable Offences are Classifiable Offences?

a) Classifiable Offences are those Reportable Offences (specified in the table below) which may be graded by a Panel in order to determine an appropriate base sanction for that offence.

Classifiable Offences
Charging
Unreasonable or Unnecessary Contact to the Eye Region
Forceful Front-On Contact
Headbutt or Contact Using Head
Kicking
Kneeing
Rough Conduct
Scratching
Striking
Tripping
Unreasonable or Unnecessary Contact to the Face

6.15.2.2 Grading Classifiable Offences

a) A Panel may grade Classifiable Offences in accordance with the tables contained in Rule 6.15.3 and Rule 6.15.5.3.

b) A Panel may at its absolute discretion determine that the offence ought to be referred directly to the Tribunal on the basis that it is a Classifiable Offence which attracts a base sanction that the Panel finds inappropriate (see Direct Tribunal Offences as per Rule 6.12.4).

6.15.2.3 Conduct (Intentional, Careless)

a) **Intentional Conduct** - A Player intentionally commits a Classifiable Offence if the Player engages in the conduct constituting the Reportable Offence with the intention of committing that offence.

b) An intention is a state of mind. Intention may be formed on the spur of the moment. The issue is whether it existed at the time at which the Player engaged in the conduct.
c) Whether or not a Player intentionally commits a Reportable Offence depends upon the state of mind of the Player when he or she does the act with which they are charged. What the Player did is often the best evidence of the purpose they had in mind. In some cases, the evidence that the act provides may be so strong as to compel an inference of what their intent was, no matter what they may say about it afterwards. If the immediate consequence of an act is obvious and inevitable, the deliberate doing of the act carries with it evidence of an intention to produce the consequence. For example, a strike will be regarded as Intentional where a Player delivers a blow to an opponent with the intention of striking them.

d) The state of a Player’s mind is an objective fact and has to be proved in the same way as other objective facts. The whole of the relevant evidence has to be considered. If the matter is heard by the Tribunal, the Tribunal will weigh the evidence of the Player as to what their intentions were along with whatever inference as to their intentions can be drawn from their conduct or other relevant facts. The Player may or may not be believed by the Tribunal. Notwithstanding what the Player says, the Tribunal may be able to conclude from the whole of the evidence that the Player intentionally committed the act constituting the Reportable Offence.

e) Careless Conduct: A Player’s conduct will be regarded as ‘Careless conduct’ where it constitutes a breach of the duty of care owed by the Player to all other Players.

f) Each Player owes a duty of care to all other Players, Umpires and other persons (as applicable) not to engage in conduct which will constitute a Reportable Offence being committed against that other Player, Umpire or other person (as applicable)

g) In order to constitute such a breach of that duty of care, the conduct must be such that a reasonable Player would not regard it as prudent in all the circumstances.

h) A Player will be careless if they breach their duty to take reasonable care to avoid acts which can be reasonably foreseen to result in a Reportable Offence.

6.15.2.4 Impact (Low, Medium, High or Severe)

a) In determining the level of impact, regard will be had to several factors:
   i. Firstly, consideration will be given to the extent of force and in particular, any injury sustained by the Player who was offended against;
   ii. Secondly, strong consideration will be given to the potential to cause injury, particularly in the following cases:
      a. intentional head-high strikes, such as those with a swinging clenched fist, raised forearm or elbow;
      b. high bumps, particularly with significant head contact and/or Player momentum;
      c. any head-high contact with a Player who has his head over the ball, particularly when contact is made from an opponent approaching a front-on position;
      d. forceful round arm swings that make head-high contact to a Player in a marking contest, ruck contest or when tackling;
      e. spear tackles; and
      f. driving an opponent into the ground when his arms are pinned.
   iii. Thirdly, consideration will be given not only to the impact between the offending Player and the victim Player, but also any other impact to the victim Player as a result of such impact.
b) The absence of injury does not preclude the classification of impact as Severe.

c) In addition, consideration will be given to the body language of the offending Player in terms of flexing, turning, raising or positioning the body to either increase or reduce the force of impact.

d) Low impact (which is the minimum impact required for a Classifiable Offence to constitute a Reportable Offence) requires more than just a negligible impact.

6.15.2.5 Victim Impact

a) In addition to the above, the following table provides a summary of applicable base level impact guidelines for Low, Medium, High & Severe Impact incidents:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Impact</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Low</td>
<td>Minimal or no impact on the match - the Player continued to play the majority of the match and suffered no or minimal ongoing issues.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Continued playing with no attention from trainers;</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Left ground received minimal treatment and returned to play;</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Left the ground due to blood rule and returned after minimal interruption and treatment.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>Clearly some impact on the Player, and / or the Player left the field for a lengthy period of time, and/ or some possible lower level ongoing treatment(s) required.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Left ground aided by training staff, received treatment and returned after an extended period of match time;</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Left ground to receive treatment from training or medical staff to be able to return i.e. stitches/significant bandaging;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Left the ground on a stretcher and returned to play after the 20 minute time period</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Left the ground but will be available for selection next week.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>High</td>
<td>Major impact on the Player, and / or the Player was unable to participate in the remainder of the game, and / or major ongoing issues that require medical intervention and / or may miss some matches</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Continued to play but received medical treatment post-match and may be unavailable for selection;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Took no further part in the match and will be unavailable for selection next week.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Severe</td>
<td>Major impact and serious injury to the Player, and / or likely to miss a significant number of matches</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Took no further part in the match and will be unavailable for selection for multiple weeks.</td>
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</table>

Note – These are base level impact guidelines. The impact can be raised under the potential to cause serious injury at the absolute discretion of the Match Review Panel or WAFL Tribunal. The italic text is supplied by the AFL State and Territory Tribunal Guidelines.

6.15.2.6 Contact (High/Groin, Body)

a) High contact is not limited to contact to the head and includes contact above the shoulders.

b) Contact to the Groin includes contact to the crease or hollow at the junction of the inner part of each thigh with the trunk together with the adjacent region and including the testicles.

c) Where contact is both High and to the Body, the Match Review Panel will classify the contact as High.

d) Contact shall be classified as High or to the Groin where a Player’s head or groin makes contact with another Player or object such as the fence or the ground as a result of the actions of the offending Player. By way of example, should a Player tackle another Player around the waist and as a result of the tackle, the tackled Player’s head made forceful contact with the fence or the ground the contact in these circumstances would be classified as High, even though the tackle was to the body.
6.15.2.7 **Impact of a Bad Record on Classifiable Offences**

a) The sanction for Classifiable Offences will not usually be automatically increased where a Player has a bad record.

b) However, where a Player has been found or pleaded guilty to two low-level Classifiable Offences within a 12 month period (those Classifiable Offences with a base sanction of 1 match as per the classification table in section 6.15.3.)

   i. any third or subsequent low-level Classifiable Offence within the same 12 month period (as at the date of the offence) will result in a base sanction of 2 matches, with the Player able to accept 1 match with an early guilty plea

c) For the avoidance of doubt:

   i. the Low-level Offences referred to in Rule 6.15.5 will not be affected by the above bad record provisions.

d) A Panel also has the discretion pursuant to section 6.6.4 to directly refer a Player to the Tribunal in their absolute discretion, which includes as a result of a bad record. In this instance the Tribunal will not be bound by the classification table in section 6.15.3 and will be at large in relation to penalty. Evidence in relation to the record of a Player can be tendered to the Tribunal without the leave of the Chair.

6.15.2.8 **Reductions in base sanction for an early guilty plea**

a) The base sanction for Classifiable Offences will be subsequently decreased where a Player submits an early guilty plea. As per the Classification Table in Rule 6.15.3:

   i. An early guilty plea in respect of a Classifiable Offence with a fixed base sanction of two, three or four matches will result in a one-match reduction in the suspension; and

   ii. An early guilty plea in respect of a Classifiable Offence with a base sanction of one match will result in a reprimand and/or fine.

6.15.2.9 **No Automatic reduction for Good Record**

a) Players do not receive an automatic reduced base sanction for a good record. However, if a Classifiable Offence is contested or referred to the Tribunal, a Player with an exemplary record at senior level football could argue it constitutes exceptional and compelling circumstances, (which would make it inappropriate to apply the sanctions in section 6.15.3 to the determined classification). In such circumstances, the Tribunal would determine the appropriate sanction in its absolute discretion.

6.15.2.10 **Multiple Offences in a Single Match**

a) Where a Player is found guilty of multiple Reportable Offences from a single match, the individual penalties are added together to form the final penalty to the Player.
### 6.15.3 Classification Table

a) A Panel may grade Classifiable Offences in accordance with the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Conduct</th>
<th>Impact</th>
<th>Contact</th>
<th>Base Sanction</th>
<th>Early Guilty Plea</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Intentional</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>High/Groin</td>
<td>5+ Matches (Tribunal)</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Body</td>
<td>4+ Matches (Tribunal)</td>
<td>N/A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Severe</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>High/Groin</td>
<td>4 Matches</td>
<td>3 Matches</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Body</td>
<td>3 Matches</td>
<td>2 Matches</td>
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<tr>
<td>High</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>High/Groin</td>
<td>3 Matches</td>
<td>2 Matches</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Body</td>
<td>2 Matches</td>
<td>1 Match</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>Low</td>
<td>High/Groin</td>
<td>2 Matches</td>
<td>1 Match</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>Body</td>
<td>1 Match</td>
<td>Fine &amp; / or Reprimand</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Low</td>
<td></td>
<td>High/Groin</td>
<td>1 Match</td>
<td>Reprimand</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>Body</td>
<td>1 Match</td>
<td>Reprimand</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Careless</strong></td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>High/Groin</td>
<td>4+ Matches (Tribunal)</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Body</td>
<td>3+ Matches (Tribunal)</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Severe</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>High/Groin</td>
<td>3 Matches</td>
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<td>Body</td>
<td>1 Match</td>
<td>Reprimand</td>
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6.15.4 Direct Tribunal Offences

6.15.4.1 Which Reportable Offences are Direct Tribunal Offences?

a) Direct Tribunal Offences are those Reportable Offences (specified in the table below) which are referred by a Panel (or otherwise) directly to the Tribunal for determination without grading (i.e. without an assessment of the offence using the Classification Table):

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Direct Tribunal Offences</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Attempting to Strike an Umpire</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Behaving in an Abusive, Insulting, Threatening or Obscene Manner Towards or in Relation to an Umpire</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eye Gouging</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Intentional Contact with an Umpire</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spitting on Another Person</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spitting on or at an Umpire</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stomping</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Striking an Umpire</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Any Classifiable Offence or Low-Level Offence which Attracts a Base Sanction that a Panel Finds Inappropriate</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Any Other Act of Serious Misconduct which the Panel Considers Appropriate to Refer to the Tribunal</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

6.15.4.2 Determination of Direct Tribunal Offences

a) The Tribunal will determine Direct Tribunal Offences (as with any other Reportable Offence) in accordance with Rule 6.9.
6.15.5 Low-level Offences

6.15.5.1 What Reportable Offences are Low-level Offences?

a) Low-level Offences are the following low-level Reportable Offences which do not require classification:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Low-level Offences</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Attempt to Strike / Kick / Trip</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Careless Contact with an Umpire</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disputing Decision</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Instigator of a Melee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interfering with a Player Kicking for Goal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unreasonable or Unnecessary Contact with an Injured Player</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unreasonable or Unnecessary Contact with an Umpire</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Engaging in a Melee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not Leaving the Playing Surface</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Obscene Gesture</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pinching</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prohibited Boots, Jewellery or Equipment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shaking Goal Post</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spitting at Another Player</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Staging</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Striking</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Time Wasting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Using Abusive, Insulting or Obscene Language Towards or in Relation to an Umpire</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Using Abusive, Insulting or Obscene Language</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wrestling</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Any Other Act of Low-Level Misconduct which is not a Classifiable Offence or Direct Tribunal Offence</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

6.15.5.2 Sanctions for Low-level Offences

a) Low-level Offences attract the base sanctions (with a reduced sanction for an early guilty plea) from WAFC as set out in the table below.

b) A reference to second and subsequent Low-level Offences is a reference to a second or subsequent Low-level Offence occurring at any time in the previous 12 months (as at the date of the current offence).

c) The second or subsequent Low-level Offence need not be the same offence as the first Low-level Offence.

d) For the avoidance of doubt, a prior offence other than a Low-level Offence this will not count as a first offence for the purposes of the above table.
6.15.5.3 Table of Low-level Offences

The following tables of sanctions relate to Rule 6.15.5.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>First Low-level Offence</th>
<th>Second Low-level Offence</th>
<th>Third and Subsequent Low-level Offences</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Base Sanction</td>
<td>Early Guilty Plea</td>
<td>Base Sanction</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 Match</td>
<td>Reprimand</td>
<td>Early Guilty</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>2 Matches</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

6.15.7 Competition Fairest and Best Eligibility

a) Players who serve a 1 Match sanction or greater are ineligible to win the Sandover, Prendergast and/or Jack Clarke Medals.

b) For the avoidance of doubt, any player who receives a reprimand of financial sanction remains eligible.

6.15.8 Grand Final

a) The Panel or Tribunal (as applicable) has the right to apply (in its absolute discretion) a loading of up to 100% for any Reportable Offence committed during a Grand Final. Reportable Offences

6.15.9 Reportable Offences

The Laws of Australian Football sets out a non-exhaustive list of specific Reportable Offences in Law 19.2.2 as well as providing for various categories of permitted contact which shall not constitute a Reportable Offence (for example legally using a hip, shoulder, chest, arms or open arms, providing the football is no more than five metres away, and contact which is incidental to a marking contest where a Player is legitimately marking or attempting to mark the football).

The Laws define certain offences such as Charging and Engaging in a Melee, however, they provide that in interpreting Reportable Offences, words, terms or phrases which are not defined in the Laws shall be given their ordinary meaning.

The following provides some further guidance in relation to what constitutes particular Reportable Offences.

6.15.9.1 Striking, Kicking

a) Striking and kicking are interpreted in accordance with their commonly understood meaning.

A strike would usually be by hand, arm or elbow and would generally not apply to other contact using the body. A kick is generally applied to contact by foot or leg.

b) Under the Classifiable Offences, a strike or kick requires more than negligible impact.

c) Where a strike, for example, does not have more than negligible impact, it is still open to a Panel to charge a Player with Striking under the Low-Level Offences table where it is satisfied that notwithstanding the result, the intention was to commit a Reportable Offence.

d) Where no contact is made, a Panel can charge a Player with an Attempt to Strike or Kick, which are also Low-Level Offences.
6.15.9.2 Classification of Certain Strikes

a) For the purpose of these Rules, all Persons should note that the following factors are considered when determining the classification of a Striking offence:

i. **Intent**: Notwithstanding any other part of these Guidelines, the fact that an act of striking occurred behind the play or off the ball or during a break in play or with a raised forearm or elbow is usually consistent with the strike being intentional.

ii. **Impact**: Notwithstanding any other part of these guidelines, any Careless or Intentional strike which is of an inherently dangerous kind and/or where there is a potential to cause serious injury (such as a strike with a raised elbow or forearm) will usually not be classified as “Low Impact” even though the extent of the actual physical impact may be low. Such strikes will usually be classified at a higher level commensurate with the nature and extent of the risk of serious injury involved.

6.15.9.3 Misconduct

Misconduct has a wide meaning and generally is any conduct which would be regarded as unacceptable or unsportsmanlike by other participants in the match or where it had the effect or potential to prejudice the reputation of any person, Club or the WAFC or to bring the game of football into disrepute.

a) Serious misconduct offences will be referred directly to the Tribunal.

b) Any other act of Misconduct will be subject to a Low-Level Offence to be determined by the Match Review Panel.

6.15.9.4 Forceful Front-On Contact

a) Bumping or making forceful contact to an opponent from front-on when that opponent has his head down over the ball is a Reportable Offence. Unless Intentional, such actions will be deemed to be Careless, unless:

i. the Player was contesting the ball and did not have a realistic alternative way to contest the ball; or

ii. the bump or forceful contact was caused by circumstances outside the control of the Player which could not reasonably be foreseen.

b) A Player can bump an opponent’s body from side-on but any contact forward of side-on will be deemed to be front-on.

c) A Player with his head down in anticipation of winning possession of the ball or after contesting the ball will be deemed to have his head down over the ball for the purposes of this law.

6.15.9.5 Rough Conduct

a) Rough Conduct is interpreted widely in relation to any contact which is unreasonable in the circumstances.

b) It is a Reportable Offence to intentionally or carelessly engage in rough conduct against an opponent which in the circumstances is unreasonable.

b) Without limiting the wide interpretation of Rough Conduct, particular regard shall be had to the following officially recognised forms of Rough Conduct.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Form of Rough Conduct</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>
| **1. Rough Conduct** *(High Bumps)* | A Player will be guilty of Rough Conduct where in the bumping of an opponent (whether reasonably or unreasonably) the Player causes forceful contact to be made with any part of his body to an opponent’s head or neck. Unless Intentional, such conduct will be deemed to be Careless, unless:  
  - the Player was contesting the ball and did not have a realistic alternative way to contest the ball; or  
  - the forceful contact to the opponent’s head or neck was caused by circumstances outside the control of the Player which could not be reasonably foreseen.  
  In the interests of Player safety, the purpose of the rule dealing with high bumps is to reduce, as far as practicable, the risk of head injuries to Players and this purpose needs to be kept firmly in mind by all Players and will guide the application of the rule.  
  For the purpose of these guidelines, head clashes that result when a Player has elected to bump are circumstances that can reasonably be foreseen. Players will ordinarily be liable if they elect to bump if not contesting the ball. |
| **2. Rough Conduct** *(Bumps to the Body)* | It should be noted that even if the rule relating to high bumps does not apply (for example in the case of a bump to the body), a Player may still be guilty of Rough Conduct if his conduct was unreasonable in the circumstances. In determining whether any bump was unreasonable in the circumstances, without limitation, regard may be had to whether:  
  - the degree of force applied by the person bumping was excessive for the situation;  
  - the Player being bumped was in a vulnerable position; and  
  - the Player could reasonably expect the contact having regard to his involvement in play or ability to influence the contest. |
### 3. Rough Conduct (Dangerous Tackles)

The application of a tackle may be considered Rough Conduct which is unreasonable in the circumstances. In determining whether the application of a tackle constitutes a Reportable Offence and whether the offence is Careless or Intentional, without limitation, regard may be had to the following factors, whether:

- the tackle consists of more than one action, regardless of whether the Player being tackled is in possession of the ball;
- the tackle is of an inherently dangerous kind, such as a spear tackle or a tackle where a Player is lifted off the ground;
- the Player being tackled is in a vulnerable position (for example their arms are pinned) with little opportunity to protect himself; or
- an opponent is slung, driven or rotated into the ground with excessive force.

### 4. Rough Conduct (Contact Below the Knees)

Under the Laws of Australian Football, it is prohibited to make contact with an opponent below the knees. Players who keep their feet are vulnerable to serious injury from opponents who lunge, dive or slide toward them and make contact below the knees. It is the purpose of these guidelines to protect such Players from the risk of foreseeable injury. A Player may be guilty of Rough Conduct if he makes contact below the knees of an opponent and does so in a manner which is unreasonable in the circumstances. It is not a defence that the Player who made the prohibited contact was contesting the ball or was first to the ball. The primary responsibility of Players with respect to contact below the knees is to avoid the risk of foreseeable injury. In determining whether any contact below the knees is unreasonable in the circumstances, regard may be had to:

- the degree of momentum and/or force involved in the contact;
- whether the Player causes contact below the knees by sliding with his foot, feet, knee or knees in front of him;
- whether the opposition Player was in a position that was vulnerable to contact below the knees (for example, standing over the ball or approaching from the opposite direction); and
- whether the Player making contact had any realistic alternative ways of approaching the contest or situation.

It should be noted that even where the contact is not made below the knees of the opposition Player but to another part of an opponent’s body, a Player may still be guilty under the general definition of Rough Conduct for making unreasonable contact by sliding or dropping in to an opponent with their knees or feet first.
6.15.9.6 Contact with and Umpire

a) Intentional Contact with an Umpire:
   Contact with an Umpire that is aggressive, forceful, demonstrative or disrespectful will be
deeded intentional and the Player will be directly referred to the Tribunal.;

b) Unreasonable or Unnecessary Contact with an Umpire:
   Where contact with an Umpire is not aggressive, forceful, demonstrative or disrespectful but
could otherwise be regarded as intentional, it will be classified as Unreasonable or
Unnecessary Contact with an Umpire which is a Low-Level Offence.

c) Careless Contact with an Umpire:
   Contact with an Umpire by a Player will be regarded as careless when it constitutes a breach
of the duty of care owed by the Player to the Umpire. Regard will be had to the following
factors when determining if the contact is careless:
   i. Whether contact occurs at a centre bounce or ball up;
   ii. Whether the Player has set up behind the Umpire;
   iii. Whether the Player has taken a path that intersects the Umpire’s exit line from a
       stoppage;
   iv. The force of the contact;
   v. Whether the Umpire’s decision making is impeded;
   vi. Whether the Umpire goes to ground as a result of the contact;
   vii. Any mitigating factors (effort to avoid contact, offline bounce or throw, pushed
       by opponent into Umpire’s path etc).
   
   Careless Contact with an Umpire is a Low-Level Offence.

6.15.9.7 Melee

a) Engaging in a Melee:
   i. A Melee is defined as an incident involving three or more Players and/or Officials
      who are grappling or otherwise struggling with one another and which is likely to
      bring the game of Australian Football into disrepute or prejudice the interests or
      reputation of the Controlling Body.
   ii. The offence of Engaging in a Melee is a Low-Level Offence

b) Instigator of a Melee
   i. Instigator of a Melee is defined as where the Player’s conduct results in retaliatory
      action which leads to a melee.
   ii. The offence of Instigator of Melee is in addition to the offence of Engaging in a
       Melee which may have the effect of a Player being found guilty of both offences.

6.15.9.8 Staging

a) A Player will be reported for staging. Staging can include excessive exaggeration of contact in
   an unsportsmanlike manner. Staging shall be a Reportable Offence as it may:
   i. affect Umpires’ decision-making;
   ii. incite a melee; and/or
   iii. not be in the spirit of the game (unsportsmanlike).

6.15.9.9 Tripping

a) In determining whether a trip is above the level of impact to constitute a Reportable Offence,
   regard will be had to how fast the opponent was moving, whether the trip was by hand or by
   foot/leg and whether contact was made with a swinging motion.


6.16 Unpaid Fines

a) The WAFC will maintain a fine’s register throughout each season and invoice Clubs on a monthly basis.

6.17 Club Making a Charge or Protest Against Another Club

a) Any Club may refer a protest or charge, Notice of Investigation or report any infringement of these Rules and Regulations or the Laws of Australian Football against any other Club or a Player, Official or a Member of another Club by:
   i. written notice to the WAFC by 12pm on the first working day after the match; and
   ii. to the Club, or the Club of the Player, Official or Member concerned by 5:00pm on the day of lodging such protest with the WAFC.

Note, a Notice of Investigation shall only be submitted to the WAFC in accordance with Rule 6.4.

b) Any Club making any protest or charge against another Club, or a Player, Official or Member of another Club or reporting any infringement of these Rules and Regulations or the Laws of Australian Football shall:
   i. Forward the same with particulars in writing specifying the charge; and
   ii. The sum of $500 to the WAFC, by 12pm on the first working day after the date upon which the occurrence complained of took place together with a copy of the complaint to the opposing Club.

c) If the protest is about an incident on the playing field during the course of a match, the Club should make submission to the WAFC on the official form, who will follow the process in accordance with Rule 6.4.

d) The WAFC may refer the Notice of Investigation to the WAFL Match Review Panel or WAFL Tribunal in accordance with the relevant provisions under Rule 6.4.

e) In the event the charge or protest submitted in accordance with this Rule is referred to the WAFL Tribunal, any Club affected by this Rule shall be given at least nine (9) hours’ notice to attend the WAFL Tribunal hearing, which shall be held by no later than 8.00pm on a Thursday night immediately following the fixture which gave rise to the Club lodging the charge or protest.

f) The sum of $500 submitted in accordance with (b)(ii) above shall be:
   i. forfeited to the WAFC upon dismissal of the protest or charge; or
   ii. refunded if the protest or charge is upheld or the WAFL Tribunal so directs.

g) If the protest or charge against these Rules and Regulations or Laws of Australian Football do not involve a Reportable Offence, the protest or charge shall be determined by the WAFC and its decision can be appealed to the WAFL Arbitrator.
6.18 WAFL Arbitrator
   a) The WAFL Arbitrator is empowered to arbitrate on any matter referred to him pursuant to these Rules.

6.18.1 Appeals to the WAFL Arbitrator
   a) A Player and/or WAFL Club may appeal to the WAFL Arbitrator to determine any dispute or question in relation to a Player’s transfer from one WAFL Club to another. The WAFL Arbitrator shall, in accordance with these Rules, make a determination as to the Player’s eligibility for transfer and then, the transfer fee.
   b) A Club may appeal to the WAFL Arbitrator if they feel aggrieved by any decision of the WAFC.
   c) Any matter taken to the WAFL Arbitrator for determination (an “appeal”) may only be heard if the appellant lodges a Form 9 (Notice of Appeal) with the WAFC, together with a $500 fee, which may be refunded at the discretion of the WAFL Arbitrator.
   d) The appeal shall then be arranged for a date, time and place not later than 14 days after lodgement of the Notice of Appeal. All parties interested in the appeal shall be notified and entitled to appear.
   e) The WAFL Arbitrator shall regulate proceedings as he or she thinks fit and he or she shall confirm, reverse, modify or set aside any decision or act, or remedy any omission and make such orders and give such directions in the matter as he or she thinks fit.
   f) The decision of the WAFL Arbitrator in respect of any appeal brought before him or her shall be final and binding on all parties.

6.18.2 Action by WAFL Arbitrator in the Event of Honest Mistake
   a) If, in the event of an appeal to the WAFL Arbitrator, the Arbitrator is satisfied that an honest mistake had been made, he or she may, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, rule that non-compliance with or contravention of these Rules did not occur.
7 AWARDS

7.1 Life Memberships

The Life Members awards provide recognition to those people who have demonstrated outstanding services and contribution to the WAFL.

Such people may also be members of the Past Players and Officials Association which is a coterie group from the WAFL Clubs.

The below categories are minimum guidelines for consideration when nominating a person or persons for Life Membership.

a) Life Membership of the WAFL should be available to any person who is deemed to have performed outstandingly in any of the following categories:

i. a Player who has played for the League Team of a WAFL Club or WAFL Clubs in not less than ten (10) seasons and has participated in a minimum of 200 League Matches;

ii. an Official who has served at a WAFL Club or Clubs for not less than ten (10) years;

iii. an Administrator who has served at a WAFL Club or Clubs for not less than ten (10) seasons;

iv. an Umpire who has been appointed to not less than two hundred (200) WAFL League Matches in total, whether as a Field, Boundary or Goal Umpire in not less than ten (10) seasons; or

v. a combination of the above categories set out in i) to iv) where the nominee has provided service in not less than ten (10) seasons.

b) Life Membership shall be conferred on the decision of the WAFC following:

i. nomination and seconding from any two (2) WAFL Clubs; or

ii. by the WAFC seconded by one (1) of the WAFL Clubs.

c) Life Membership shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) persons per year.

d) Nominations for Life Membership shall be considered by the WAFC up to May 30th of any year.

e) Each Life Member shall receive from the WAFL:

i. a Life Membership Medallion;

ii. an entrance pass to all WAFL games (home & away and finals) at the beginning of each WAFL football season; and

iii. Recognition of the achievement of Life Memberships at the Sandover Medal Presentation Dinner each year.
7.2 Past Players & Officials Association
   a) The Past Players and Officials Association may submit to the WAFC up to five (5) past Players and officials from each WAFL Club to become members of the Past Players & Officials Association.
   b) The 5 nominated members from each of the WAFL Club Past Players & Officials Associations will receive a season pass each year from their WAFL Club

7.3 League Medals for Outstanding Play

The WAFC will award a medal for the Fairest and Best Player in each of the WAFL League, Reserves and Colts competitions. The current donor of the League medal is the Sandover Family; they have been donating this medal since 1921.

The Reserves medal is named after the Prendergast Family since 1947 who had the medal struck and initially donated it.

The Colts medal is named after Jack Clark (from 1997) and is funded by the WAFL.

The WAFC will also award a medal for the best Player in a State Game and also in each WAFL Grand Final. The Simpson Family have awarded the Simpson Medal for the best WA Player in a State Game and also in the league Grand Final since 1945.

The WAFC has awarded the Merv McIntosh Medal for the best Player in the reserves Grand Final and the Mel Whinnen Medal for the best Player in the Colts Grand Final since 1998.

7.3.1 Fairest and Best Player Voting
   a) The voting for WAFL League, Reserves and Colts Grades is done by the Number One Umpire in each grade.
   b) The Number One Umpire must award three (3) votes to the Player, who, in their opinion was the best Player on the ground, then 2,1 votes for the next best Players in order of performance.
   c) The votes are sealed in an envelope after each game and kept in security by the WAFC.
   d) The envelopes are opened and the votes counted by the WAFC or his delegate.

7.3.2 Ineligible Players Still Receive Votes
   a) For the avoidance of doubt, votes shall be awarded in accordance with Rule 7.3.1 irrespective of whether such Players:
      i. have been found guilty of a Reportable Offence in a Match during that season;
      or
      ii. have been reported during the Match for which votes are to be awarded.
7.3.3 Ineligibility
   a) Subject to Rule 7.3.4, Players in League, Reserves and Colts Grades are ineligible to win any medal in any Grade if:
      i. they have been reported in any sanctioned game in the WAFL season; and
      ii. have subsequently found guilty and suspended by the WAFL Tribunal or Match Review Panel of a Reportable Offence in accordance with Rule 6.15.7.

7.3.4 Exception
   a) Players found guilty and suspended in pre-season games remain eligible to win the competition medals.
   b) Notwithstanding that a Player has been found guilty of a Reportable Offence in a home and away match, the Player shall remain eligible to receive the medal in that season if the sanction for the Reportable Offence is a reprimand or financial sanction only.

7.3.5 Simpson Medal, Merv McIntosh Medal and Mel Whinnen Medal Voting
   a) The McIntosh and Whinnen Medals are voted upon solely by the officiating Umpires.
   b) For the Simpson Medal in the League Grand Final and for State games:
      i. the votes are cast by the League Umpires and also two (2) independent observers selected by the WAFC (or his delegate);
      ii. each of the three (3) voting slips rank the top five (5) Players in the game with five (5) votes going to the best Player in the opinion of the person casting the votes;
      iii. the winning Player is the Player with the highest number of votes from the three (3) voting sheets; and
      iv. where there are two (2) Players tie in the voting then the highest ranked Player according to the Umpire’s votes shall be deemed to be the winner.

7.3.6 Eligibility
   a) All Players entered on the Official Teams Sheet for the game are considered eligible to win the Simpson Medal, Merv McIntosh Medal and Mel Whinnen Medal.
   b) Players may be reported during the game and remain eligible to win the Simpson Medal, Merv McIntosh Medal and Mel Whinnen Medal.
This Partnership Model is made between the West Australian Football Commission (WAFC), the WAFL competition (WAFL), the eight WAFL Non Partner Clubs, the West Coast Eagles Football Club (WCE & WAFL Club), the Fremantle Football Club (FFC & AFL Partner Club), and the Peel Thunder Football Club (PTFC & WAFL Partner Club).

It is the mutual intention of all parties to maintain the integrity of the WAFL and each of the WAFL Clubs through this model and improve the long-term strength and sustainability of the WAFL in accordance with the Overriding Principles at Rule 8.2.

The WAFL recognises the need to have a competition that is successful, sustainable, has integrity and support the success of both West Australian AFL Clubs as part of our State’s integrated football structure.

The objective is that the WAFL Partner Club will develop their playing list such that it comprises solely AFL Partner Club listed Players and “Local District” Players.

### 8.1 Minimum Term

a) The Partnership Model will run from the commencement of the 2014 season through to 2018 season (five year agreement).

b) The Partnership Model will continue unless terminated.

### 8.2 Overriding Principles of the Model

a) The WAFL Partner Club should be competitive, having the opportunity to compete for a premiership and also to face periods out of the top five (5) teams in their Grade.

b) The WAFL Partner Club should be neither dominant (consistently top two (2) or even top five (5) nor too weak (consistently at the bottom of the ladder).

c) The WAFC at the conclusion of each season will assess and determine whether the Rules listed here remain appropriate.

d) Following the above review process all matters will be tabled to the WAFL Clubs for discussion and recommendations.

e) At all times the WAFL Clubs can provide comment on any Partnership Model concept or issue that may arise.

f) All recommendations relating to the Partnership Model from the WAFL Clubs will be considered by the WAFC.

g) The WAFC retains the overriding right to unilaterally change the rules impacting WAFL Partner Clubs to protect these principles.

h) Nothing in this Rule 8, including these Overriding Principles is intended to override this right.
8.3 WAFNL Partner Club Transfer Fees
   a) Any Transfer Fees applicable for Players of WAFNL Partner Clubs will be the same as those outlined in Rule 5.1.2 of these Rules.

8.4 WAFNL Protected Player 40 List
   a) All WAFNL Partner Clubs will have a protected Listed Player 35 list as set out in Rule 1.2.3
   b) Partner Clubs have access to a Supplementary List of a maximum of five (5) players as set out in Rule 2.3.

8.5 WAFNL Player Points Rules
   a) The Senior Player Points List of Players must not exceed:
      i. eighty (80) cumulative Player points for WAFNL Partner Clubs; and
      ii. one hundred (100) cumulative points for WAFNL Non – Partner Clubs.

8.6 Total Player Payments (TPP) WAFNL Partner Clubs
   a) Both Partner Clubs maximum will be allocated 65% of each individual category amount and therefore TPP overall in accordance with Rule 5.

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8.7 WAFNL Partner Club Recruitment
   a) WAFNL Partner Clubs are subject to the recruiting restriction in accordance with this Rule 8.7 during the term of the Partnership Model.
   b) WAFNL Club must, where possible, recruit Local District Players including:
      i. Local Partner Club District (1 point) Players;
      ii. delisted AFL Players who are returning to the Partner Club from where they originated; or
      iii. WAFNL Players who wish to return to the Partner Club from where they originated.
   c) The Local District Players listed at b) may be recruited at any time and without approval.
   d) Non Local Partner Club Players may be recruited in accordance with Rule 2.6 without approval.
   e) Non Local Partner Club Players may be recruited subject to approval by the WAFC in the case of Rule 8.7 (f), in circumstances where additional recruiting is required. Such Players may include:
      i. Category 1) Non Partner Club District (1 point) Players who are:
         a. at least 19 years of age; and
         b. who are not on any WAFNL Non-Partner Clubs Listed Player 40 list as set
out in Rule 1.2.3 Listed Players; or

ii. Category 2) Recruits with a value greater than (1 point) who are:
   a. from a Non-Local District or Interstate;
   b. from a Non-Local District and are a delisted AFL Player;
   c. a delisted AFL Players from Interstate; or
   d. an AFL Partner Club de-listed Interstate Player who has played at least ten (10) seasons with the AFL Partner Club.

f) The maximum number of recruits under Category 2) as set out in Rule 8.7(e)(ii) above on a WAFL Partner Clubs list with a value of five (5) points or greater will be restricted to a maximum of four (4) at any given time.

g) The WAFL Partner Club must apply in writing for any Players recruited in accordance with this Rule 8.7 to the WAFC outlining reasons to recruit.

h) The WAFC must complete a WAFL Partner Club Player List Assessment and/or AFL Partner Club Player List Assessment as necessary to finalise the assessment following the AFL Draft and Rookie Draft.

i) A WAFL Partner Club and Non Partner Club can apply to the WAFL for a Partner Club 40 listed Player to be traded to a Non Partner Club in return for a similar valued Player.

j) Any determination or endorsement in accordance with this Rule 8.7 is made at the sole discretion of the WAFC.

8.8 WAFL Partner Club Recruitment Guide

a) This Rule 8.8 will be used as a guide only in relation to Partner Club Recruitment.

b) Other criteria will be taken into account in the list assessment process by the WAFC and any determination or endorsement in accordance with this Rule 8.8 is made at the sole discretion of the WAFC.

c) Where a WAFL Partner Club:
   i. Finishes first to fifth on the ladder:
      a. the list is assessed as strong and not subject to material change due to retirements, transfers, etc; and
      b. the Club has no entitlement to recruit a Category 2) Player, as set out in Rule 8.9(e)(ii).
   ii. Finishes 1 to 5
      a. The list is assessed as strong but is subject to material impact due to retirements, transfers, etc. of key position Player/s likely to materially impact performance
      b. Can apply to recruit 1 Category 2) Player, as defined under Rule 8.9(e)(ii) with the application to be assessed based on the degree of impact of the relevant Player/s and the impact on relative competitiveness.
   iii. Finishes sixth to tenth on the ladder:
      i. the Club may apply to recruit up to two (2) Category 2) Players, as set out in Rule 8.9(e)(ii) with the application to be assessed based on relative competitiveness.
9 AFL STAND-ALONE WAFL TEAM MODEL

This Stand-Alone Model is made between the West Australian Football Commission (WAFC), the WAFL competition (WAFL), the eight WAFL Non-Partner Clubs, the West Coast Eagles Football Club (WCE & AFL Stand Alone Team), the Fremantle Football Club (FFC & AFL Partner Club), the Peel Thunder Football Club (PTFC & WAFL Partner Club).

It is the mutual intention of all parties to maintain the integrity of the WAFL and each of the WAFL Clubs through this model and improve the long-term strength and sustainability of the WAFL in accordance with the Overriding Principles at Rule 8.2.

The WAFL recognises the need to have a competition that is successful, sustainable, has integrity and support the success of both West Australian AFL Clubs as part of our State’s integrated football structure.

The objective is that the Stand-alone AFL Team will develop their playing list such that it comprises solely AFL listed Players and Top up Players.

WCE standalone team’s aim is to support the growth and development of their playing list within a quality State League competition. WCE priorities for their standalone team include:

1. Developing their playing list, particularly new recruits and developing players in the back end of their playing list (47 players).
2. To have a competitive team in a quality competition is important for WCE player development.
3. Building a team to be competitive via the WAFL recruitment conditions, but not solely focused on winning the WAFL Premiership.
4. Having a cost-effective model to participate in the competition.
5. Supporting the integrity of the competition by competing within the rules and regulations.
6. Not seeking to be a dominant brand in the competition, but using the brand to leverage (if possible) overall commercial benefits to the WAFL competition.

9.1 Minimum Term

a) The AFL Stand Alone WAFL Team Model will run from the commencement of the 2019 season through to 2021 season (three-year agreement).

b) The Stand-alone Model will continue unless terminated.

9.2 Overriding Principles of the Model/ Spirit of the Agreement

a) The WAFL Stand-alone Team should be competitive, having the opportunity to compete for a premiership and also to face periods out of the top five (5) teams in their Grade.

b) The WAFL Stand-alone Team should be neither dominant (consistently top two (2) or even top five (5) nor too weak (consistently at the bottom of the ladder).

c) The WCE intent is to develop a top up list that compliments their AFL Listed players without unduly impacting the current WAFL Club player lists.

d) The West Coast Eagles will not use employment opportunities at West Coast Eagles and/or
third parties as the primary source for the recruitment of players as Top Up Players, to work outside of the TPP.

e) WCE need to maintain their brand but acknowledge the concerns of the WAFL Clubs. WCE will play in an alternative jumper, align to commercial guidelines and will also remain open to the commercialisation of the WCE team in the WAFL only if there is commercial benefit to the WAFL and participating clubs –net benefit to all parties.

f) The WAFC will assess and determine whether the Rules listed here remain appropriate throughout and at the conclusion of each season.

g) Following the above review process all matters will be tabled to the WAFL Clubs for discussion and recommendations.

h) At all times the WAFL Clubs can provide comment on any Stand-alone Model concept or issue that may arise.

i) All recommendations relating to the Stand-alone Model from the WAFL Clubs will be considered by the WAFC.

j) The WAFC retains the overriding right to unilaterally change the rules impacting WAFL Stand-alone Teams to protect these principles.

k) Nothing in this Rule 9, including these Overriding Principles is intended to override this right.

9.3 **WAFL Stand-alone Team Transfer Fees**

a) Any Transfer Fees applicable for Players of WAFL Clubs will be the same as those outlined in Rule 1.5 of these Rules.

9.4 **WAFL Stand Alone Protected Player 15 List**

a) All WAFL Stand Alone Teams will have a protected Listed Player 15 list as set out in Rule 1.2.3

b) Stand-alone Teams do not have access to the Supplementary List as set out in Rule 2.3.

c) Stand-alone Teams do not have access to the Top-Up player list as set out in Rule 2.5.

9.5 **WAFL Stand Alone Team Player Points Rules**

a) The Senior Player Points List of Players must:

i. Include a minimum of 15 players; and
ii. shall not exceed Fifty (50) cumulative Player points for WAFL Stand-alone Teams;

b) The player points list shall be administered in accordance with Rule 2 and Rule 9.4

9.6 **Total Player Payments (TPP) WAFL Stand-Alone Teams**

a) Stand-alone Teams will be allocated a TPP and will be subject to TPP rules and regulations in accordance with Rule 5.

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b) Marquee Payments may be paid to players with no minimum amount per player, but a
maximum collective amount of $25,000.

c) Player Match Payments – Stand-alone Teams can contract two (2) players up to a maximum of $500 per match. Stand Alone teams must nominate the two (2) players prior to the commencement of the season on Form 2b.

d) Player Match Payments – Stand-Alone Teams can contract the remaining players up to $350.00 per match.

9.7 Branding – WAFL Stand-Alone AFL Team
  a) WAFL Stand-Alone Team are subject to the WAFL Sponsorship guidelines
  b) WAFL Stand-Alone Team will retain the name of their AFL club for the purpose of identification in the WAFL competition
  c) WAFL Stand-Alone Teams will play in an alternate playing guernsey to be approved by the WAFC as per Schedule 9.
  d) Commercial branding of the Stand-Alone will be considered if there is an overall net benefit to the WAFL competition.

9.8 Home Games – WAFL Stand-Alone AFL Team
  a) WAFL Stand-Alone Teams will be scheduled to play all matches as away teams utilising the venue of the WAFL club they are scheduled to play.
  b) The WAFL Stand-alone team may negotiate with a WAFL Club(s) to host home games during the 2019 season. Any changes to the scheduling of matches need to be considered in accordance with Rule 3.1.2.

9.9 WAFL Stand-Alone AFL Category B Players
  a) Permission for AFL Category “B” Rookies to permit to a WAFL Club’s Reserves team will only be granted for players who are classified in accordance with the AFL Rules under the category of:

     i. An International player or a player who has not been registered in an Australian Football competition for three years immediately before inclusion on the AFL Rookie List.

  b) A Category B player can be permitted to a WAFL Club’s Reserves team on the following grounds:

     i. The player is in his first year on an AFL List and is accordance with (a) above.
     ii. The Destination WAFL Club and WAFL Stand-alone AFL team jointly agree to this and formally request permission of the WAFC.
     iii. Nomination and Permission of only one (1) player at any one time. The Players Permit must be cancelled before another player can be permitted to a Destination WAFL Club under this rule.
     iv. When the player is available for League selection, the player will only be available for the WAFL Stand-alone League side and not at the Destination WAFL club he is permitted to.
9.10 WAFCL Stand-Alone AFL Long Term Injured Players

a) Permission for AFL Long Term Injured Players to permit to a WAFL Club’s Reserves team will only be granted under the following conditions:

i. The player has been injured for a minimum of 4 weeks. Medical confirmation of this may be required by the WAFC.

ii. The Destination WAFL Club and WAFCL Stand-alone AFL team jointly agree and formally request permission of the WAFC. The request should include details of total minutes the player is expected to play for the match.

iii. Upon confirmation, the player may be permitted to play for the WAFL Club for a maximum of two (2) matches.

iv. There is a maximum of one (1) player eligible to permitted at any one time under this rule. The approved Player’s Permit must be cancelled before another player can be permitted to a Destination WAFL Club under this rule.

v. If the player has originally been drafted to Stand-alone AFL team from a WAFL Club, the player’s original WAFL club of origin will have first rights to this player under this rule.

9.11 WAFCL Stand Alone – AFL Mid-Season Draft

Any WAFCL player who is drafted during the AFL Mid-Season draft to the West Coast Eagles will be eligible to play with his WAFCL club he was selected from, if he isn’t playing senior AFL football at West Coast.

9.12 WAFCL Stand Alone AFL Team Recruitment

a) WAFCL Stand-Alone Team are subject to the recruiting restriction in accordance with Rule 9.13 during the term of the Stand-Alone Model.

b) Any determination or endorsement in accordance with this Rule 9.12 is made at the sole discretion of the WAFC.
## 9.13 WAFL Stand Alone AFL Team Recruitment Table

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<td>5 points per player</td>
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<td>As per WAFL Rules and Regulations. Application and decision by WAFC. Players not registered in WAFL and players in their 18th &amp; 19th year. Player can play for primary WAFL club if not selected in WCE League</td>
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<td>Father/ Son &amp; NGA</td>
<td>On application</td>
<td>1 point, player on loan</td>
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<td>Former WAFL League players</td>
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<td>Supplementary Listed players</td>
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10 ZONES

The geographic area of Western Australia will be divided into discrete areas and allocated to the WAFL Clubs. Players who reside in these areas will be bound to the WAFL Club in accordance with Rule 1.2.1. This is designed to give benefit to WAFL Clubs who assist in the development of their Zoned Players.

10.1 WAFL Club Districts / Zones

a) The WAFC may, from time to time, as the circumstances shall require, define and delineate zones and the boundaries thereof and may alter or vary such zones or add new zones.

b) In the year of a zone change only Players who are listed in the WAFL 16’s championships teams are eligible to be registered with a WAFL Club, should the zone change affect their zone status where all such Players remain zoned to their original Club.

c) Any other Player who changes zone is automatically be zoned to his newly zoned Club immediately.
### 10.2 Country Zone Boundaries

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### EAST FREMANTLE
Shires of Mullewa, Greenough (including the City of Geraldton), Chapman Valley, Shark Bay, Northampton, Murchison, Cue, Sandstone, Mt Magnet and Yalgoo.

### EAST PERTH
Shires of Busselton, Boyup Brook, Bridgetown – Greenbushes, Manjimup, Nannup, Kojanup and Augusta – Margaret River. The postcode of Walpole is zoned to Claremont as they play in the Great Southern Football League. Kojonup is zoned to East Perth as they play in the Lower South West Football League.

### PEEL THUNDER
**South-West Zone**  
Shires of Capel, Dardanup, Collie, Donnybrook-Balingup and Harvey.
PERTH

Shires of Beverley, Quairading, Kellerberrin, Tammin, Cunderdin, York, Northam, Toodyay, Goomalling, Dowerin, Wyalkatchem, Wongan-Ballidu, Victoria Plains, Gingin, Dandaragan, Moora, Dalwallinu, Perenjori, Coorow, Carnamah, Three Springs, Mingenew, Morawa, Irwin plus the Town of Northam.

The post code of Wundowie is zoned to Swan Districts as they play in the Hills Football League. The post code of Kalannie is zoned to West Perth as they play in the Eastern Districts Football League.

SOUTH FREMANTLE

Eastern Zone

Shires of Boddington, Wandering, Brookton, Pingelly, Wickepin, Cuballing, Williams, West Arthur, Wagin, Narrogin, Dumbleyung, Katanning, Woodanilling and Broomehill plus the town of Narrogin.
South Fremantle Cont.
Gascoyne/Central
Zone

The Shires of Exmouth, Carnarvon, Upper Gascoyne, Meekatharra, and Wiluna

SUBIACO

Shires of Esperance, Coolgardie, Dundas, Menzies, Leonora, Laverton and the City of Kalgoorlie/Boulder.
| **SWAN DISTRICTS** |  
| **Southern Zone** | City of Bunbury plus the localities of Gelorup and Dalyellup within the Shire of Capel. The post code of Wundowie is also zoned to Swan Districts as they play in the Hills Football League. |
| **Pilbara Zone** | The Shires of Ashburton, Roebourne, Port Hedland and East Pilbara. |
Shires of Mount Marshall, Koorda, Mukinbudin, Trayning, Nungarin, Westonia, Yilgarn, Merredin, Bruce Rock, Corrigin, Narembeen, Kondinin and Kulin.

The post code of Kalannie is also zoned to West Perth as they play in the Eastern Districts Football League.
### 10.3 Metropolitan District / Zone Boundaries

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| EAST FREMANTLE | Western Boundary: North from the intersection of Rowley Road and Lyon Road continuing along the Western border of the locality of Banjup until the intersection of Armadale Road and Tapper Road. West along Armadale Road to the Kwinana Freeway then North to South Street. Then West along South Street to Murdoch Drive. North along Murdoch Drive and then West along Leach Highway excluding the localities of Kardinya and Winthrop. Follow the Western border of the locality of Winthrop South along North Lake Rd to its junction with Garling St.<br><br>Follow Garling St West to Stock Rd. Then follow Stock Rd North to Sainsbury Rd, then West along Sainsbury Rd to its intersection with Carrington St. Follow Carrington St North to the intersection with High St, then West to the intersection with Stirling Highway. North along Stirling Highway to Marmion Street then continue West along Marmion following the Southern boundary of the locality of East Fremantle and then North along the same boundary following East Street to the Swan River. |     |
**Northern Boundary:** River from western boundary of the Town of East Fremantle to the juncture of the Canning River and the eastern border of the locality of Riverton.

**Eastern Boundary:** From the juncture of the Canning River and the Eastern border of the locality of Riverton South to the juncture of the localities of Riverton, Ferndale and High Road being the Northern border of the locality of Parkwood. Exclude the locality of Parkwood by following High Rd and Willeri Drive and then the Southern border of the locality of Parkwood, along the Roe highway, to its intersection with Nicholson Rd. Then South along Nicholson Road and its continuation to Garden Street to its intersection with Warton Rd. Continue along the Eastern Border of the locality of Southern River until its intersection of Tonkin Hwy and Champion Drive. Continue South along Champion Drive until the intersection of Williams Road, being the Southern border of Seville Grove. Continue West along the Southern border of Seville Grove until the intersection of Armadale Road and Eighth Road. Then South along Eighth Road to the South Eastern corner of the locality of Brookdale at Harber Drive and Wungong Road.

**Southern Boundary:** From the intersection at Harbour Drive and Wungong Road West along Wungong Road following the Southern borders of Brookdale, Hilbert, Forrestdale and Banjup to the intersection of Rowley Road and Lyon Road.
**EAST PERTH**

**Western Boundary:** Mitchell Freeway from the Swan River to Scarborough Beach Rd. East along Scarborough Beach Rd and Green Street to its junction with the locality of Joondanna. Follow the Western and then Northern aspects of the border of the locality of Joondanna to its intersection with Wanneroo Rd. Follow Wanneroo Road North to Morley Drive. The boundary then moves East along Morley drive to the junction of the Nollamara locality and then North along the common Nollamara and Dianella locality boundaries. Follow the Southern boundary of the locality of Mirrabooka along Reid highway to Alexander Drive then North to its intersection with Marangaroo Dve. Follow Marangaroo Dve West to Mirrabooka Ave, continue North to Hepburn Ave.

**Northern Boundary:** Follow Hepburn Ave East to the boundary of the locality of Cullacabardee. Follow the boundary of Cullacabardee North to the Northern boundary of the locality of Lexia. Continue North then East along the Northern boundary of Lexia to the boundary of the locality of Ellenbrook, follow this boundary North and then continue East along the Northern boundary of Ellenbrook.

**Eastern Boundary:** South along the Eastern boundary of the locality of Ellenbrook to Gnangara Rd, follow Gnangara road West to the intersection of Lord St at the Eastern border of the locality Whiteman. Continue South along the Eastern border of Whiteman and the Eastern border of the locality of Beechboro to the intersection of Lord St and Benara Rd. Follow Benara Rd West to its intersection with the Eastern border of the city of Morley. Follow the Eastern border of Morley and Bayswater South to the Swan River.

**Southern Boundary:** Swan River west to the Narrows Bridge.
**PEEL THUNDER**

**Western Boundary:** Indian Ocean coastline from the northern boundary of the City of Bunbury to the southern boundary of the Town of Kwinana.

**Northern Boundary:** From the coast along the southern boundary of the Town of Kwinana to the juncture of the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale and the Town of Kwinana. South along the common border of the City of Rockingham and the shire of Serpentine/Jarrahdale and then east along the northern boundary of the Shire of Murray.

**Eastern Boundary:** South along the eastern border of the Shires of Murray, Waroona, Harvey, Collie and Donnybrook/Balingup.

**Southern Boundary:** The southern boundary of the Shires of Collie, Donnybrook and Balingup, Dardanup and Capel to the coast.

**EXCLUSION:** The City of Bunbury and the localities of Gelorup and Dalyellup are zoned to Swan Districts.
PERTH

**Western Boundary:** North East along Warton Road from its juncture with the City of Armadale to its intersection with Garden Street. North West along the southern border of Huntingdale along Garden Street and its continuation, Nicholson Road. From Nicholson Rd follow the southern border of the locality of Parkwood and then its western border following Willeri Drive. Continue along the northern border of the locality of Parkwood to the common border of the localities of Ferndale and Riverton. Follow this border north to the Canning River.

**Northern Boundary:** The southern bank of the Swan River between the Narrows Bridge and the north boundary of the City of Belmont.

**Eastern Boundary:** Follow the North East boundary of the City of Belmont and City of Canning south to its juncture with the City of Gosnells north east boundary. Continue south along this border to its juncture with the City of Armadale.

**Southern Boundary:** From the eastern juncture of the City of Gosnells and the City of Armadale, west along the southern boundary of the City of Gosnells until its juncture with Warton Road.
**Western Boundary:** The Southern portion of the land North of the Swan River from the Western extension of Tydeman Rd and its Eastern continuation, John Street. On the South side of the Swan river the boundary follows the Indian Ocean Coastline from the Swan River junction with the City of Fremantle to the Southern border of the Town of Kwinana, East along the Southern border of the town of Kwinana and then South along the common border of the City of Rockingham and the shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale.

**Northern Boundary:** Along the Southern bank of the Swan River at Fremantle North East to the Eastern border of the City of Fremantle at East Street. South along this border following East Street to Marmion Street then West along Marmion Street following the Fremantle locality boundary to Stirling Highway. Follow Stirling Highway South to High street and then East along High street to Carrington Street. South on Carrington St to Sainsbury Rd, then East along Sainsbury St to Stock Rd. South on Stock Rd following the Western border of the locality of Willagee to Garling St, then East along Garling St following the Southern border of the locality of Willagee to North Lake Rd. Then follow the Willagee boundary North along North Lake Rd to Leach Highway. The boundary continues East along the Winthrop locality boundary first East and then South along Murdock Drive. From Murdoch drive continue East along South Street to the Kwinana Freeway following the locality boundary of Murdock to the Kwinana Freeway. Continue South along the Kwinana Freeway to its juncture with the Southern border of the locality of Jandakot at Armadale Rd. Continue East on Armadale Rd to the Northern border of the locality of Atwell at Tapper Rd, then follow Atwells Eastern boundary South and then the Eastern border of the locality of Aubin Grove and eventually Lyon Road to its Southern border at Rowley Rd.

Follow Rowley Road East along the Northern borders of the localities of Wandi, Oakford and Wungong to the intersection at Harber Drive and Wungong Road. Continue North along the boundary of the localities of Brookdale along Harber Drive, Tijuana Cres. and Eighth Rd to its intersection with Armadale Rd. Follow Armadale Rd East along the Southern border of the locality
of Seville Grove following Braemore St and Williams Rd until Champion Dve, then North along Champion Dve still following the border of Seville Grove until the Champion Drive intersection with Tonkin Hwy. Follow the Tonkin Highway being the Northern Boundary of the Localcity of Champion Lakes and then South along its Eastern border to the Northern border of the locality of Kelmscott. Follow the Northern border of Kelmscott and then Roleystone and Karragullen and then Leslie.

**Eastern Boundary:** The common boundaries of the Shires of Armadale/York, Armadale/Beverley, Armadale/Wandering and Serpentine-Jarrahdale/Wandering.

**Southern Boundary:** The southern border of the shire of Serpentine/Jarrahdale.

**SUBIACO**

**Western Boundary:** Indian Ocean Coastline from the Northern border of the locality of North Beach to the Western extension of Hepburn Avenue.

**Northern Boundary:** From the coast, East along Hepburn Ave to the Mitchell Freeway. North on the Mitchell Freeway to Whitfords Avenue and then East to Wanneroo Road. Follow Wanneroo Rd North around the localities of Pearsall and Hocking to the intersection of Lenore Rd and Ocean Reef Rd. Follow Ocean Reef Rd East to Badgerup Rd and the border of the locality of Gnangara, then North along the border of Gnangara.

**Eastern Boundary:** From the North Eastern corner of the locality of Gnangara South to the Southern border of the locality of Landsdale at Hepburn Ave. Follow Hepburn Ave West to Mirrabooka Ave, then South to Marangaroo Dve, then East to the intersection of Marangaroo Dve and Alexander Dve. Follow Alexander Dve South to Reid Hwy, then the Southern border of the locality of Mirrabooka to Morley Dve. The boundary then goes west along Morley Drive to Wanneroo Rd, then South to its junction with the locality boundary for Tuart Hill and Joondanna.
**Southern Boundary:** locality of Osborne Park. The boundary follows the Eastern and Southern aspects of this locality to its junction with the Mitchell Freeway. The Southern boundary then continues north along the Mitchell Freeway to its intersection with Karrinyup Rd and then West along Karrinyup Rd to Marmion Ave. The boundary continues north along Marmion Avenue and then follows the Southern aspect of the locality of Waterman’s Bay to the coast.

**SWAN DISTRICTS**

**Western Boundary:** From the juncture of the City of Armadale and Gosnells and the Shire of Kalamunda, North West along the North Eastern border of the City of Gosnells. Further North West along the borders of the City of Canning and Belmont to the Swan River. The boundary continues to the Northern side of the Swan River then South West along the Swan River following the locality border of Bassendean and Ashfield. The boundary then moves North West following the Ashfield border and then the West side of the City of Bassendean, around the West boundary of the localities of Eden Hill and Kiara to Benara Rd. East along Benara Rd to Lord St and then North along the Western border of the localities of Caversham, West Swan and Henley Brook to Gnaragara Rd. Continue East along Gnaragara Rd following the Southern border of the locality of Ellenbrook, then follow the Eastern and Northern border of Ellenbrook to its intersection with the locality of Lexia. Follow the Northern border of Lexi West to its juncture with the West side of the City of Swan. The Western boundaries of the City of Swan and Chittering complete the Western boundary.

**Northern Boundary:** The boundary of the Shire of Chittering from its junction with the City of Wanneroo.

**Eastern Boundary:** The common boundary between the Shires of Chittering and Toodyay, the City of Swan and Toodyay, Mundaring and Northam and Mundaring and York to its junction with the City of Armadale.

**Southern Boundary:** Westward along the southern boundary of the Shire of Kalamunda from the point adjoining the Shire of York to the juncture of the Shires of Kalamunda, Gosnells and Armadale.
**WEST PERTH**

**Western Boundary:** Indian Ocean Coastline from Hepburn Avenue to the northern boundary of the City of Wanneroo.

**Northern Boundary:** From the coast along the Wanneroo - Gingin boundary to the Shire of Chittering boundary.

**Eastern Boundary:** South along the common boundary of the Shires of Wanneroo/Chittering and Wanneroo/Swan to the South East corner of the locality of Jandabup.

**Southern Boundary:** West from the juncture of the locality boundaries of Jandabup and Gnangara following the Northern boundary of Gnangara to its intersection with Ocean Reef Rd. Continue East along Ocean Reef Rd to the locality boundary of Pearsall at the intersection of Lenore Rd. Follow the boundary of the localities of Pearsall and Hocking until the intersection of Wanneroo Rd and Ocean Reef Rd. Continue South along Wanneroo Rd to Whitfords Avenue, then West along Whitfords Avenue to the Mitchell Freeway. South along the Mitchell Freeway to Hepburn Avenue. Continue West along Hepburn Avenue to the coast.
11 INTEGRITY

Part of the mission of the WAFC is to protect, lead, manage and deliver the promotion and development of Australian Football for the people of Western Australia. The WAFL Clubs, under the guidance of the WAFC, are responsible for developing and maintaining a sub-elite football integrity framework with a focus on gambling, performance enhancing drugs, illicit drug use and Player payment regulations.

These Rules have been developed to ensure that the framework considers the sports regulatory environment and legislative requirements with the development of clearly articulated policy positions, procedures, sanctions, and the roles and responsibilities of all key stakeholders.

11.1 Integrity Registration System

a) A Club must not permit a Player to play, or any person to act as a Club Official, unless that Player or person is registered in accordance with this Rule 10.

b) The WAFC must not permit any person to as an Umpire or Umpire Official, unless that person is registered in accordance with Rule 10.

c) A person may apply online via WAFL Online or Sports TG to be registered as a Player or Club Official (as applicable) for the Club where such application must:
   i. be made prior to or at the time a person is engaged to play or to act as a Club Official;
   ii. be in the form prescribed by the WAFL; and
   iii. provide all the information specified in such form.

d) It is a requirement for the granting of registration under Rule 10(b) that an applicant:
   i. is of good reputation and character and is a fit and proper person to perform the duties specified in the application, as determined by the WAFC at its sole discretion (noting the WAFC will support the Club’s determination of this requirement except where it has good reason to do otherwise); and
   ii. makes such declarations, provides such consents and agrees to such conditions as are set out in the form prescribed by the WAFC in accordance with Rule 10(b).

e) A Registered Player, Club Official or Umpire (as applicable) must not cease or fail to meet the requirements for the grant of registration in accordance with this Rule 10 at any time.

f) e) A Registered Player, Club Official or Umpire (as applicable) and the relevant Club or WAFC must at all times ensure that any particulars provided in an application in accordance with Rule 10(b) are kept up-to-date and accurate by immediately informing the WAFC of any changes to such particulars.

g) The WAFC has the power, at his sole discretion, to inquire into, investigate and deal with any matter (including engaging the services of the AFL’s Competition Integrity Department) in connection with an application made under Rule 10 (b) or a breach of Rule 10 (d) and 10 (e).

h) The WAFC may, in its absolute discretion without giving reasons:
   i. refuse an application for registration under this Rule 10; or
   ii. grant a registration under this Rule on such terms and conditions as they think fit.
i) The WAFC may at any time suspend, vary or revoke a registration under this Rule, including without limitation where the applicant ceases to meet the requirements to be so registered.

j) For the avoidance of doubt, this registration is in addition to the Player registration requirements set out in Rule 1 and umpire requirements set out in Rule 3.7.3.4.

10.1.1 Registration Cards
a) A registered Club Official must have in their possession a current Registration Card issued by the WAFC at all times while on the premises of a Club, in a Match Day Restricted Area or whilst otherwise on duty for the Club.

10.1.2 Register of Associates
a) Each Club must keep and maintain a complete, accurate and up to date register of:
   i. members of all coterie and similar groups; and
   ii. Club Sponsors, including certain officers of Club Sponsors as prescribed under Rule 10.1.2(b).

b) The information recorded under Rule 10.1.2(a) must be maintained in a form prescribed by the WAFC and be made available to the WAFC on an ongoing basis.

11.2 Match Day Restricted Areas
a) The WAFC may issue minimum standards for conduct, access and supervision with respect to Match Day Restricted Areas.

b) Without limitation, the minimum standards with respect to Match Day Restricted Areas may concern the following matters:
   i. designation of certain areas as Match Day Restricted Areas;
   ii. entry and presence of persons;
   iii. accreditation;
   iv. the use and possession of communication devices;
   v. supervision by Clubs; or
   vi. monitoring and enforcement by the WAFC.

c) Persons must comply with the minimum standards referred to in Rule 10.2(a) in force from time to time.

11.3 Powers of Investigation
a) Without limiting any other rule, the WAFC may investigate any breach or possible breach of these Rules and may delegate such powers of investigation to the AFL’s Competition Integrity Department.

b) For the avoidance of doubt, all persons (including any Club, Club Official, Player, coach, assistant coach, trainer, runner, medical officer, employee, independent contractor or volunteer of a Club or any other person within the purview of these Rules) must cooperate with any investigation conducted by the WAFC or its delegate.
11.4 AFL Competition Integrity Department

a) Without limiting its power under the preceding section the WAFC:
   i. hereby appoints the AFL Competition Integrity Department to monitor compliance by relevant persons with the Gambling (Schedule 3), the Anti-Doping Policy (Schedule 4) and Integrity Registration System (Rule 1);
   ii. may appoint at any time the AFL Competition Integrity Department to investigate any matter pertaining to Schedule 3, Schedule 4 and Rule 1.

b) An appointment made by the WAFC in accordance with Rule 10.4 may grant the AFL Competition Integrity Department the power:
   i. to investigate any matter in accordance with its appointment;
   ii. subject to Rule 10.4(c) to require and obtain production and take possession of all documents, records, articles or things in the possession or control of a Relevant Person that are relevant to any investigation;
   iii. subject to Rule 10.4(c) to require access to the premises occupied by or in control of a Club, or examine any article or thing situated thereon, for the purpose of any investigation;
   iv. to report on and refer any matter concerning an alleged breach of Schedule 3 or Schedule 4 to the WAFC at any time.

c) The power to “obtain production” referred to in Rule 10.4(b) above includes without limitation the power to:
   i. give any reasonable direction for the purpose of facilitating the production of relevant documents, records, articles or things;
   ii. search for relevant documents, records, articles or things on any computer, mobile telephone, file, server, hard drive, tape, folder, or other storage device (whether electronic or not) in the possession or control of the Person in circumstances where there are reasonable grounds to believe that relevant items may be produced in accordance with this Rule;
   iii. search for relevant document, records, articles or things on the premises of the Club or in any Match Venue, or examine any article or thing situated thereon, where there are reasonable grounds to believe that relevant items may be produced in accordance with Rule 10.4(b)(ii).

d) In connection with the activities of the AFL Competition Integrity Department Rule 10.4, a relevant person must not:
   i. refuse or fail to attend, or answer any question or give any evidence when requested to do so;
   ii. give any false or misleading evidence to any investigation;
   iii. make any false or misleading statement or declaration in connection with an investigation;
   iv. obstruct, delay or hinder the AFL CID in connection with the performance of its duties;
   v. disobey any reasonable direction of the AFL CID in connection with the performance of its duties;
vi. engage in any improper or insulting behaviour at any time towards any member of the AFL CID in relation to his or her duties;

vii. refuse or fail to fully co-operate with any investigation;

viii. obstruct, delay or hinder any investigation;

ix. refuse or fail to produce any document, record, article or thing in the Relevant Person’s possession or control that are required to be produced in accordance with Rule 10.4(b)(ii).

e) Notwithstanding anything in this Rule 10.4, a relevant person interviewed as a suspect in a criminal investigation, charged or arrested by a law enforcement agency in respect of a criminal offence shall not be required to produce any information, give any evidence or make any statement to the AFL CID if they establish that to do so would breach any privilege against self-incrimination, or legal professional privilege.

f) For the purposes of this Rule a relevant person includes:
   i. a Listed Player on the Senior Player Points List;
   ii. a Top Up Player; or
   iii. a Club Official; or
   iv. Umpire or Umpiring Official.

g) Any Player, Umpire or Club in breach of this Rule 10, or any policy contained in these Rule may be penalised at the discretion of the WAFC in accordance with Rule 14.
12 WAFL COLTS COMPETITION

The Colts is an age restricted competition. The purpose of the Colts Competition is so that Players have a year of Colts football after their final year of secondary school. The WAFC and State Talent Manager may grant exemptions to the general age restrictions, however the exemptions are designed around opportunities for local district Players.

The aim of the WAFL Colts’ competition is to develop young footballers to the maximum of their ability.

To achieve their potential Players are to be coached in such a way that develops:

- The skills, physical attributes and football knowledge, and the
- Personal characteristics and self-esteem of each Player.

The WAFL believes that the above development can be maximized in an environment that:

- Emphasises individual Player development rather than team success
- Emphasises individual contribution as an essential component in a team environment
- Considers the Players’ long term participation in football at a variety of levels
- Promotes a balanced approach to the Players’ life styles.

The WAFL Colts competition aims to prepare Players for progression to senior WAFL or AFL football. Players are therefore to be coached in a manner that physically and mentally prepares all Players to successfully make this transition.

The WAFL Colts via the conduct and coaching of the competition prepares and encourages Players not progressing to WAFL senior football to continue playing football at a level commensurate to the Player’s ability, i.e. Amateurs, Country Football, Sunday Football etc

12.1 Rules Relating to the Colts Competition

a) Subject to (b)(c) and (d), Players must be a maximum of 18 years of age in the calendar year to play in the Colts Competition,

b) Players may be permitted to play in the Colts Competition if they reach 19 years of age in the calendar year and are approved to play by the WAFC.

c) Application can be made for developing Players turning 19 in accordance with b).

d) Clubs are only permitted to play a maximum of six (6) players turning 19 yrs of age in the current seasons calendar year in any match.

e) Players may be granted an exemption from this Rule 11.1 where the WAFL Club has applied to the WAFC for consideration will be reviewed every seven (7) weeks by the WAFC after detailed reports are submitted by the Player’s WAFL Club.

f) Players recruited to WAFL Clubs in their 19th year are not eligible for consideration in accordance with d) of this Rule 11.1.

g) Players are subject to the Rule 2 and their eligibility for transfer applies in accordance with
Rule 1.4.6.

h) Players in the Colt’s Competition aged 18yrs or under in that calendar year must not be considered for elevation to the Reserves Grade until Round 9 of the WAFL season.

i) Prior to Round 9, Peel Thunder may elevate players for selection in their 18th year with the permission of the Peel Thunder Talent Manager/Colts Coach and agreement with the player. The Peel Thunder Colts program have first right to selection of any colts aged eligible player and any disputes will be resolved by the WAFC.

j) Players who miss qualifying games through participation in the State 18’s Competition will be credited (for the purposes of finals qualification only) for each game missed.

k) The grade of game allocated in accordance with k) will be the grade played in the last game played prior to the commencement of the programme.

l) Should a Colts Match be played under special circumstances approved by the WAFL a minimum of two (2) field, two (2) boundary and one (1) goal Umpire from the WAFL panel are to be appointed to officiate the game.

12.2 Colts List

a) Each WAFL Club must include the names of all colts registered Players a Colts List that comprises of no maximum number of Players. Each Player will not be attributed a points value until they are elevated to the senior points list.

b) There is no maximum number of Players included on the Colts points list.

c) WAFL Clubs Colts Lists may exceed 35 Players in total, but only Players nominated by the WAFL Club and included in the top 35 names on the Colts List will be regarded as listed Players as defined in Rule 1.2.3 Listed Players.

d) Players may not participate in any WAFL League or Reserves grade match unless they are included on the WAFL Club Senior List or satisfy the criteria defined in section 2.5 Top Up Players.

e) All Players included on the Colts List must satisfy the requirements of registration as stipulated in section 1 Rules Relating to Registration to be eligible to play in the WAFL. A Zoned Player may be added to the Colts List for the purpose of listing the player by emailing wafloperations@wafc.com.au with the players details. A players particulars must include, first name, surname, date of birth and the AFL Footyweb number.

f) Players included on the Colts List registered under Type 1 Match Day Permit, Type 2 Local Interchange Permit or Type 3 Temporary Transfer will be regarded as a registered member of their respective WAFL Club should they choose to transfer between WAFL Clubs.

g) Players included on the Colts List regarded as listed Players may not be approached by any other WAFL Club until they turn 19 years of age or older, or are no longer eligible for colts as per the Transfer Application Period.

h) Any Player aged in their 18th or 19th year that is not a listed Colts Player is automatically eligible for transfer.

i) At the completion of the season, all Players not eligible for colts in the following season must be moved to the senior list prior to turning 19 years of age or older. Players who are 18 years of age (Jan1 – Dec31) will be regarded as a Listed player for the purpose of this rule and will need to be moved to the Senior Player list prior to the January open period commencing as per Rule 1.4.1 (c).

j) Players elevated to the senior list will only be protected if they are a listed Player as defined in section Rule 1.2.3 Listed Players.
k) WAFL Clubs may not approach WAFL Club Listed Colts players during the period of July 1st until the conclusion of the Christmas closed period in accordance with Rule 1.4.1 (c).
l) WAFL Clubs must submit colts list changes for the upcoming season prior to the Christmas closed period in accordance with Rule 1.4.1 (c).
m) WAFL Clubs acting contrary to this Rule 11.2 will be penalised in accordance with Rule 14.
n) The WAFC reserves the right to amend the provisions of this Rule applied to the Colts Competition from time to time.

12.3 Colts List Amendments
a) Eligible Players may be added or removed from a WAFL Club Colts List at any time through submissions available using the WAFL Online Administration system or by notice in writing to the WAFC by an Authorised Officer of the WAFL Club.
b) The WAFC reserves the right to approve or deny any proposed amendments to a WAFL Club Colts List, subject to the registration requirements set out in Rules 1 and 2.
c) Where the addition of a Listed Player to a WAFL Club Colts List will exceed the maximum thirty-five (35) Players, the Player change will not be accepted by the WAFC and the WAFL Club will be advised.
d) Players who are transferred from the WAFL Club in accordance with Rule 1.4 will be removed from the respective WAFL Club Colts List by the WAFC on completion of the transfer.

d) The WAFC reserves the right to amend the provisions of this Rule and Rule 2.4 as applied to the Colts Competition from time to time.

12.4 Long Term Injury List
a) Each WAFL Club may list additional Colts Players on the WAFL Club Long Term Injury List as Long Term Injured Players (LTIP). LTIP are defined as Players that are not able to play matches for an extended period of time due to injury.
b) A maximum of five (5) Colts Players may be added to the Long Term Injury List at any one time.
c) The inclusion of a Colts Player on the Long Term Injury List requires submission of the Notification of Long Term Injury (Form 8b) to the WAFC.
d) The WAFL Club Authorised Officer, a WAFL Club Medical Officer and the Injured Colts Player must all sign the form submitted in accordance with (c) above.
e) The WAFL Club Authorised Officer must include supporting evidence detailing the nature of the injury when submitting the form in accordance with (c) above.
f) The WAFC will include the Player on the WAFL Club Long Term Injury List upon receipt of the documentation required by (c)-(e) above for a period of no less than six (6) weeks and no more than twelve (12) calendar months.
g) An LTIP may be included on the WAFL Club senior points list or Colts List at any point after the 6 week minimum time limit is complete.
h) Any Player listed on the WAFL Club Long Term Injury List will not have a point value awarded, will not contribute towards the cumulative total of points and will not be included in the minimum list of 55 Players for that WAFL Club.
i) An LTIP shall be regarded as a Listed Player in accordance with Rule 1.2.3.
j) An LTIP shall not be permitted to play in WAFL matches in any grade. Any LTIP in breach of this rule may be penalised in accordance with Rule 14.
k) The WAFC reserves the right to amend the provisions of this Rule and Rule 2.4 as applied to the Colts Competition from time to time.
12.5 Country List

a) Each WAFL Club may list additional Colts players on the WAFL Colts List as Country listed Players (CLP). CLP is defined as players that are permanently residing in the WAFL Club country zone as defined in Rule 9.2 and are actively registered at a Country Football League Club as a Primary Registration. Players residing in the metropolitan area for education or employment are exempt from the rule.

b) Players included on the CLP list must be turning 18 years of age in that calendar year between July 1 and December 31.

c) A maximum of five (5) Country Listed Players may be included on the Colts List at any one time.

d) The inclusion of a CLP on the Colts List requires submission of the notification to wafloperations@wafc.com.au to the WAFC.

e) The WAFL Club Authorised Officer must submit the form in accordance with (c) above.

f) The WAFC will include the Player on the WAFL Club Colts List on WAFL Online upon receipt of the documentation required by (d) above for the duration of the calendar year or until such time as the player participates in a WAFL match.

g) A CLP may be included on the WAFL Club senior points list or Colts List at any point during that calendar year.

h) Any Player listed on the WAFL Club Country List will not have a point value awarded, will not contribute towards the cumulative total of points and will not be included in the maximum list of 35 Players on the Colts list for that WAFL Club.

i) A CLP shall be regarded as a Listed Player in accordance with Rule 1.2.3 and will be recorded on WAFL Online as a Country Listed Player.

j) A Country Listed Player shall be permitted to play in WAFL matches in the colts grade. Any CLP will revoke their status as a CLP once they participate in a WAFL Match.

k) The WAFC reserves the right to amend the provisions of this Rule applied to the Colts Competition from time to time.
12.6 Talent Development Philosophy

In order to enhance the development of youth Players within the WAFL Colts competition it is imperative that the individual philosophies of the coaches are development focused. Whilst we need to allow for individual philosophies based on the WAFL Club’s requirements and the coaches’ experience and knowledge, the competition needs to ensure that there is a common set of agreed practices that will assist the individual Player and the competition to develop.

The following are therefore proposed in order to achieve the objective of enhanced Player and competition development and are aligned to the AFL National Talent Philosophy.

- To provide an environment that best develops and showcases each individual’s talents regardless of shape or size
- To reduce the density of player numbers around the football in order to provide an opportunity for the less physically developed players to showcase their skill set.
- Eliminate any form of “Full Ground Press” which doesn’t allow forwards & defenders (Tall, Medium or Small) to develop their craft of leading to or defending the ball coming Inside 50.
- To promote and teach the art of one on one football to all underage players
- To continue to promote and harbor learning environments which encourage players to develop and showcase their repeatable skills (kicking, hand passing, decision making, marking, speed, lateral movement, etc.) without relying on their physical size

12.6.1 Anti-Density Rules

a) The WAFL Colts Coach and Players must abide by the following Anti-Density Rules at all times relating to b) and c).

b) Centre Bounce Stoppage:
   i. Six (6) forwards and six (6) defenders must start inside each 50m arc; and
   ii. One (1) forward and one (1) defender must start inside each goal square; and
   iii. Wings must start around either side of the centre square and teams aren’t allowed to start both wings on same side. To aid with rotations the wing closest to interchange ideally is the last position filled.
   iv. Should i) – iii) above not be adhered to the following in game penalties would apply:
      a. One (1) warning per game and then a free kick will be given by the umpires if a team doesn’t have six (6) players inside each forward 50, one (1) player inside each goal square and one (1) player on each wing.
      b. The warning and free kick can be awarded concurrently.

c) Around Ground Stoppages and Kick Ins:
   i. Five (5) forwards (minimum) are to be inside their attacking half and two (2) forwards (minimum) are to be inside 50; and
   ii. Defenders must abide by the above principles (Note: They don’t have to play man on man but five (5) must start in their defensive half and two (2) must be inside their defensive 50); and
   iii. Should i) – ii) above not be adhered to the following in game penalties would apply:
      a. One (1) warning per game and then a free kick plus 50m will be given by the umpires if a team doesn’t have five (5) players (minimum) showing genuine
intent to reset inside each attacking half and two (2) players (minimum) inside each 50m.

b. The warning and free kick can be awarded concurrently.

c. Due to rule changes which allow quicker play on’s Anti-Density rules will still apply for Kick Ins. However, if the ball is kicked in quickly the umpire will call play on and it will be considered general play.

12.6.2 Anti-Density Philosophy

a) The WAFL Colts Coach and Players must abide by the following Anti-Density Philosophy at all times relating to:

b) Guiding Principles:

   i. Teams are not permitted to have a 7th defender (including a Ruck) setting up behind the ball at Around Ground Stoppages with the only exception being Inside 50 stoppages [see below];

   ii. At Inside 50 stoppages to reduce numbers around the stoppage, teams have the flexibility to pull players clear. Some examples of this would be a Ruck who sits behind the ball allowing a Tall Forward to take the ruck contest or Midfielders who come out to allow Forwards to go in

   iii. Sixth forward can be inside or outside stoppage but cannot set up behind ball. The defender playing on the 6th forward can make a decision on whether he follows this player or sets up elsewhere

   iv. No Midfielder (including wings) should roll off from the stoppage to provide an outnumber behind the ball. Players should be encouraged to get back by work rate rather than positioning

   v. Should i) – iv) above not be adhered to the following post game penalties would apply:

   a. Should continual breaches in a match occur the WAFC Colts Coach and Talent Manager may be subject to sanction under these Rules and Regulations and/or the AFL Codes of Conduct at the absolute discretion of the WAFC.

12.6.3 Appointments

a) The WAFC oversees the selection process and appointment of the WAFL Club Colts Coaches. A WAFC representative must be included on the WAFL Club’s selection panel.

b) All WAFL Colts Head Coaches must have at least Level 2 Coaching Accreditation and be working towards Level 3.

c) Where a WAFL Colts Coach is deregistered of their AFL Coaching Accreditation, the Colts Coach is no longer permitted to coach in the WAFL or other Competitions.

12.7 Age Qualifications – National 18’s Championships

a) Subject to (d), Players under 18 years of age and over 16 years of age as at 1 January in the year of the National 18’s Championship shall be eligible to participate in the National 18’s Championships.

b) Players must be registered with a WAFL Club.

c) A copy of the Player’s birth certificate may be required for the purpose of verifying a Player’s age to participate in the National 18’s Championships.

d) A maximum of three (3) 19 year old Players maybe selected in each National 18’s Championship Match.
12.7.1 WAFC Selection Committee
   a) An initial training squad will be selected by the WAFC Selection Committee with WAFL clubs
      being consulted regarding the selection of players.
   b) The final decision in relation to selection will be made by the WAFC Selection Committee.
   c) The selection committee will:
      i. select a squad for the commencement of the WAFC State program;
      ii. adhere to the WAFC State Academy Selection Policy; and
      iii. adhere to the AFL Talent Departments recommendations outlined in the AFL
           Championship Rules and Regulations.

12.7.2 Selection of Players
   a) A WAFL Club must ensure it adheres and support the selected Player’s requirements in
      accordance with this Rule 11.7.2.
   b) All Players selected for the National 18’s Championships are required to:
      i. act in accordance with the WAFC State Athlete Agreement;
      ii. train with the WAFL State Academy on the dates outlined in the program unless
          a Player has been selected for WAFC League duties for the upcoming WAFL
          round, in which he will be released from one State training session in that week;
      iii. participate in all WAFC State Academy Trial and Championship matches as
           outlined in the program upon selection by the Selection Committee; and
      iv. complete a Medical Screen by a General Practitioner in accordance with the
           AFL Screening Questionnaire.
   c) All Players selected in the National 18’s Championships must complete:
      i. the Athlete Agreement form;
      ii. the Medical Screening; and
      iii. an ECG Screening;

12.7.3 State Player Availability
   a) Players not selected in the final 23 man team during National 18’s Championship rounds may
      be available for Club duties.
   b) Players not selected in the final 25 man squad the National 18’s Championship are required
      to attend training with the respective WAFL Club team on the Thursday or Friday, unless
      injured or in rehabilitation.
   c) Players not selected may be required as an emergency to be on standby due to unforeseen
      circumstances which may rule out the Player for Club duties in those rounds.
   d) During National 18’s Championship bye rounds Players may be released back for Club training
      as of the Wednesday of that week and will be available for Club selection, if approved by the
      WAFC Talent Manager.
   e) Notification in relation to release in accordance with d) will be distributed on Thursday of that
      week by the WAFC Talent Manager.

12.7.4 State Players WAFL League Commitment
   a) Players regularly involved in a WAFL Club’s League Team:
      i. will be released from one State training session each week to train with their
         respective WAFL Club; and
      ii. will only need to be involved in the final State trial match.
12.7.5 Key dates & Program Overview

a) All WAFL Clubs must adhere to all aspects of the WAFC State Academy program.

12.7.6 Responsibilities of WAFL Clubs

a) An individual training and match program must be agreed to at the start of the program by the State Academy and regional Player in conjunction with their WAFL Club.

b) WAFL Clubs must give consideration to a Player’s level of State involvement and how it may affect his home life and school.

c) WAFL Club and State Academy medical staff must meet and at the start and conclusion of the Academy program to discuss the management of individual Players and their availability to train and compete in Club home and away or championship fixtures, taking into consideration the Medical Policy.

d) On request by the WAFC State Academy, WAFL Clubs must allow State Players during all WAFL Fixtures to be monitored with State GPS units.

e) During WAFC State Academy Program WAFL Clubs must:
   i. disclose all personal information that may be relevant to Player participating in the WAFC State Academy Program;
   ii. supply Top-Up Players equalling no less than or more than eight (8) Senior Listed Players as well as arrange a WAFL venue if requested by the WAFL State Academy for an intra-squad trial match on a fixed bye where all reasonable match day expenses will be incurred by the WAFC;
   iii. at the request of the WAFL State Academy make available WAFL venues for home Championship matches where all match day expenses will be incurred by the WAFC.

f) Following the conclusion of the National 18’s Championship;
   i. the WAFC State Academy must recommend a Player’s availability based on medical advice, however it will be the WAFL Clubs medical staff who will make the final call on a Player’s availability for selection; and
   ii. WAFL Clubs must release Players for a one on one meeting with the WAFC State Academy. Player reports to be sent to Clubs within 2 weeks.

12.7.7 Responsibilities of WAFC

a) The WAFC will:
   i. incur all reasonable expenses for home Championship matches by the host WAFL Club;
   ii. organise and supply all Umpires for trial matches against WAFL Club teams;
   iii. prior to the commencement of the WAFL State program liaise with relevant WAFL League Coach and FOM regarding individual training program of a Player(s) in consideration for WAFL League football; and
   iv. during the State Academy program:
      a. cover 100% of medical expenses incurred by a WAFL Players representing the State Academy; and
      b. if the Player is a National Academy Member the costs incurred will be 33% each (between AFL/WAFL/WAFC) of the medical expense.
12.7.8 AFL Requirements

12.7.8.1 National Academy Players
a) WAFL Clubs must adhere to the implementation and management of the Individual Development Plan process developed by the AFL for their respective Player(s).
b) WAFL Clubs must support and report in accordance with AFL established individual development plans for National Academy Players, including coaching, welfare, game schedule and medical. If the plan is not adhered to, the AFL and State have the authority to remove the Player from the National or State Academy.

12.7.8.2 AFL Talent Database (Smarterbase)
a) All State Players eligible for the AFL National Draft in any given year are to be reported on in full at a date/s determined by the AFL on the relevant database completing all required fields outlined by the AFL Talent Department.
b) All colt’s players must be entered into Smarterbase by Feb 1 and updated as required.
13 WAFL STATE TEAMS

13.1.1 State Coach
a) The positions of State Coach, coaching support staff, runners and Chairman Of Selectors will be offered to the person or persons deemed to be most suitable by the WAFC.

13.1.2 Players Withdrawing Without Notice
a) Any Player who has been selected in any interstate or other combined league match and who shall fail to play without having given at least 24 hours’ notice to the WAFC shall be disqualified from playing in any league match for such period as the Protests and Disputes Tribunal shall determine.

13.1.3 Injured Players
a) Any State Player who is selected and is then declared unfit by the League Medical Officer shall not be eligible to play for his Club whilst the State team is on tour, unless he is declared fit by the League Medical Officer.

13.1.4 State Game Umpires
a) The WAFL, with agreement from the other States, will supply two (2) Field Umpires (plus emergency), 1 boundary Umpire (plus emergency), and 1 Goal Umpire (plus emergency) for all Home state Games. 1 Field, 1 Boundary and 1 Goal Umpire will come from the travelling State.
b) When playing away the WAFL will supply one (1) Field, one (1) Boundary and one (1) Goal Umpire for the game.
## 14 PENALTIES

a) Penalties are imposed at the sole discretion of the WAFC and penalty amounts may be amended from time to time at the discretion of the WAFC.

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1.1.9(c)(ii) Player Ineligibility - Intermediate Breach $1,000
1.1.9(c)(iii) Player Ineligibility - Minor Breach $500

2.1 Senior Points List $500
2.2 Interstate Player List up to $5,000
2.3 Supplementary List up to $5,000
2.4 Long Term Injury List up to $5,000
2.5 Top-Up Players up to $5,000

3.1.5 Terminated Matches at the absolute discretion of the WAFC

3.1.9(a) or (b) Clubs Desiring to Abstain from Playing in a Match $5,000
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3.2(a) Naming Players in Football Budget $100
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# 15 DEFINITIONS

In these Rules and Regulations, unless there is something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith, the following expressions have the following meanings:

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<td>the online national registration database</td>
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<td>a match played as part of the AFL season</td>
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<td>b) A corporation wherein the Player, a person referred to in paragraph (a) or two or more such persons together have a direct or indirect beneficial interest in shares the nominal value of which is not less than 10% of the nominal value of the class of issued share capital of the corporation in which the shares are comprised;</td>
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referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) is a member, and
d) A trustee of a trust in which the Player or any persons
referred to in paragraphs (a) or (b) has or may have a
beneficial interest.

**Authorised Officer**
a nominated Club person who has the authority to represent
the Club. An Authorised Officer may include but is not limited
to President, Chief Executive, Football Operations Manager,
Talent Manager and any other employee holding a position
delegated with responsibility to act on the Clubs behalf.

**Bench Area**
the bench area as set out in Schedule 7 (WAFL Venues Policy)

**Blood Rule**
the Blood Rule as set out in the infectious diseases provision
contained in the AFL Laws of Australian Football

**Boundary Line**
the white line marked on the ground to identify the playing
surface as set out in Schedule 7 (WAFL Venues Policy)

**Broadcasting Rights**
means any exploitation of any audio or visual media,
including but not limited to:

a) electronic, wireless or optical communication, whether
in existence or not at the time of the introduction of this rule,
whether broadcast or not, whether incorporated into the
broadcast signal or not, to a device or combination of devices
capable of receiving and displaying television programs,
including datacasting;

b) free to air television and radio broadcasting and
subscription television and radio broadcasting;

c) in flight, ship at sea and other forms of transport
rights;

d) digital terrestrial television, cable and satellite audio
visual broadcasting;

e) electronic, wireless or optical communication whether
in existence or not at the time of the introduction of this rule,
using protocols whether in existence or not at the time of the
introduction of this rule including internet protocol,
television, streaming, the hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP),
secure hypertext transfer protocol (HTTPS), file transfer
protocol (FTP), the wireless application protocol (WAP) and
short message service (SMS) over cellular and networks (and
other wireless or cellular networks as may be implemented);
and

f) digital platforms including online, mobile and social
media.

**Calendar Year**
the period from January 1st to December 31st (inclusive)

**Category (b) Rookie**
a Player drafted from a sport other than AFL or from
overseas who is classified as a free agent, with the exception
of any Player from a sport other than AFL or from overseas
who is drafted directly into the AFL system.
Closed Period

the period from July 1st to 9am Tuesday morning immediately following the WAFL Grand Final (both inclusive) during which Players cannot be transferred between Clubs and no player discussions can occur.

Club

a Club which is a member of the WAFL or of an association affiliated with the League.

Club Doctor

a person licensed to practice medicine

Club Official

a person engaged by a WAFL Club:

(a) to work with, treat, advise or assist a Player or the football department of a Club in relation to participation in or preparation for the AFL Competition and does so on an ongoing or regular basis;

(b) to work with, treat, advise or assist a Player or the football department of a Club in relation to participation in or preparation for the AFL Competition and does so on the premises of the Club; or

(c) to at any time undertake official duties for the Club in connection with the playing of a Match.

Club of Origin

is defined by the first senior WACFL Club to which a Player was registered

Club Sponsor

a person, firm or organization who provides goods or services to a WAFL Club

Colts List

means the Colts List set out in Rule 11.2 Colts List

Colts Team

a team fielded by a Club in a competition in which all members are registered Players aged between the minimum for a WAFL Player and under the age of 19, as at the 30th June in that year, including persons selected as interchange Players in such team where Players who turn 19 between July and December of the current season are eligible to play in the colt’s competition

Colts Coach

the coach of the Colts Team as appointed by the WAFC

Colts Grade

the level of competition in which a Colts Team participates

Colts Match

any game at the direction of, or in any competition conducted by, the WAFL in which any Colts Team participates

Community Football League

any of the West Australian Amateur Football League, the Metropolitan Football Club or the West Australian Country Football League.

Competition

means the West Australian Football League competition, conducted by the WAFC

Country Zone

in respect of each Club, the country district allocated to that Club pursuant to Rule 9

Country Club

a Club which is a member of an association which is affiliated with the WACFL
**Country Metropolitan League**
a Player that is no longer currently regarded as Registered Player of the respective WAFL Club

**Destination Club**
the Club to which a Player is being transferred

**District Club**
a Club which is affiliated with any League which is not recognised as the State League

**Draft Fees**
the draft fees received for WAFL Players from the AFL, retained by the WAFC

**Equivalent Offer**
in respect of a Player wishing to transfer from one WAFL Club to another, an offer in writing made by the Primary Club to the transferring Player, no less favourable to the transferring Player than that stated to be offered by the Destination Club

**Fairest and Best Player**
a Player awarded the fairest and best Player award in accordance with Rule 7.3

**Field Umpire**
person(s) who officiate and have full control of a match as approved by the WAFC

**Finals Matches**
a series of matches played at the conclusion of the home and away season to determine a premiership team

**Five (5) Game Rule**
the Five (5) Game Rule as set out in Rule 4.1(d)

**Football Payments**
in respect of a Player the aggregate value of all money, consideration and other benefits whatsoever that are, in any period, given, directly or indirectly to the individual or any Associate of the individual or applied for the benefit of the individual in respect of or incidental to the individual's past, present or future services with a Club or in respect of or incidental to the individual's reputation and identity as an Australian Football Player or in respect of or incidental to any Agreement which is in substance or effect an Agreement to join a Club or refrain from joining any Club. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing and for the purposes of this definition, any money, consideration or benefit given, directly or indirectly, to an individual or to an Associate of the individual or applied for the benefit of the individual in respect of or incidental to the individual's past, present or future services with a Club or in respect of or incidental to the individual's reputation and identity as an Australian Football Player unless the individual and the Club can demonstrate that such money, consideration or benefits are given otherwise than in respect of or incidental to such past, present or future services with a Club or in respect of or incidental to the individual's reputation and identity as an Australian Football Player or in respect of or incidental to any Agreement which is in substance or effect an Agreement to join a Club or to refrain from joining any Club.
Club Salary Cap: the maximum aggregate amount or value of all Football Payments that may be given to or applied for the benefit of Players with each Club and Associates of such Players in any Calendar Year.

FOM: Football Operations Manager.

Football Budget: the in season weekly publication used to display team lists for each round of the season.

Football Year: the period from the day after the last Grand Final to be played in any of the competitions conducted by WAFL in any year to the day of the last such Grand Final in the following year.

Free Agent: any Player aged over nineteen (19) years of age who is not listed by any Club whether that Player is registered, contracted or living within a particular Clubs zone; where that Player is not listed he is deemed a free agent and able to move to any other Club unencumbered.

Funding Agreement: the WAFL Club Funding Grant Agreement between the WAFC and a WAFL Club, as amended from time to time.

Grand Final: final match played to determine a premiership team in accordance with these Rules.

Home and Away Match: matches played between two WAFL Clubs before the finals series.

Independent Investigations Officer: person(s) who are appointed by the WAFC to investigate any matter.

Individual Development Plan: a written program developed for the improvement of a Player.

Ineligible Player: a Player who plays in any grade whilst not registered, without a weekly permission form or whilst under suspension.

Inter-Club Match: involvement in any match activity between two (2) or more WAFL Clubs.

Interstate Player: a Player who, in accordance with the Interstate Player Transfer Regulations of the AFL, must receive a transfer pursuant to such regulations before being eligible to play in any of the competitions conducted by the WAFL.

Interchange Area: the area marked on the boundary line through which Players may enter and leave the playing surface as set out in Schedule 7 (WAFL Venues Policy).

Interchange Player: the Player(s) of a team who are not on the playing surface but who are listed on the team sheet and available to replace a Player on the playing surface.

Interchange Steward: the person(s) appointed by the relevant controlling body to monitor and approve the interchange of Players during a match.
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<td>the official form used by the interchange stewards to record the interchange of Players on and off the playing surface</td>
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<td>a list of Players that have been transferred from interstate</td>
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<td>the overarching rules used to describe the rules of the game of Australian rules football as they have evolved and adapted since 1859 as amended from time to time</td>
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<td>a Player who resides in the WAFL Club zone, both metro and country, and has been living in that address for greater than 18 months.</td>
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<td>a Player who brings value to the Club and League both on and off the field</td>
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<td>AFL endorsed national championship for Players aged 17 and 18 years old and nominated 19 year olds</td>
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<td>A WAFL Club that is not aligned to a West Australian based AFL Club</td>
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<td>a Player that does not reside in the WAFL Club zone</td>
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<td>Notice of Player Discussion</td>
<td>Official form that must be lodged to the WAFL and Primary Club within 48 hours of the discussion with a listed Player</td>
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<td>Number One Umpire</td>
<td>the senior Umpire appointed to officiate the match</td>
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<td>Official Team Sheet</td>
<td>Official form that discloses Players and officials participating in a match</td>
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<td>the association of past Players and Officials are established by Rule 7.2</td>
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<td>a list of Players setting out Players who are eligible to play only with that WAFL Club as listed, unless transferred to another Club pursuant to these Rules</td>
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<td>categories assigned to a Player based on their playing history</td>
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<td>the field of play inside the boundary line, goal line and behind line, excluding the area between such lines and the perimeter fence as set out in Schedule 7 (WAFL Venues Policy)</td>
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<td>the official record of games played, recording the wins, losses, draws, premiership points and percentage</td>
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<td>the Club under in which a Player’s primary registration is current</td>
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<td>a Player listed on the Listed Player 40 list in accordance with Rule 8.4</td>
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<td>a Player who is permitted to play in the WAFL competition</td>
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<td>a form of identification to access restricted areas on match day</td>
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<td>an action of a Player or official defined as a reportable offence in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football</td>
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<td>the level of competition in which a WAFL Reserves team participates</td>
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<td>South Australian National Football League</td>
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<td>Senior List</td>
<td>a list of registered Players eligible to play in the WAFL reserves or league grades</td>
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<td>Senior Player Points List</td>
<td>the list of a minimum of 55 senior Registered Players listed in accordance with Rule 2.1</td>
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| Simpson Medal                             | the medal awarded to the Player adjudged best on ground in the WAFL League grand final or the medal awarded to the
West Australian Player adjudged the best on ground in a State match

**SMA**  
Sports Medicine Australia

**SFL**  
Sunday Football League

**Sports Trainer**  
a person who is trained in sports first aid and has the accreditation required by Rule 3.7.4.2

**State**  
any of the States and Territories of the Commonwealth of Australia

**State 18s Competition**  
the national underage competition that states compete against each other

**State Academy**  
WAFC state program to develop under 16’s and 18’s Players for a national carnival

**State Game**  
WAFL League match between two states

**Supplementary List**  
a list of Players who have transferred from the WAFL Club to a senior community Club that are still considered as a listed Player

**Supplementary List Player**  
a Player who is listed on the Supplementary List

**Support Staff**  
all reserve and other grade coaches, skills and assistant coaches, physical education instructors and assistants, training and property staff, doctors, team managers, team selectors, team runners, interchange stewards, statisticians, and all other persons involved in assisting the Club’s teams to compete on the field

**TAC Cup**  
State League 18’s and under competition in Victoria

**Talent Manager**  
the person appointed by the WAFC to manage underage programs and to identify talent

**Team**  
A League Team, Reserve Team or Colts Team

**Team Manager**  
the person appointed by a WAFL Club to manage the Colts, Reserves or League team as applicable

**Temporary Club**  
the Club for which a Player competes temporarily under a permit granted in accordance with Rule 1.6

**Temporary Registration**  
a temporary registration granted as part of a permit granted in accordance with Rule 1.6

**Temporary Transfer**  
a temporary transfer allowing a Player to compete for another Club other than their Primary Club for an agreed period of time, maximum one season in accordance with Rule 1.6.3
Tier 1 League means the tier 1 Leagues which conduct and administer the Senior Grade, Reserve Grade and Under 18 Australian football competitions as follows:
(a) South Australian National Football League;
(b) Victorian Football League;
(c) TAC Cup;
(d) West Australian Football League;
(e) North East Australian Football League; and
(f) Tasmanian State League;
where Category (a) Tier 1 Leagues are as follows:
(i) South Australian National Football League;
(ii) Victorian Football League and TAC Cup (combined); and
(iii) West Australian Football League;
Category (b) Tier 1 Leagues (Category (b)) are as follows:
(i) North East Australian Football League; and
(ii) Tasmanian Football League

Tier 2 League means all other Leagues which conduct and administer Australian football competitions (other than the AFL, Tier 1 Leagues or AFL 9s competitions).

Timekeeper the person(s) appointed by the relevant controlling body to measure or record the amount of time in a match

Timekeepers Sheet the official form used by the timekeeper to record the timings for the match

Top Up Player a Player who is permitted to play on permit but not included on the Clubs Senior List

Top Up Player List a list of Players who are permitted to play on permit but not included on the Clubs Senior List

Total Player Payments (TPP) the value of all or any part of any money, consideration or other benefit paid or provided to the Player in respect of any match played

TPP Officer the person(s) appointed by the relevant controlling body to audit WAFL club TPP

Training involvement in any team activity or any activities supervised by any member of the coaching staff at a Club

Transfer movement of a Player from a Primary Club to a Destination Club

Transfer Application Period the period of time in which a Player can be transferred being between Nov 1 – Nov 30 and 1 Feb and 30 June

Travel Allowance the allowance a Player who travels 50km or more as a round trip to a playing commitment that can be claimed under the TPP

Tribunal a body established and constituted by the WAFC to hear and determine charges brought before it under these Rules

Transfer Fee the fee attributed to the movement of a Player from the Primary Club to a Destination Club
Veterans Allowance  a Player who has played over one hundred (100) WAFL League or AFL Games and Player is returning to Club of origin
WA State Academy  WAFC state program to develop under 16’s and 18’s Players for a national carnival
WAAFL  Western Australian Amateur Football League
WACFL  West Australian Country Football League
WAFC  West Australian Football Commission
WAFC Corporate Governance Team  a subcommittee of the WAFC that oversees Corporate Governance for WA Football
WA AFL Clubs  West Coast Eagles and Fremantle Dockers (those Clubs in AFL based in WA)
WAFL  the West Australian Football League
WAFL Arbitrator  a person appointed by the WAFC to arbitrate on any matter referred to him pursuant to these Rules
WAFL Club  a State League Club issued with a licence from the WAFC
WAFL Club Zone  a geographical area (metro and regional) aligned to a WAFL Club
WAFL Management Committee  the Chief Executive Officers of each of the WAFL Clubs as constituted to provide recommendations on all matters pertaining to the running of the WAFL competition
WAFL Online  the online Sports management system for the WAFL competition
WAFL Registration Form  the official form to register Players in the WAFL competition as provided by the WAFC
WAFL Report Review Panel  an independent panel responsible for reviewing reports and notice of investigations pursuant to the Laws of Australian Football
WAFL Standalone Club  a Club which is a Competition licence holder and, for the avoidance of doubt, has no alignment with an AFL Club
WAFL Talent Manager  the WAFL Talent Manager as appointed by the WAFC
WAFL Tribunal  the disciplinary tribunal of the WAFL
WAFL Website  the official website of the West Australian Football League (www.wafl.com.au/)
WAFTA  West Australian Football Trainers Association
Water Carrier  an individual who is permitted to carry water on the field of play during a WAFL match
Written Notice  a notice hand written or typed or sent by telegram, telex, facsimile or computer system printout
Zoned Player  an individual who resides in the geographical boundary of the WAFL Club
Zone  the geographic area allocated to a WAFL Club as defined in Rule 9
Schedule 1 Heat Policy

Heat-related stress can lead to impaired player performance (eg dizziness, headaches, collapse and illness). In its extreme form, heat can be life threatening. Preventing heat stress and injury maintains optimum performance and improves recovery. To prevent heat stress, careful planning and preparation is required in accordance with this schedule 1.

A number of management strategies to minimise any potential heat injury have been identified over recent seasons. The recommended prevention methods that follow are a result of experience gained from the AFL Preseason, WAFL Preseason and early season Premiership rounds.

Preliminary Assessment

The Football Body should assess the heat stress risk by reviewing information provided by the Bureau of Meteorology. Heat stress management strategies should also be applied at all training sessions.

Players / Umpires

Players have a responsibility to ensure that the impact of environmental factors such as extreme heat is not exacerbated by their own conduct. Accordingly, the following general guidelines should be followed:

- Ensure adequate fluid intake prior to game and during game (500-700mls per quarter);
- monitor hydration;
- notify medical and coaching staffs when effected by heat or when performance is noticeably affected;
- Use water and electrolyte drinks;
- use pre-game, game and post-game cooling strategies;
- do not play in the heat with an illness; and
- Apply 50+ sunscreen in sunny conditions.

Clubs Responsibility

All Clubs competing in a competition administered by the Football Body should monitor environmental factors such as extreme heat both in Matches and at any Australian Football training session administered by the Club. The Club should assess the heat stress risk by reviewing information provided by the Bureau of Meteorology. Heat stress management strategies should also be applied at all training sessions administered by the Club. The following general guidelines should be followed:

- Use cooling aids – ice vests, spray bottles, sponges, fans (in rooms and on interchange bench) and shade;
- Choose heat permeable jumpers and socks;
- Mandatory reporting of incidents of heat stress illness in all players to the Football Body;
- use a Club official to be delegated the primary responsibility of monitoring and manage players for heat stress issues as they arise during a Match;
- Provide adequate fluids in appropriate bottles;
- Ensure trainers are fit enough to access as many Players as possible during the game;
- provide facilities for player cooling – shade, air conditioning, sprays and fans whether training or playing;
• coordinate training times outside extreme conditions;
• Include additional Player(s) to squad (Approval by the WAFC); and
• Nomination of one Player payment to sit outside the TPP in home and away matches;

**Coaches**

• Rotate Players regularly, especially running Players, through interchange bench

**Medical**

• identify “at risk” players and monitor their core temperatures, physical and mental performance and hydration state;
• Do not play Players suffering from a febrile illness, vomiting or diarrhea;
• Weigh Players before the game, half time and at the end of the game to identify fluid replacement requirements;
• avoid adrenaline-like medication;
• provide thermometers (including rectal), equipment for resuscitation and intravenous fluid replacement;
• if playing in potentially difficult circumstances delegate management of heat stress and illness to one (1) responsible medical officer;
• have adequate medical equipment available for managing heat stress conditions;
• report all cases of heat stress and heat stress illness in training sessions and games to the WAFC;
• provide player education on the issue and how the club will manage such circumstances.

**WAFC**

Where possible, the WAFC should schedule Matches as much to avoid extremes of heat and allow for increased recovery from those conditions.

• Schedule games to avoid hot conditions where possible (e.g. Pre-season games – night or twilight or early morning) particularly night games in March/April.
• Ensure venues provide change rooms with cooling facilities e.g. Fans, air conditioning.
• Increase the number of water runners to run fluids in high risk conditions (extra three)
• Increase the length of intervals to enable teams to leave the field for the shade of the rooms at each change in high risk conditions i.e. 25 minutes for ½ time and/or 10 minutes for ¼ and ¾ time.
• Provide extra field and boundary Umpires for February and March games (Pre-season competition) in high to extreme risk conditions.
• WAFL Clubs to include an additional Player and Clubs can select one Player’s match payment to sit outside the TPP. This selection must be highlighted on the WAFL form 2d.
• Reduce length of quarters e.g. 25 minutes maximum in February and March in extreme risk conditions.
• Consider postponing or rescheduling games in extreme risk conditions.
Schedule 2 Racial & Religious Inappropriate Conduct Policy

a) No Player in his capacity as a Player of a WAFL Club or, in the course of carrying out his duties or functions as or incidental to a Player of a WAFL Club or any Director, Officer, Servant or agent of a WAFL Club (including without limitation any coach, assistant coach, trainer, medical officer, runner or person entitled to enter the arena during the course of or prior to or during a break in play in any match) shall act towards or speak to any other person in a manner, or engage in any other conduct which threatens, disparages, vilifies or insults another person (“the person vilified”) on the basis of that person’s race, religion, colour descent or national or ethnic origin, sexual preference, orientation or identity, special ability or disability. The scope of this rule does not exclude incidents off the playing arena.

b) In the event that it is alleged that a person has contravened Schedule 2 a WAFL Umpire, WAFL Club or WAFL Player may, by 5.00 pm on the first working day following the day on which the contravention is alleged to have occurred, lodge a complaint in writing to the WAFC.

c) The WAFC will put in place a conciliation meeting and all WAFL Clubs and individuals concerned must attend. This process must be private and no public statement is allowed by the WAFL Clubs, Players or any representative of the WAFL Club(s) involved and must be within three (3) working days of the incident.

d) The WAFL Tribunal will hear the evidence at the conciliation meeting and can:
   i. Determine that there is no case to answer.
   ii. Mediate and assist in resolving the issue.
   iii. Refer the case to the WAFL Tribunal

If the matter is referred to the WAFL Tribunal and found guilty the following guidelines are used for penalty:

1st Offence  Player to be suspended for a minimum of three (3) playing dates.

2nd Offence  Player to be suspended for a minimum of six (6) playing dates.

3rd Offence  Player to have his registration revoked to play in the WAFL competition as determined by the WAFC and must make written application to the WAFC to have his registration re-instated.
Schedule 3 Gambling Policy

Application

a) For the purposes of this Regulation (Gambling):
   i. in respect of Players, coaches, Umpires and Club Officials from AFL Standalone Clubs (WAFL Partner Clubs and AFL Standalone Clubs):
   ii. Match means any Australian football match played between or involving a Competition Club or AFL Club including without limitation any competition match, practice match, trial match, representative match or exhibition match; and
   iii. Australian Football Contingency means any Match or aspect of a Match (as defined in (a) above) or any contingency related to the Competition or AFL competition; and
   iv. in respect of Players, coaches and Club Officials from WAFL Standalone Clubs:
      a. Match means any Australian football match played between or involving any Competition Club including without limitation any competition match, practice match, trial match, representative match or exhibition match; and
      b. Australian Football Contingency means any Match or aspect of a Match (as defined in (i)(a) above) or any contingency related to the Competition.

Players and Umpires

a) The obligations imposed upon a Player under this Schedule 3 are in addition to the obligations of a Player under the standard Competition playing or umpiring contract.

Corrupt Conduct

a) A Player, coach, Club, Club Official, Umpire or Umpire Official must not contrive or attempt to contrive or otherwise influence improperly the result of a Match or an Australian Football Contingency.

b) A person must not seek, accept, offer or agree to accept any bribe or reward to contrive or attempt to contrive or otherwise influence improperly the result of any WAFL Contingency.

c) A Player, coach, Club, Club Official, Umpire or Umpire Official must not provide or receive any gift, payment or other benefit (whether of a monetary value or otherwise) in circumstances likely to prejudice the interests or reputation of the WAFL or the Competition or to bring the game of Australian Football into disrepute.

No Gambling

a) A Player, coach, Club, Club Official, Umpire or Umpire Official must not:
   i. bet or wager on any Australian Football Contingency;
   ii. have an interest in any bet or wager, or have someone else place a bet or wager on their behalf on any Australian Football Contingency;
   iii. facilitate or assist the making of a bet or wager on an Australian Football Contingency; or
   iv. without the prior permission of the WAFL, encourage, induce, advertise or promote betting on an Australian Football Contingency.

For the avoidance of doubt, Australian Football Contingency is defined by the competition they are registered within (WAFL) and any contingency involving the
AFL Club that the Partner or Standalone AFL Team is affiliated (WCE and Fremantle FC)

b) The prohibition on gambling under this Schedule includes a prohibition on taking part in tipping exchanges (being an avenue through which tipsters sell their tips online) in respect of Australian Football Contingencies. For the avoidance of doubt, this Regulation 10.3.4 does not preclude Players, coaches, Clubs and Club Officials from participating in ordinary footy tipping competitions.

Inside Information

a) A Player, coach, Club or Club Official must not disclose or provide any information, advice or opinion to any other person about the Teams playing in any Match (including but not limited to, the actual or likely composition of the Team, Player injuries, the form of Players and tactics), unless the Player, coach, Club or Club Official can establish to the satisfaction of the WAFL that at least one of the following applies:
   i. such information was already in the public domain or given in a bona fide media interview; or
   ii. the information was not provided in any of the following circumstances:
      iii. for the purpose of betting or wagering by any person on an Australian Football Contingency; or
      iv. where it might reasonably be expected that such information may be used for betting or wagering by any person on an Australian Football Contingency; or
   v. for consideration or reward.

Performance on One’s Merits

a) In relation to any Match, aspect of a Match, or pre-Match planning and tactics, a Player, coach or member of the Match Committee must at all times Perform on their merits.

b) No person may induce or encourage any Player, coach or member of the Match Committee to breach (a) above for any reason whatsoever.

Notification

a) A Player, coach, Club, Club Official, Umpire or Umpire Official who directly or indirectly, formally or informally receives an approach or invitation from any other person to engage in any conduct prohibited by this Rule, must as soon as practicable, advise and provide a full details of such approach to the WAFL.

b) A Player, coach, Club, Club Official, Umpire or Umpire Official or any other person must as soon as practicable, advise and provide full details to the WAFL of any incident, fact, or matter that comes to their attention that may evidence an offence under this Rule by another party, including (without limitation) approaches or invitations that have been received by any other party to engage in conduct that would amount to a breach of this Rule.

Sanctions

a) A Player, coach, Club, Club Official, Umpire or Umpire Official, who does not fully and strictly comply with the provisions of this Rule, shall be dealt with in such manner as the WAFL in its absolute discretion thinks fit.

b) The WAFL in its absolute discretion impose a penalty on the relevant Club in addition to or in place of a penalty on an individual.

Player Awards

a) A Club must not conduct any Player award that (to its knowledge) is, or may be, subject to an Australian Football Contingency without receiving the prior written approval of the WAFL.
Schedule 4 Anti-Doping Policy

a) The WAFL competition will follow the AFL Anti-Doping Code as amended from time to time by the AFL.

b) Where financial penalty is incurred in the form of penalty points the WAFL will fine $100 for each penalty point imposed by the AFL policy.

c) The “WAFL On-Line Anti-Doping Education Course” must be completed prior to any Player being selected to play in a WAFL League match. In addition completion of this course remains a compulsory requirement of all WAFL Players.

d) All WAFL Clubs are to ensure that Anti-Doping signage provided by the League is permanently displayed in areas frequented by Players.

e) All WAFL Clubs are to conduct during the Pre-Season period an Anti-Doping Player education presentation prior to the commencement of the qualifying WAFL season.

f) The WAFL and WAFL Club will provide some assistance for Players found guilty under this policy and support the Player given the parameters of the sanction.
Schedule 5  Working with Children Policy

The Working with Children Policy sets out the screening process for people in the WAFL who work, coach, supervise or have regular unsupervised contact with people under the age of 18 years. In accordance with the Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004, WAFL Clubs must ensure that any person in child-related work have an Assessment Notice in the form of a WWC Card following completion of a Working with Children Check.

Purpose of Working with Children Check
The Working with Children Check (WWC Check) is a compulsory and rigorous criminal record check for certain people who carry out ‘child-related work’ in WA. A person is in ‘child-related work’ if the usual duties of their work involves, or is likely to involve contact with a child in connection with specified categories of work (see the website below for further details). It includes child-related work carried out by paid employees, volunteers, unpaid people and the self-employed.

Parents volunteering in connection with their child’s activity are exempt (although this does not apply to overnight camps); however they should still be required to complete the non-WWC Check screening process. There are other exemptions, for example volunteers under 18 years old. Further details about exemptions can be found on the website www.checkwwc.wa.gov.au. Only those in child-related work under the Act may apply.

Applicants will be issued with either:

- An Assessment Notice in the form of a WWC Card enabling them to be in all types of child-related work for three years unless there are new offences of concern.
- An Interim Negative Notice, which prohibits them from child-related work until a final decision is made on their application.
- A Negative Notice, which prohibits them from child-related work.

There are set obligations and strong penalties for non-compliance including for WAFL Clubs, whether they be an employer or volunteer co-coordinator of those people who are working with children.

WAFL Club obligations
Every WAFL Club is required to:

a) Identify positions that involve working, coaching, supervising or regular unsupervised contact with people under the age of 18 years.

b) Obtain a completed Member Protection Declaration (MPD) (available via WAFL Online) from all people who are identified in the above step and keep it in a secure place.

c) Provide an opportunity for a person to give an explanation if a MPD isn’t provided or it reveals that the person doesn’t satisfactorily meet any of the clauses in the MPD. The WAFC will then make an assessment as to whether the person may be unsuitable to work with people under the age of 18 years. If unsatisfied the WAFC will not permit the appointment of that person to the role/position.

d) Where possible, check a person’s referees (verbal or written) about his/her suitability for the role.
e) Ask the people identified in step 1 to sign a consent form for a national police check.

f) Possibly request (or ask the person to request) a national ‘Part Exclusion’ police check from Western Australia police. This check excludes irrelevant records. If the police check indicates a relevant offence, the WAFC will provide an opportunity for the person to give an explanation, and then the WAFC will make an assessment as to whether the person may pose a risk to or be unsuitable to work with people under the age of 18 years. If unsatisfied the WAFC will not permit the appointment of that person to the role/position.

g) Make an assessment as to whether the person may be unsuitable to work with people under the age of 18 years if the person does not agree to a national police check after explaining why it is a requirement under our policy. If unsatisfied, the WAFC will not permit the appointment of that person to the role/position.

h) Decide whether to offer the person the position taking into account the result of the police check and any other information the Club has available to it. Where it is not practical to complete the police check prior to the person commencing in the position, WAFL Clubs must arrange for the check to be completed as soon as possible, and if necessary, act immediately on the outcome.

i) Protect the privacy of any person who is checked and maintain confidentiality of any information obtained through the checking process.

j) Return information collected during screening (such as a completed MPD form, police records and referee reports) to the relevant person if that person is not appointed to the position, or otherwise be destroyed within twenty eight (28) days of the date of the decision or the expiry of any appeal period, unless within that time the person requests that the documents be returned to them. For appointed persons, information will be kept on file in a secure location.
Schedule 6  Bleeding & Blood Borne Infection Policy

a) The WAFL follows the AFL policy in this area.

b) Any Club not adhering to the policy set out in the Laws of Australian Football may be fined in accordance with Rule 14.
Schedule 7 WAFL Venues Policy

a) At WAFL venues the Playing Arena set out in the diagram below shall apply, as extracted from the Laws of Australian Football:

b) The Playing Arena shall be oval in shape at least 150 metres in length and 110 metres in width (unless otherwise approved) – for new developments the preferred playing dimensions are 165m (length) and 135m (width) and marked in accordance with Law 3.2 (b) of the Laws of Australian Football as follows:

i. A white line shall be marked on the ground to identify the Playing Surface.

ii. This white line shall be drawn in the shape of an arc from the behind post at one end of the Playing Surface to the behind post at the other end of the Playing
c) In accordance with Law 3.3 of the Laws of Australian Football, the following areas shall be marked on the Playing Surface:
   i. Located in the centre of the Playing Surface, the centre square is to be 50 metres long and 50 metres wide.
   ii. The Centre Circle is to be 3 metres in diameter and an outer circle 10 metres in diameter which shall:
   iii. be located in the middle of the Centre Square; and
   iv. both be divided into two semicircles, by drawing a straight line parallel with each goal line; and
   v. in the event of adverse weather conditions the home Club have the option of a secondary centre circle which is off the cricket pitch table but still remains within the original centre square;
   vi. An Interchange Area, which shall be 15 metres wide;
   vii. A Goal Square at each end of the Playing Surface;
   viii. The Goal Line and Behind Line; and
   ix. A Fifty-Metre Arc at each end of the Playing Surface.

d) In accordance with the Laws of Australian Football the following requirements shall apply for the Goal Area:
   i. Two (2) Goal Posts located 6.4 metres apart and shall be placed at each end of the playing ground; and
   ii. Two (2) Behind Posts shall be placed at a distance of 6.4 metres from each goal post and in a straight line with them; and
   iii. Two (2) lines shall be drawn at right angles to the goal line for a distance of nine metres from each post. The outer end of these lines shall be connected by a straight line. These lines shall be marked in white and known as the kick off lines.

e) In accordance with the Laws of Australian Football the following requirements shall apply for the dimensions and covering of goal and behind posts:
   i. the goal posts are to be tapered and be a minimum length of 10 metres out of the ground (preferred is greater than 12 metres - AFL is 15 metres out of the ground);
   ii. the diameter of the base is to be 115mm, or as determined by constructions specifications;
   iii. the diameter of the top is to be 90mm, or as determined by constructions specifications;
   iv. the point posts are to be tapered and a minimum length of 5 metres out of ground (preferred is two thirds the height of the goal posts - AFL is 10 metres out of the ground) with the following dimensions;
   v. the diameter of the base is to be 75mm, or as determined by constructions specifications; and
   vi. the diameter of the top is to be 55mm, or as determined by constructions specifications.
   vii. goal and behind post padding (wrap arounds) with the following dimensions
viii. Minimum length of 2.5 metres (preferred is 3 metres)
ix. Thickness of 35mm (preferred is 50mm)
x. Width to suit post diameter
xi. Padding to have threaded cord and/or Velcro holding padding secure to post
xii. Made from high impact foam padding covered in white waterproof material
xiii. Flag Holders (attached to Goal Posts)
xiv. The Flag Holders are to be made of PVC, and capped at the bottom
xv. The diameter of the Flag Holder is to be 50mm
xvi. The length of the Flag Holder is to be 500mm
xvii. The flag holders are to be attached to the Goal Posts at a height of 600mm from the ground

f) The ground must be fully enclosed to effect entry and exit points. Turnstiles or other appropriate measures should be installed to ensure that accurate crowd attendance figures are recorded.

g) Playing Arena Fencing should be approximately 900mm high with mesh in-fill, white pickets or similar and allow adequate run-off distance from the playing field boundary line (4.5m minimum – preferred 5m).

h) Adequate gates/access for maintenance and emergency vehicles, Players and officials is required.

i) Every WAFL Venue must provide bench seating in the Interchange Bench area to each of the competing teams in accordance with the following requirements:

   i. bench seating is to be a minimum of six (6) metres long to cater for up to twelve (12) people;

   ii. each bench is to be covered with roof or canopy for protection against the weather – preferably made from a clear Perspex material to aid spectator viewing. Both benches are to be sufficient distance from the fence line to prevent any contact with the football public.

   iii. the location of the benches should be on centre wing – a sufficient distance apart, so there is no contact with opposition team;

   iv. the interchange benches should not extend or protrude onto the ground surface and must be a minimum of 4.5 metres (preferred 5 metres) from the boundary line; and

   v. the interchange gate markings are to be outlined by the home team prior to the game and must be within 10 meters of the interchange benches for both Clubs.

j) The minimum requirements for change rooms at all WAFL Venues are as follows:

   i. separate change rooms for each competing Club;

   ii. room size of not less than 55 square metres (preferred is 75 metres);

   iii. floors must be carpeted or, alternatively, heavy industrial non-slip matting should be used;

   iv. bathroom and shower floors are to be safe for all Players and staff to walk on with any type of footwear;

   v. a recommended minimum of thirty (30) lockers to be available for use by Players/team staff;

   vi. Bench seating to be provided in front of lockers;
vii. a minimum of five (5) showers total (hot and cold);
viii. a minimum of two (2) urinals and two (2) toilet pans or where urinals are not provided a minimum of three (3) toilet pans; and
ix. at least four (4) massage tables are to be provided for the purpose of rub downs and strapping.

k) All WAFL venues must provide sufficient area for Players to stretch and exercise in preparation for the game.

l) All WAFL venues should provide a Medical Room at a minimum size of 5-6 square metres, containing the following features:
   i. relevant phone numbers of Ambulance, Relevant hospitals, emergency centres and other medical emergency contacts;
   ii. flexible or mobile light examination couch;
   iii. power point;
   iv. sink with hot and cold water, central nozzle and lever taps (to scrub for sterile procedures);
   v. sharp disposable containers with wide mouth access so syringes and needles can be disposed of;
   vi. disposal unit for bloodied dressing;
   vii. rubbish bin;
   viii. soap dispenser above or near sink;
   ix. hand towel dispenser or loose paper leaves dispenser near sink; and
   x. Jordan Frame/Ferno Scoo.

m) A separate room with toilet facilities allowing for privacy must be available for the purpose of drug testing.

n) A separate lock-up room must be provided for storage of player’s personal belongings is preferable, or alternatively a secure area within the change rooms. This area can also be utilised for the distribution of all Players’ uniforms, boots etc.

o) A room/area separate from the change rooms (preferably theatre style) is to be provided with accommodates up to 30 Players/officials providing privacy for the Coach to address the Players. Where this is not possible there must be adequate room and equipment for a Coach to address the Players.

p) A covered coaches box suitable for accommodating at least seven (7) persons shall be provided for each participating team positioned as near as practicable to the interchange area.

q) Both the Home and Visiting Coaching Boxes must have a suitable telephone / wireless communication device from the Coaches Box to the interchange bench.

r) Races shall be provided for the Umpires and both teams and must be manned and closed when Players are to enter or leave the arena. Spectators should not enter race area. A stretcher is to be provided in each Player’s race.

s) A room of at least thirty (30) square metres must be provided to the Umpires’ for their use, and have the following features:
   i. at least one (1) toilet, shower and basin;
   ii. minimum of fourteen (14) hooks;
   iii. at least one (1) rub down table;
   iv. mirror;
v. lights; and
vi. Umpires must not be required to enter either teams change rooms to use their facilities.

t) An appropriate viewing area with a clear unobstructed view of the entire ground is to be provided for Club Statisticians.

u) A suitable separate area shall be provided under cover to accommodate the timekeepers who shall be separated from the press/media area.

v) All WAFL Venues shall have a public address system that is audible in all parts of the ground capable of accommodating spectators.

w) A time clock must be provided at all WAFL Venues.

x) All WAFL venues should have access to defibrillator.

y) All WAFL venues are to have an AFL approved siren, and an emergency siren/bell shall be provided to cover any failure of the main unit. The venue must be able to test all sirens individually prior to game day.

**Boundary Line Exclusion Zone**
The following requirements will apply to all venues approved for WAFL matches.

i. A white dotted line must be marked 1.5m from the boundary line between the 50m arcs on the side of the ground where the interchange gates are located.

ii. This marked line should intersect with the 1.5m ‘Interchange Gates’ markings.

iii. No Players or Officials may enter this area during play unless being interchanged in the ‘interchange gates’ as per Rule 3.6.2 b).

**Interchange Gates**

![Interchange Gates Diagram](image-url)
Synthetic Turf

a) There should be clearance of at least 1.5 metres of natural turf between any synthetic turf and the boundary line (unless otherwise approved)

b) The synthetic turf must be provided and installed by a WAFC or AFL approved supplier. The synthetic turf must be tested to meet the performance standards and have certification from the AFL Synthetic Turf Program.
Schedule 8  Lighting for Night Football Policy

Minimum Standards

a) The following lighting standard is the recommended minimum for the conduct of games for the WAFL competition under lights:

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Insurance

All Clubs are advised to notify their insurer that night football is to be played at their venue.

b) In the event a ground has existing lighting the following minimum standard may apply, however the Club is expected to make every endeavour to achieve the standard as detailed above. The WAFC will not sanction a night game below the standard detailed below:

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Maintained Illuminance

a) The maintained illumination within the playing arena, on a horizontal plane at ground level, allows for depreciation of the lumen output of the lamp and an accumulation of dirt on the floodlights.

b) It is necessary to make an adjustment to the installed level to determine the maintained illuminance.

c) Although the depreciation of the lamp lumen output will depend on the lamp selected, a depreciation factor of approximately 0.8 would apply.

d) Technical data from the selected lamps will allow specific calculations to be made.

Uniformity

a) The distribution of light across the playing surface should be reasonably uniform. The calculation of uniformity is normally undertaken as part of a computer program, but may be defined as:

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\text{Uniformity (}\(U_2\)) = \frac{E_{\text{min}}}{E_{\text{ave}}} \\
\text{Where } E_{\text{min}} \text{ is the minimum value of the calculation or measurement grid} \\
\text{E_{ave} is the average illuminance of the calculation or measurement grid}
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Measurements

a) All measurements should be undertaken by an approved contractor who must present a recent calibration certificate for the meters used in obtaining the measurements. Measurements must be undertaken as per AS 2560.
Australian Standard 2620.2.3 – 1986
a) The WAFL lighting standards have been developed using the standards set by AS 2560 as a guide.
b) From a Player comfort point of view the standards described in AS 2560 are at the lower end of the scale.
c) WAFL standards have been increased accordingly and have been based on other successful installations around Australia.
Schedule 9 Uniform Policy WAFL teams

Application of Licence Agreement

a) Nothing in this Uniform Policy shall in any way undermine the terms of the Licence Agreement as applied to the relevant WAFL Club.

b) The WAFL Club must fulfil all obligations set out in the Licence Agreement so far as they apply, including but not limited to those obligations relating to sponsors and advertising when applying this Uniform Policy.

Club Jumper Design & Colours

a) Every Club upon admission to the League by the WAFC shall apply for and obtain permission of the WAFC to use the colours, uniform and design in which the Club proposes to play. This uniform, when approved, shall be registered in the minutes of the WAFC Football Affairs meetings.

b) Any Club desiring to vary or alter its colours, uniform or design shall first apply for and obtain the permission of the WAFC to make such variation or alteration and when approved the same shall be registered by the same process, provided always that notice of such change of colours or alteration of design is given to the League not later than the first day of December in the preceding year to that in which such change is to be effected.

c) Registration of such colours, uniform and design by Clubs shall give such Clubs the exclusive right to such colours, uniform and design as against any other Club subsequently attempting to register the same colours, uniform and design.

d) The materials used and the manufacturing process of Club uniforms must be approved by the WAFC, who will have regard to the product license agreements from time to time in force. Any variation to the approved material or manufacturing process must be approved by the WAFC.

e) All jumpers must adhere to the agreed WAFL Jumper template. (see below).

f) The WAFC may involve a competition apparel sponsor. If so then all Clubs must comply with the sponsorship requirements.

g) The WAFC may also, on behalf of the Clubs and to be agreed by the Clubs, sell advertising on the jumpers, shorts or socks. All Clubs must comply with correct competition sponsors badges on their uniform.

h) All sponsorships and apparel advertising must be agreed to by the WAFC. The WAFC may make decisions in this regard on behalf of the Clubs.

i) The following guidelines cover advertising space on jumpers. Clubs must also obtain approval for the type of sponsor from the WAFC prior to any new sponsors’ logos being displayed on Club Uniform.

j) Any breach of this Uniform Policy may be penalised in accordance with Rule 13.
Club Shorts

a) Players are permitted to wear their Club uniform coloured shorts at all games except where there is deemed to be a clash of colours. In such situations, the "home" team will wear its Club uniform coloured shorts and the "away" team will wear white shorts.

b) Home shorts colours are:
   Claremont – Navy
   East Fremantle – Blue
   East Perth – Blue
   Peel Thunder – Navy
   Perth – Black
   South Fremantle – Red
   Subiaco – Maroon
   Swan Districts – Black
   West Perth – Blue
   West Coast Eagles - White

c) For the purposes of this Policy, the following colours are considered to clash:
   Black   v   Black, Blue, Maroon, Navy
   Blue    v   Blue, Navy, Black
   Maroon  v   Navy, Black
   Navy    v   Black, Blue, Maroon
   Red     v   Nil

d) Any Club whose Players to take the field in a uniform which does not comply with these requirements commits an offence in each match in which such uniform is worn.

e) Any coloured under-short or bicycle short, other than ‘flesh’ coloured, is deemed to be a clash of colours for the purpose of this rule. Note that ‘flesh’ is a colour and does not mean skin colour.

Club Socks

a) Players must wear their Clubs agreed coloured socks. These socks may have a sponsor’s badge/logo on them. All changes to sock designs and or sponsor logos must be approved by the WAFC.

Club Sock Advertising Space

a) No restriction on Logo size and can be placed anywhere but must be endorsed by the WAFL Management Committee.

b) Clubs may utilise the opportunity of using body transfers to promote sponsors. Transfers must be no larger than 5cm x 5cm (or equivalent) and are subject to approval by the WAFL Management Committee.

On field Apparel Guidelines
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<td>Max 3 logos, Max width 11cm per logo, Max 210cm² for all three combined (70cm² max per partner). *If a club opts to utilise less than 3 logos, it may increase logos c and/or d to a max of 90cm² so long as maximum width remains at 11cm.</td>
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<td>Club upper back of Guernsey partner</td>
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<td>Lower back of Guernsey partner</td>
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## Shorts

| Front left | Clubs shorts partner 1 | WAFL Club | Max width 12cm, max 70cm² |
| Front right | Competition shorts partner 1 | Men’s & Women’s League/Reserves: Bupa Colts: WAFC asset (TBC) Rogers Cup: WAFC asset (TBC) | Max width 12cm, max 70cm², Bupa 10cm x 4.8cm |
| Back left | Club shorts partner 2 | WAFL Club | Max width 12cm, max 70cm² |
| Back right | Competition shorts partner 2 | WAFC | Max width 12cm, max 70cm² |
2019 EXAMPLE (PORTRAIT NAMING RIGHTS LOGO)

- New apparel property in 2019 as part of revised ISC/Seem agreements.
- Sample only. WAFL Naming Rights Partner TBC.
- Increased width of WAFL competition logo from 3.5cm to 4cm to better represent rich history of competition.
- Size of number on front reduced from 10cm height to 8cm height to provide more balance to commercial assets of Guernsey.
- Increased size of "authentics tag" to deliver in same format as AFL with Club and Competition logo to be represented alongside apparel manufacturer.
- Sizing recommended will allow for all clubs to continue delivering front stomach property in same format as they currently do.

2019 EXAMPLE (LANDSCAPE NAMING RIGHTS LOGO)

- Maximum height of 8cm introduced to ensure all numbers on Guernsey back start from the same position (10cm below neck seam).
- Number dimensions do not change (27cm height) however introduction of maximum height to upper back property will ensure number is consistently in the same place across the competition (10cm below neck seam).
- Sample only. WAFL Naming Rights Partner TBC.
- Sizing recommended will allow for all clubs to continue delivering lower back property in same format as they currently do.

2018 CLAREMONT FC GUERNSEY ACTUAL

2019 PROPOSED SHORTS BRANDING

- Left leg = club partner leg
- Right leg = competition partner leg

*Introduction of back of leg sponsorship properties across clubs and competition in 2019
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*Note all WAFL Talent programs exclusive on and off-field apparel manufacturer deals are aligned to their WAFL Clubs (i.e. if South Fremantle is an ISC Club, the South Fremantle talent program is with ISC)*
Approval for all short logos must be sought from the WAFC.

**Club Football Boots**

a) Football Boots must be worn when playing in the WAFL and form a part of the official uniform.

**Umpires Uniform**

a) The standard Umpire’s (field and boundary) uniform is a predominantly green shirt worn with grey shorts and Green socks.

b) The standard Umpire’s (Goal) uniform is a predominately green shirt worn with black pants.
State Team

a) The design of the State Jumper shall be gold and black, with a swan insignia on the front of the Jumper.
Head impacts can be associated with serious and potentially fatal brain injuries. In the early stages of injury, it is often not clear whether you are dealing with a concussion or there is a more severe underlying structural head injury. For this reason, the most important steps in initial management include:

1. Recognising a suspected concussion;
2. Removing the player from the game; and
3. Referring the player to a medical doctor for assessment.

Any player who has suffered a concussion or is suspected of having a concussion must be medically assessed as soon as possible after the injury and must NOT be allowed to return to play in the same game/practice session.

There should be an accredited first aider at every game and the basic rules of first aid should be used when dealing with any player who is unconscious or injured.

Any concussed player must not be allowed to return to school or return to sport before having a medical clearance.

a) A Player suspected of having suffered a head injury/concussion or is knocked unconscious shall:
   i. Be assessed by any member of the team’s support personnel using the Concussion Recognition Tool (CRT5), preferably within 10 minutes of the incident.

b) Any Player who FAILS the CRT5 assessment:
   i. Is not permitted to return to the playing surface.
   ii. Shall have their names notified to the field Umpires, who will record the Player’s name in the match report, which is then submitted to the WAFL.

c) A Player whose name is submitted to the WAFL as having FAILED the CRT5 is NOT permitted to play in the WAFL until his Club receives a Medical Certification clearing him to play.

d) A Player who suffers a concussion should on the day of the match:
   i. NOT consume alcohol and keep well hydrated.
   ii. NOT drive a motor vehicle.
   iii. NOT be left alone, and be woken every 2-3 hours during the night to ensure they are well.
   iv. Seek IMMEDIATE medical attention if they:
      a. Are unconscious for more than 5 minutes.
      b. Develop visual disturbance.
      c. Are confused.
      d. Develop nausea/vomiting.
      e. Have a headache not responding to Paracetamol or Ibuprofen.
CONCUSSION RECOGNITION TOOL 5®
To help identify concussion in children, adolescents and adults

RECOGNISE & REMOVE
Head impacts can be associated with serious and potentially fatal brain injuries. The Concussion Recognition Tool 5 (CRT5) is to be used for the identification of suspected concussion. It is not designed to diagnose concussion.

STEP 1: RED FLAGS — CALL AN AMBULANCE
If there is concern after an injury, including whether ANY of the following signs are observed or complaints are reported, then the player should be safely and immediately removed from play/game/activity. If no licensed healthcare professional is available, call an ambulance for urgent medical assessment:
- Neck pain or tenderness
- Double vision
- Weakness or tingling/burning in arms or legs
- Severe or increasing headache
- Seizure or convolution
- Loss of consciousness
- Deteriorating conscious state
- Vomiting
- Increasingly restless, agitated or combative

Remember:
- In all cases, the basic principles of first aid (danger, response, airway, breathing, circulation) should be followed.
- Assessment for a spinal cord injury is critical.
- Do not attempt to move the player (other than required for airway support) unless trained to do so.
- Do not remove a helmet or any other equipment unless trained to do so safely.

If there are no Red Flags, identification of possible concussion should proceed to the following steps:

STEP 2: OBSERVABLE SIGNS
Visual clues that suggest possible concussion include:
- Lying motionless on the playing surface
- Slow to get up after a direct or indirect hit to the head
- Disorientation or confusion, or inability to respond appropriately to questions
- Blank or vacant look
- Balance, gait difficulties, motor incoordination, stumbling, slow laboured movements
- Facial injury after head trauma

STEP 3: SYMPTOMS
- Headache
- "Pressure in head"
- Balance problems
- Nausea or vomiting
- Drowsiness
- Dizziness
- Blurred vision
- Sensitivity to light
- Sensitivity to noise
- Fatigue or low energy
- "Don't feel right"
- More emotional
- More irritable
- Sadness
- Nervous or anxious
- Neck pain
- Difficulty concentrating
- Difficulty remembering
- Feeling slowed down
- Feeling like "in a fog"

STEP 4: MEMORY ASSESSMENT
(IN ATHLETES OLDER THAN 12 YEARS)
Failure to answer any of these questions (modified appropriately for each sport) correctly may suggest a concussion:
- "What venue are we at today?"
- "Which half is it now?"
- "Who scored last in this game?"
- "What team did you play last week/game?"
- "Did your team win the last game?"

Athletes with suspected concussion should:
- Not be left alone initially (at least the first 1-2 hours).
- Not drink alcohol.
- Not use recreational/prescription drugs.
- Not be sent home by themselves. They need to be with a responsible adult.
- Not drive a motor vehicle until cleared to do so by a healthcare professional.

The CRT5 may be freely copied in its current form for distribution to individuals, teams, groups and organisations. Any revision and any reproduction in a digital form requires approval by the Concussion in Sport Group. It should not be altered in any way, rebranded or sold for commercial gain.

ANY ATHLETE WITH A SUSPECTED CONCUSSION SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM PRACTICE OR PLAY AND SHOULD NOT RETURN TO ACTIVITY UNTIL ASSESSED MEDICALLY, EVEN IF THE SYMPTOMS RESOLVE

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Schedule 11  WAFL Social Networking Policy

a) Any Person who is found to have engaged in, or is suspected of engaging in the unacceptable use of Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or any other social networking site, including blogs, in connection with the game of Australian Football in any way, may be dealt with by the WAFL as it deems fit, notwithstanding the behaviour did not occur on the playing field.

b) Without limiting the operation of this Rule, unacceptable use may involve the Person:
   i. Criticising Umpires, Players or any other person involved in Australian Football;
   ii. Engaging in bullying behaviour including but not limited to name-calling or making condescending, offensive (including racist or sexist) or abusive remarks about any person; or
   iii. Engaging in any other behaviour which the WAFL reasonably determines, in its absolute discretion, to have breached this policy.

c) It is not relevant that the person making the remarks was not aware that the content could or would be made publicly available.

d) This Schedule 11 is to be interpreted and applied broadly.
Schedule 12  Protective Equipment Policy

a) For the purposes of this Policy, Protective Equipment includes but is not limited to:

   i. helmets;
   ii. knee braces;
   iii. arm guards;
   iv. shoulder pads;
   v. back supports;
   vi. finger braces; and
   vii. any other item from time to time designated as such by the WAFC.

b) Before any protective gear may be worn in a match it must be:

   i. Approved by the Players Club Doctor; and
   ii. Details of that written approval must be lodged with the WAFC 24 hours before the first game in which the Player is to participate wearing the protective gear.
   iii. Umpires have the power to examine any dressing and if necessary check with the Head Trainer and Doctor of the Club concerned. Umpires may prevent game participation if they consider the protective gear to be dangerous to other Players.

c) A Player who desires to wear protective headgear during a match must wear a Sports Physician or Doctor approved headgear.

d) Where a Player is aware that he has an actual or potential disability or medical condition which could result in injury respect of which he is required or a certificate from a medical practitioner certifying that the Player will, in the view of the medical Practitioner, receive adequate protection in respect of such potential injury from the protective headgear. The necessary forms are available from the WAFL.

e) Forms are available from the WAFL, which requires a parent or guardian for those under 18 to state that a Player does not suffer from any known disability or medical condition, which would be affected if injuries are received to the head whilst wearing the said protective headgear.

f) The WAFL form approving the wearing of the headgear may be requested to be shown to the Umpire prior to play commencing.

g) The WAFL strongly advocates the wearing of protective mouth guards by all Players in all matches.

h) Players are not permitted to wear a Plaster Cast during the course of a game.

i) Players wishing to wear spectacles during matches and training must wear spectacles with plastic frames and plastic lenses and must be held on securely by a band.

j) Players, Runners, Water Carriers and Trainers / Medical are not to wear jewellery including wrist bracelets. Medical bracelets are permitted however they must be taped and marked ‘MEDIC’.

k) It will be left up to the discretion of the WAFL to allow or disallow the use of any other protective gear not addressed in these by laws.
Schedule 13  Broadcasting Policy

a) Nothing in this Broadcasting Policy shall in any way undermine the terms of the Licence Agreement as applied to the relevant WAFL Club.

b) The WAFL Club must fulfil all obligations set out in the Licence Agreement so far as they apply, including but not limited to in relation to sponsors and advertising when applying this Broadcasting Policy.

c) No Club shall grant any Broadcasting Rights in respect of a WAFL match to a third party.

d) In the event that a Club breaches this Policy, the following penalties will apply:
   i. any Club breaching Schedule 13 in respect of a WAFL Match will lose all premiership points and these will be awarded to the opposition team, where applicable;
   ii. any Club breaching Schedule 13 will record a match score of zero (0) points for and maintain the original opposition’s score as their points against, however the team in opposition will maintain the original match percentage (the scores stand);
   iii. individual Player statistics for the match will stand as recorded, meaning all Players receive a match credit for games totals. Match statistics are included in Player tallies and any reports to be assessed by the WAFL Tribunal stand;
   iv. a fine of $50,000 may be imposed by the Board of the WAFC.
Schedule 14  Assessment Criteria for WAFL Playing Surface

In regard to the assessment and suitability of regional sports fields for WAFL football the following minimum requirements are recommended.

Turf Cover

In terms of turf cover ideally there will be a complete cover of grass across the field and if it is a mixed grass turf then the various grass species should ideally be evenly distributed, ie. do not occur as patches.

An even grass cover is desirable, however, under normal play, thinning out or loss of grass cover is going to occur. The problems related to a loss of grass cover are reduced traction (ie. footing) and a change in surface firmness.

The loss or thinning of the grass cover must not result in surface instability.

Levelness of the surface

There should be no obvious depressions in the surface. Of most concern are the depressions where there is a sudden or sharp drop such as what will occur with a hole. A hole, in the WAFL’s opinion, is a depression greater than about 10cm x 10cm in area and greater than about 2-5cm in depth with sharp or well defined sides.

Holes must be repaired with a turf block using a “turf doctor” or similar device that provides a turf block that is 15cm x 15cm in area and about 20cm in depth. Repair with specialist thick turf that is a minimum of 5cm thick and 200cm x 100cm (2m x 1m) in area, is also permissible.

Under no circumstances should holes be filled with loose sand.

Slight undulations that occur over a metre or more are generally of no concern.

Surface stability

Ideally there will be good footing or surface “grip” and no loose turf sods (particularly where new turf sods have been laid). It is important to note that the nature of the sport and the foot wear the players wear is such that some turf/grass dislodgement is always a possibility.

Irrigation

The selected field must be irrigated and there must be a high degree of uniformity in water distribution. That is, there must not be dry areas and wet areas across the surface.

The selected fields must not be affected by water restrictions as this is the main tool in controlling the quality and condition of the turf and surface hardness.

Sprinklers

Sprinklers must be level with the surface and the area surrounding the sprinkler must also be level.

Surface hardness

Surface hardness must be monitored using the Clegg Impact Soil Tester using the 2.25kg hammer with a drop height of 30cm. Peak deceleration is measured in gravities.

Readings must be taken at 20 locations across the field. At each location the hammer will be dropped and the 1st drop reading recorded.

The hardness of the surface should be within the preferred range as follows –
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**Traction**

Where possible traction should be measured. There are traction devices in each state used as part of the WAFL Grounds monitoring study and could be used for monitoring traction.

The traction device is 40kg x 150mm diameter disc with studs on the base (there are six 15mm long studs). The device is dropped from a set height of 50mm so that the studs penetrate the surface. The torque required to tear the surface layer is measured in Nm using a torque wrench.

Readings must be taken at 20 locations across the field according to the attached sheet.

The traction of the surface should be within the preferred range as follows –

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**Surface consistency**

This is an all-encompassing overview of the field where we look for inconsistencies in turf cover, firmness, stability and levelness.

**Cricket wickets**

Cricket wickets on grounds used for WAFL football are a concern because of the difference in soil type, hardness (or softness) and turf cover compared to the remainder of the field. It is the lack of surface consistency that poses the greatest concern.

Cricket wickets must meet the following **minimum** criteria –

1. Have an even cover of grass (at least 50% grass cover) with no bare areas greater than 15cm x 15cm.
2. The preparation of wickets for play generally results in a diminished turf cover. The last used wicket strip should have at least 2 weeks (preferably longer) recovery before used for play. The hardness (measured using the Clegg Impact Soil Tester) of this strip must be no greater than that for the remainder of the field.
3. The moisture content of the pitch must be sufficient to provide some softness and pliability of the surface without being sticky and causing excessive grip (using the traction device).
4. The hardness of the surface must be measured with the Clegg Impact Soil Tester and be within the same range as the outfield.

**Artificial Wickets**

Artificial wickets will be covered with turf so that a flat, even and solid surface is produced. The new turf must be fixed and allow no greater movement than the surrounding surface.

Where this cannot be achieved the artificial surface **must**

1. be removed; and
2. **Not be** covered with rubber matting as this may shift during play.
Schedule 15       Lightning Policy

1. AS1768-2007 – Lightning Protection
   The Football Body should comply with AS1768-2007, entitled The Lightning Protection Standard, published on 10 January 2007 (Lightning Standard). While the Lightning Standard will not necessarily prevent damage or personal injury due to lightning, it will reduce the probability of such damage or injury occurring.

2. 30/30 Safety Guideline
   In the absence of specific information from weather radar, a lightning location system, or a specialised warning device then the 30/30 Safety Guideline should be used.

According to the 30/30 Safety Guideline, when lightning is considered to be a possible or actual threat to an Australian Football Match the following procedures are applicable:

   a) The observation of approaching storm clouds, the first flash of lightning or clap of thunder, no matter how far away should heighten lightning awareness. The level of risk depends on one’s location (direction and distance) relative to the storm cell and the direction in which the storm system is traveling.

   b) A simple method of determining the distance to the storm cell is to measure the time elapsed from when the lightning flash is observed and when the associated clap of thunder is heard.

   c) Light travels faster than sound. Assuming that the light from the flash reaches the observer instantaneously, and knowing that sound takes approximately three (3) seconds to travel one (1) kilometre, the distance can be determined by using the following rule:

      i. Distance (in Km) = Time from observing the flash to hearing thunder (in 3 seconds)

   d) It is important to remember that lightning may be obscured by clouds so it must be assumed that when thunder is heard, lightning is in the vicinity. In such cases, careful judgment must be used to determine whether a threat exists.

   e) The first part of the “30/30” rule is a guide to the postponement or suspension of activities. Most experts agree that the accepted “safe” distance from lightning is greater than 10km. This means that as the time interval between observing the flash and hearing the thunder approaches 30 seconds, all those in exposed areas should be seeking or already inside safe shelters. A storm cell with lightning activity within 10km constitutes a threat.

   f) The second part of the 30/30 rule provides the criteria for the resumption of activity which is applicable to decisions made with BOM access as well. Here, it is recommended that people wait a minimum of 30 minutes after the last sighting of lightning or sound of thunder. This figure is based on the observation that the typical storm moves at about 40km/h. Thus, waiting 30 minutes allows the thunderstorm to be about 20km away, minimising the likelihood of a nearby lightning strike.

   g) It is important to emphasise that blue skies and lack of rainfall are not adequate reasons to breach the 30 minute minimum return-to-activity rule.

3. General Lightning Safety Guideline
   a) Prior to Match Day
      i. where weather forecasts provide important warning of possible thunderstorm activity the Football Body should monitor weather forecasts commencing Tuesday prior to scheduled Matches using the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) website. Note should be taken off any warnings posted;
ii. The Football Body should continue to monitor the BOM site in the days leading up to the match.

b) Match Day
i. Increased awareness of lightning risk should continue on the Match day until the activity has finished.
ii. Teams and officials should proceed to the venue unless otherwise directed.
iii. If lightning is predicted within no less than 10km of the match venue at the scheduled starting time the game commencement time may be delayed by up to 60 minutes.
iv. This decision to delay or suspend play as well as resume play will be made by the Umpire based on information obtained from the BOM and discussions with the Clubs.

4. Club Responsibility
All Clubs competing in a competition administered by the Football Body should monitor environmental factors such as lightning both in Matches and at any Australian Football training session administered by the Club. The Club should assess the lightning risk by reviewing information provided by the BOM.

a) The following general guidelines should also be followed:
   i. If a lightning threat emerges, the nominated Club Official must contact all relevant coaching, rehabilitation and training staff and provide updates on a regular basis.
   ii. A decision to delay, suspend or resume training should be made in consultation with relevant coaching and administration staff.
   iii. If players are training when the lightning threat becomes real then they should leave the training venue immediately and take shelter inside a building or metal framed car. They should not shelter under or near trees.
   iv. Once the storm’s path has been reassessed, there must be a minimum of 30 minutes elapsed before returning to training.
   v. When there is no access to the BOM, the “30/30” rule serves as a guide for the suspension and subsequent resumption of activities.