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Subject: CLUB FORUM - PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM

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Summary: The WA Football Commission will be presenting a club forum to gain feedback on its recommended state-wide player points system for the WA Amateur Football League and WA Country Football League.	Action: <u>Attend club forum:</u> 6pm to 8pm, Wednesday 12 th September 2018 Gate 2, Outridge Hoft Room, Subiaco Oval.
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By way of background:

- The WAAFL has been drafting and gaining club feedback on a player points system since December 2015.
- The WACFL implemented a player points system guide for its 25 leagues in 2017. Only 7 leagues have implemented a player points system.
- The WAAFL suspended its work into player points in May 2017 as the WA Football Commission's Structural Review of Football review into industry-wide player payments and player points systems was to commence in late 2017. However, due to delays by the WA Football Commission and feedback at WAAFL AGM In February 2018, the WAAFL recommenced drafting a player points system for club feedback. The WAAFL has gained feedback from 33 clubs on a draft WAAFL player points system, and the WAAFL Board were in the process of review and amendment for further club feedback. This player points system is yet to be finalised for club comment.
- The WA Football Commission established a Steering Committee into industry-wide player payments and a player points system in May 2018.
- Together with the WAFL and WACFL, the WAAFL has participated in the Steering Committee by attending its three meetings. The WAAFL provided the Steering Committee with the WAAFL Amateur Status Working Party Report (2015), draft models and recent club feedback.

The WAAFL now finds itself in the position where the WA Football Commission Steering Committee into industry-wide player points systems has leapt ahead of the WAAFL process with the WA Football Commissioners endorsing the Steering Committee's recommended player points system for the WAAFL and WACFL for 2019.

The WA Football Commission Steering Committee recommendations is for state-wide consistency to:

1. Player Points Categorisation
2. Highest level played definition
3. Loyalty deduction definition

Total Team Points Cap and Club of Origin (Local Player) definitions are to be determined by each League.

The WA Football Commission Steering Committee player points system (below) differs considerably to the principles for a player points system developed by the WAAFL Amateur Status Working Party in 2015 and the recent draft WAAFL player points systems which clubs were providing feedback on.

As a result, the WAAFL invites all clubs to attend this forum for the WA Football Commission to outline its recommended state-wide player points system for the WAAFL and WACFL.

WA FOOTBALL COMMISSION ENDORSED STATE-WIDE PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM

Player Points Categorisation

Points	Category	Competition	Qualification
6	AFL	AFL	1 game in previous 5 years
5	WAFL (League) or interstate equivalents	WAFL, SANFL, VFL, NEAFL, TSL, NTFL	5+ games in previous 5 years
4	WAFL (Reserves) or interstate equivalents Victorian Premier 1 Divisions	WAFL, SANFL, VFL, NEAFL, TSL, NTFL Victorian Premier 1 Divisions*	5+ games in previous 5 years
3	WAFL Colts or interstate equivalents Senior Community (League)	WAFL, SANFL, VFL, NEAFL, TSL, NTFL, TAC Cup WAAFL, WACFL, interstate competitions	5+ games in previous 5 years
2	Senior Community (Reserves/Colts) Transferring non-aligned junior	WAAFL, WACFL, interstate competitions Transferring from a junior club not aligned with the club	5+ games in previous 5 years
1	Club of Origin/Local Player Not played in previous 3 seasons	Club of Origin/aligned junior club	5+ games in previous 5 years No games in previous 36 months

Highest level definition

A player's point categorisation will be determined based on the highest level played in the previous 5 years where they played 5+ games at that level (excluding AFL) * unless a Local Player.

Loyalty deduction definition

A player will receive a 1-point reduction for each season of service (5+ games) following 2 seasons of service with the same club (i.e. commencing at the start of their 3rd consecutive season). Their total point allocation will reduce by one point each year until they reach 1-point.

Total team points cap

To be determined by the WAAFL Board once confirmation of Player Categorisation, Highest level definition and Club of Origin/Local Player definition.

Club of Origin/local player definition

To be determined by the WAAFL Board. Pending, subject to club feedback.

Aligned junior club definition

To be determined by the WAAFL Board. Pending, subject to club feedback.