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Subject: WAAFL BY-LAWS - PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM (PPS)
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Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none">WAAFL By-laws Player Points Systems – Appendix AData analysis – Appendix BImplementation and administration provisions	Action: <p>The PPS will be discussed at the Club Post Season Workshop, 14th November 2018.</p>
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A PPS was identified as the preferred strategy to limit players changing clubs and thereby reducing the incentive for clubs to pay players. A PPS will also;

- Increase transparency in the recruitment of players.
- Encourage clubs to develop and retain local players.
- Encourage elite players to return to their original WAAFL club. i.e. Club of Origin.

The WAAFL Board met Monday 15th October 2018 and confirmed the following by-laws relating to a PPS.

Appendix A to this circular are the by-laws specific to the PPS. These are being distributed to assist clubs in planning and player recruitment which officially commence at the first transfer window 1st to 30th November 2018. The second transfer window is 1st February 2019 to 30th June 2019. A complete updated version of WAAFL By-laws will be distributed by mid-December 2018.

To assist in determining a Total Team Points cap and gauge club interpretation of the PPS by-laws, clubs were requested (Circular 53-2017/18) to complete a Total Teams Points calculator based on two implementation scenarios Options A and B; i.e. players transferring or Type 2 permit between 1st November 2017 to 30th June 2018. This data is provided at Appendix B.

OVERVIEW - PPS

COMPONENT	COMMENT
Total team points cap	Not to exceed 30 points per team per match
Club of Origin definition	A player's Club of Origin is the first WAAFL club the player played at <u>prior</u> to playing at another senior football club
Player categorisation	5 point model
Highest level definition	<u>3 years / 5⁺ matches</u> A player's highest level will be determined on the current and previous 3 years where they played 5 ⁺ matches. (AFL 3 years/1 ⁺ match)
Loyalty deduction	<u>5⁺ matches / 3rd season</u> 1 point deduction for each season of service (5 ⁺ matches) commencing at the start of the 3 rd season

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION PROVISIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

The following provisions are for implementation of the PPS for 2019 season:

- a) Players registered at a WAAFL club as at 1st July 2018 shall have a player points allocation of 1 point whilst remaining at his respective WAAFL. Where the player transfers and plays at another club, he will be subject to the Player Points Categories thereafter.
- b) Type 2 Local Interchange Permit players are registered with another club in another competition and allowed to play under permit within the WAAFL for the current season. Type 2 Local Interchange Permits players are subject to the Player Points categories annually. Unless they meet the Club of Origin definition, they will be worth more than 1 point.

To avoid 'administrative errors' in applying player points, the WAAFL office will determine and record a player's points category in Footyweb prior to the player's first WAAFL league match for 2019 and onwards. However, a club will be required to submit a request to the WAAFL for those players who are new to their club via transfer or Type 2 Local Interchange Permit for player categorisation. An online process is being developed to assist clubs with this process.

Further information on updating current player records with player points will be forthcoming.

A specific PPS workshop for Registrars and Coaches is planned to be conducted in February/March 2019.

Attached:

Appendix A: Player Points System By-laws

Appendix B: Total Team Points Analysis

The following by-laws were approved by the Board at its meeting 15th October 2018.

1. Add By-law A2.6.1(n): An ineligible player is a person who plays in mens grades; A, B, C1, C2, C3 and C4 with an incorrect or without a player points category.
2. Add By-law B2.3.3 Player Points System: A player points system is applicable to the following mens grades; A, B, C1, C2, C3 and C4 in accordance with Schedule B3.
3. Add By-law Schedule B3: Player Points System (PPS)

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

1. APPLICABLE GRADES

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

2. TOTAL TEAM POINTS

- a) Total Team Points are not to exceed 30 points per team per match.
- b) Total Team Points shall be calculated on the total player points allocated to each player per match.
- c) Total Team Points are to be visible on the respective team sheets prior to the commencement of each match.
- d) Each player listed on the team sheet shall be allocated player point(s) in accordance with this schedule.

3. PLAYER POINTS CATEGORIES

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

Table 1: Summary Player Points Categories

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

CLUB OF ORIGIN (1 point)

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

Club of Origin dispensation is conditional to players;

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

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

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

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

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

CATEGORY 5: AFL (5 points)

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

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

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

CATEGORY 3: (3 points)

a) WAFL Reserves/Colts, interstate equivalents

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

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

b) Senior Community – League

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

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

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

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

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

CATEGORY 1: (1 point)

a) Transferring junior (1 point)

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

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

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

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

c) Not played competitive football (1 point)

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

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

4. LOYALTY POINTS REDUCTION

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

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

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

Example 1:

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

Example 2:

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

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

5. COMPLIANCE

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

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

6. REVIEW

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

To assist in determining a Total Team Points cap and gauge club interpretation of the final draft PPS by-laws, clubs were requested (Circular 53-2017/18) to complete a Total Teams Points calculator based on two implementation scenarios Options A and B; i.e. players transferring or Type 2 LIP between 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018.

Option A: Line in the sand: All players listed on the team sheet who were registered with your club as at 1st July 2017 allocate 1 point, then apply PPS categories to players who joined your club between 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018.

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

It is acknowledged implementation options A and B reflect existing unrestricted and ‘open’ player recruitment practices, which is evident by the Total Team Points disparity across grades below.

General Manager’s Comment

In assessing player records of 21 league team sheets, the WAAFL found several cases where players have been improperly registered with a WAAFL club. This is a result of clubs creating duplicate records that have had slight changes to the spelling of a player’s name and/or birth date. This breaches transfer by-laws. In implementing the PPS, clubs will be required to review all their player records to ensure duplicate player records are resolved before player points can be allocated. Further information on updating current player records with player points will be forthcoming from the WAAFL.

Total Team Points Analysis

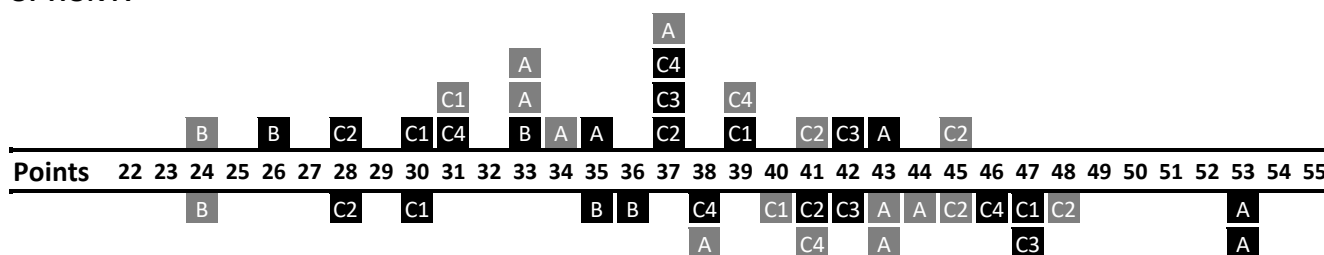
Based on 21 club team sheets. 9 clubs submitted team sheets to the WAAFL (Club Self-Assessed).

Team sheet	Grade	Club	WAAFL Assessed		Club Self-Assessed	
			Option A	Option B	Option A	Option B
2018 GF	A	Scarborough	35	53		
2018 GF	A	Fremantle CBC	43	53		
2018 GF	B	Kingsley	26	35	22	27
2018 GF	B	North Fremantle	33	36		
2018 GF	C1	Willetton	30	30		
2018 GF	C1	Ballajura	39	47		
2018 GF	C2	Ocean Ridge	28	28	DND	28
2018 GF	C2	Warnbro Swans	37	41		
2018 GF	C3	Kwinana	37	40		
2018 GF	C3	Coolbinia	42	47	32	32
2018 GF	C4	Jandakot	31	38		
2018 GF	C4	Osborne Park	37	46		
Rd 18	A	Wanneroo	37	38	35	38
Rd 18	A	North Beach	33	43	33	31
Rd 18	A	Trinity Aquinas	33	43	17	34
Rd 18	A	Kingsway	34	44	31	31
Rd 18	B	Hamersley Carine	24	24		
Rd 18	C1	Bassendean	31	40	32	38
Rd 18	C2	Canning South Perth	45	45	46	45
Rd 18	C2	Nollamara	41	48		
Rd 18	C4	Manning	39	41		


Total Team Points Range by Grade


Based on WAAFL assessed 21 club team sheets.

OPTION A



OPTION B

 Grand Finals teams & grade

 Rd 18 teams & grade

Points disparity of Option A: 24 points to 43 points.

Points disparity of Option B: 24 points to 53 points.

Breakdown of team composition

Based on WAAFL assessed 21 club team sheets.

Player's Origin:	Option A	Option B
Registered with the club as at 1/7/17	66.4%	N/A
Not played in past 3 years	1.1%	1.1%
Long-term injury, absence	0.4%	0.9%
Club of Origin	0.2%	6.9%
Transferred direct from juniors	3.0%	21.5%
AFL	0.0%	0.0%
WAFL League	4.1%	5.6%
WAFL Reserves or Colts	7.6%	10.2%
Senior Community League	14.3%	50.5%
Senior Community Reserves or Colts	2.8%	3.3%
No. of players in the team who qualified for loyalty deductions	N/A	31.5%

Player Points Category:	Option A	Option B*
1 point players	71.1%	54.9%
2 points players	2.8%	9.1%
3 points players	21.9%	30.4%
4 points players	4.1%	5.6%
5 points players	0.0%	0.0%

*Inclusive of loyalty deductions