



**PERTH FOOTBALL
LEAGUE**



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Handbook



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Perth Integrated Football Handbook 2019

The Handbook relating to the Perth Football League's (PFL) 2019 Integrated Football operations manual has been formalised in order that competing clubs have official and binding referrals.

Governed by PFL, Integrated Football exists to provide people with an intellectual disability the opportunity to participate in Australian Football. It is the responsibility of each competing club to ensure that all appointed officials are fully aware of the contents of this Handbook to enable the competition to be conducted efficiently and in the true spirit of sportsmanship.

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1. Naming rights

The competition is to be referred to as the Perth Integrated Football League. In all written/printed communication this format must be identical.

2. Integrated Football Management

The controlling body of the competition is the Perth Football League (WAAFL). The Perth Football League will conduct an All Abilities competition (Integrated Football).

3. Player Eligibility

Integrated Football is a restricted competition. Only players with an intellectual disability are permitted to play Integrated Football. A player shall have attained the minimum age of 16 to play in any match or where approved by the General Manager.

4. League Format

At his absolute discretion, the General Manager shall determine the grades, the season commencement date and season fixtures for each competition, including the number of teams per grade, and team relegation and promotion.

5. Football Requirements

A good condition size 5 League approved football must be provided by the home team.

6. Number of Players Needed to Start Match

A team must consist of between 12 and 18 players who may be on the playing surface at any one time (18-a-side). Each team is permitted a maximum 25 players to play in each match.

Where a team can only field between 12 and 17 players, then the opposing team must field the same number of players on the playing surface; *i.e.* even up rule. The remaining opposing players may act as reserves or where agreed by both teams, to be used by the opposing team.

Both team managers shall inform the field umpires when the rule is to be applied prior to the commencement of the match.

No team is to have more players on the playing surface than the opposing team; this may be due to injury. Accordingly, the opposing team shall adjust their playing numbers to even up.

Where a team has less than 12 players and gains players from the opposing team to play a match, the match result will be declared a forfeit.

7. Selection of Players Between Teams Within A Club

Refer PERTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE) BY-LAWS (11th March 2019)

8. Modified Match Conditions – Integrated Football

These outline match rules modified for development grade matches only. The Laws of Australian Football, AFL Regulations and policies, WAAFL Rules and By-laws shall prevail, unless expressed otherwise below.

Playing surface

The ground and goal post requirements are as stated in the Laws of Australian Football, except where both teams agree a shorter playing field be adopted. This may be due to less player numbers or other reasons. In this instance, the use of portable goal posts should be placed on the 50m lines.

Umpire throwing up of the ball (ball up)

A ball up shall be contested by one nominated player from each team who is only permitted to tap, punch or knock the ball. The opposing team shall be awarded a free kick where a player takes possession of the ball from this contest.

Out of bounds

In the absence of a boundary umpire and where the ball crosses the boundary line, the field umpire will restart play by bringing the ball inside the boundary line 10 metres and throw the ball up.

Bouncing the ball

A player is only permitted to bounce or touch the ball on the ground twice after which he must dispose of the ball by kick or handball. Failure to do so shall see the opposing team awarded a free kick.

Umpire discretion

The field umpire shall use his sole discretion to award a free kick and/or mark in general play, if in his opinion the player made the ball his sole focus; e.g. players of lesser ability may be awarded “effort” free kicks/marks to build confidence and increase participation.

Winning Margin

Where a winning team’s margin exceeds 60 points (10 goals) the team will only be credited with a maximum of 60-point winning margin.

9. Length of Games

The WAAFL shall determine the scheduled start time for each match.
Playing times and breaks is:

Four quarters of 15 minutes with no time on, except as permitted at By-law D2.5.6.
Quarter-time break 5 minutes, half time break 10 minutes, three quarter time break 5 minutes.

Teams are not permitted to leave the playing surface except at the half time break and full-time, or as permitted in these by-laws.

A team not ready to commence play within 5 minutes of the scheduled start time shall be fined as prescribed in Schedule A1 Refer PERTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE) BY-LAWS (11th March 2019), unless a suitable explanation for such delay is accepted by the General Manager.

A team not ready to commence play within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time shall automatically forfeit the match.

Time on

The duration of a match will incur no time on, except where there is undue delay such as a seriously injured player requiring a stretcher on the playing surface, a melee, a head count, light failure, lightning, or lost or damaged ball. In these circumstances, the field umpires shall signal and/or direct both timekeepers to apply time on. Both timekeepers are to concur on stopping and re-starting time.

Where timekeepers dispute the time, the General Manager at his absolute discretion may determine the result or order the match be replayed at such time and place as he sees fit.

A club failing to comply with the scheduled and allocated break times shall be fined Refer PERTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE) BY-LAWS (11th March 2019)

10. Coaching

All coaches must hold a Foundation Senior coaching accreditation and be registered on CoachAFL to coach in the Perth Football League.

A maximum of two coaches per team in designated orange vests are permitted to be on the playing surface during the match to deliver instructions and support players.

Prior to the commencement of the match, coaches are to discuss strategies to collectively work towards a fair contest between both teams to maximise participation for all players e.g. flow of the match, players of equal ability to be opposed to each other, players to stay in positions, players encouraged to pick the ball up, dominating players to be rotated for periods of play off the ball to encourage players of lesser abilities to increase participation.

11. Umpiring

Each team must provide an accredited Field Umpire, Goal Umpire and where possible, Boundary Umpire.

Matches shall be umpired with an emphasis on:

- Encouraging participation from all players.
- Rewarding players who make the football their sole object.
- Keeping the play flowing by awarding free kicks.
- Avoiding scrimmages.

12. Forfeits

Refer PERTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE) BY-LAWS (11th March 2019)

13. Match Results

Where the winning margin exceeds 60 points, the winning team will be credited with a 60-point winning margin.

The home team is responsible for entering the match results in the Perth Football League App within an hour of completion of the match. In the case of player votes, given we do not record this award please place an 'I' in the name field.

14. Drawn Match

Refer PERTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE) BY-LAWS (11th March 2019)

15. Eligibility for finals – Integrated Football Competition

To be eligible to play finals a player shall play five integrated qualifying matches over five rounds of fixtures for his club in the current year.

16. Team Sheets

Each team must complete a team sheet on SportsTG. Only registered players may be selected. The coach must also be selected on the team sheet.

Team Managers must provide the opposition with a team sheet prior to the match.

Any handwritten alterations to the team sheet must be updated on SportsTG by 12pm the Monday following the match.

17. Prohibited Items (Jewellery/Metal Framed Glasses)

Refer PERTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE) BY-LAWS (11th March 2019)

18. Order Off Rules

Refer PERTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE) BY-LAWS (11th March 2019)

19. Tribunal

Refer PERTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE) BY-LAWS (11th March 2019)

20. Player & Official National Deregistration Policy

Refer PERTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE) BY-LAWS (11th March 2019)

21. Coaches and Officials

All teams are required to have the following officials present at all match days;

- Team Coach (Accredited)
- Trainer
- Assistant Coach (Optional)
- Runner (Optional)
- Team Manager
- Water Carrier (up to 4)

Runners, Water Carriers, Trainers and On-field coaches must be attired in the approved uniform.

22. Registration

All Players must be registered to participate in Perth Football League matches.
Refer PERTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE)
BY-LAWS (11th March 2019)

23. First Aid Requirements

All teams must provide a suitably qualified Sports Trainer.
Refer PERTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE)
BY-LAWS (11th March 2019)

24. Playing Uniform

Refer PERTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE)
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25. Concussion Reporting

It is the responsibility of the Trainer to report all injuries where a concussion test is performed via the Perth Football League App.

26. Alcohol Policy

Refer Alcohol Management Policy.

27. Fines

Refer PERTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE)
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28. Social Media Policy

Refer PERTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE)
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29. Match Day Checklist

Teams must complete the JLT Match Day Checklist prior to the first game of the day or where there is a significant change to weather conditions.

30. Club Contact Details

Should you require club contact details please refer to the Perth Football League website