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Subject: WAAFL PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM FEEDBACK

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Audience: Club Committees, WAAFL Board Members

Summary: The Board wish to gain club feedback on a Player Points System.	Action: CLICK HERE to submit your feedback by 4pm Tuesday 5 th June 2018.
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From the Amateur Status Working Party Final Report (October 2016), a Player Points System (PPS) was identified as the preferred strategy to limit player inducements to change clubs and thereby reduce the payment of players. The Board agreed in principle to implement a PPS for the 2019 season.

A PPS primarily restricts clubs from playing a higher number of elite players. This is achieved by each player being assigned player points based on their previous playing history within a total team points cap.

The Board has reviewed PPS's from Victorian and South Australian community leagues together with previous Amateur Status Working Party models trialled in 2016.

From this review, each PPS has key principles that need to be confirmed before further detail of a PPS can be developed e.g; the Board cannot determine a team's total points cap till player point categories are confirmed and a 'Local Player' defined. Therefore, the Board wish to gain club feedback on the following key principles:

1. APPLICABLE GRADES

Integrity investigations have found that the payment of players extends through to lower WAAFL grades. Therefore, the Board believes a PPS should extend through all promotion/relegation grades.

Recommendation 1: That the PPS apply to men's League grades; A Grade, B Grade, C1, C2, C3 and C4.

2. LOCAL PLAYER DEFINITION

A key recommendation from the Amateur Status Working Party and other PPS, is rewarding local players; i.e. players who commenced their senior football at your club or if they are yet to play senior football, have played at the local junior footy club aligned with your club.

To encourage junior players transition and elite players to return to their local WAAFL club, a 'Local Player' definition is recommended. A Local Player would attract the lowest player points.

Recommendation 2: It is recommended that a Local Player be determined on:

The first WAAFL club the player played for prior to playing at another senior football club (i.e. AFL, WAFL and interstate equivalents, and other senior community metro or country clubs).

If the player is yet to play a WAAFL match, the aligned Junior/Senior WAAFL club the player played most of his junior footy seasons between Years 10 to 12.

3. PLAYER POINTS CATEGORIES

If accepted at recommendation 1, a player’s points will only apply when he plays A Grade, B Grade, C1, C2, C3 or C4.

Player points are assessed at the time of transfer or permit into the WAAFL.

Recommendation 3: A player who has played one or more matches in any of the current or previous two seasons at the following levels of football be allocated points as follows:

ELITE	4 POINTS	→	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Played at an AFL club. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFL
SEMI-ELITE	3 POINTS	→	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Played at a WAFL club or interstate equivalent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • League/Reserves/Colts • WAFL, SANFL, VFL, NEAFL, TSL, NTFL
COMMUNITY	2 POINTS	→	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Played at another senior community club. • Transferred from a junior club not aligned with the WAAFL club. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • League/Reserves/Colts • Metro, country, interstate
LOCAL	1 POINT	→	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a Local Player. • Hasn’t played competitive football in the current or previous two seasons. 	

4. COMPLIANCE

Recommendation 4: That a team which exceeds the Total Team Points cap, or makes a false or incorrect declaration regarding a player’s point allocation, will lose the match and be penalised as playing an ineligible player.