



AMATEUR STATUS GUIDELINES

Overview

A player is only permitted to participate in the WAAFL as an AMATEUR.

The WAAFL defines an AMATEUR as one who does not receive or agree to receive, either directly or indirectly, any remuneration or reward whatsoever (whether by match payments or expenses or otherwise) in respect to their participation as a player in the WAAFL.

Receive or agree to receive – remuneration or reward may not be offered in an immediate sense or at some point in the future at an unspecified time.

Directly or indirectly - remuneration or reward may not be offered to the individual player or any person associated with that individual.

Remuneration or reward – examples of what is permissible or not permissible as a reward or remuneration refer to table below.

The spirit of the “Amateur” definition will always prevail and each case will be looked at individually on its own merits. Any offer, payment, reward, or benefit that might induce a person to play with a WAAFL club will be regarded as a breach of the definition of amateur status.

The examples below are provided as a guide, but clubs should always seek guidance from the WAAFL as to whether a situation is within, or in breach of, the definition. If such guidance is not sought before the event, a club will not be able to complain after the event if it is found, notwithstanding technical reliance on the examples below, that a given situation is not within the spirit of the definition.

REMUNERATION OR REWARD	PERMISSIBLE	NOT PERMISSIBLE
Performance bonus		Performance bonus for kicking goals, a minimum number of games played, a ‘sign on’ bonus.
Employment	Clubs, or any person or entity associated with a club, may assist with and/or facilitate a full time or part time employment opportunity for a player, provided the terms and conditions of such employment are consistent with current commercial practices. Clubs may employ a player for duties associated with the club such as physio, massage, trainer, bar, canteen, cleaning. However, application has to be submitted and exemption approved by the General Manager as to not breach amateur status. i.e; Register of Interest.	Employment cannot be dependent on playing for the club.
Match day awards	Clubs are permitted to provide for and make match day awards in recognition of performance not exceeding \$500 in aggregate for each team and \$200 for any player. Awards may be in cash or an item/voucher to the value of. Awards must be determined by more than one person. Awards from sponsors must be directed via the club.	Sponsors providing an award direct to a player.

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Annual club awards	<p>Clubs are permitted to provide for team fairest and best awards not exceeding \$500 in aggregate for each team and \$200 for any player.</p> <p>Awards may be in cash or an item/voucher to the value of.</p> <p>Awards must be determined by more than 1 person.</p> <p>Awards from sponsors must be directed via the club.</p>	<p>Clubs are not permitted to provide monetary valued awards for club awards such as Best Club Man, Volunteer of the Year, Coach of the Year.</p>
Expenses	<p>Any expense directly associated with playing for the club provided the expense is offered to all players or a specific group of players such as colts players.</p> <p>E.g; club branded uniforms and bag, football boots, mouthguard, insurance, membership fees, tickets to the club dinner, meals after training, out of pocket costs incurred as a result of football injuries sustained whilst playing for the club.</p>	<p>Any expense directly associated with playing in the club's League team or the expense is only offered to a few players.</p> <p>E.g; building, landscaping, professional services, fuel, other travel related expenses or accommodation.</p>
Senior coaches (playing and non-playing)	<p>Playing and non-playing senior coaches may be remunerated for their respective services as a coach.</p> <p>Only the senior coach of each team in a club is permitted to be remunerated for his knowledge and service as a <u>coach</u> and <u>play</u>.</p> <p>E.g; the senior coach of a club's 2nd team may be remunerated for his coaching of the 2nd team and play in any of the club's other teams.</p> <p>The senior coach must be active and be doing the normal activities of coach such as coaching training, team selections, match day coaching.</p>	
Assistant coaches (playing and non-playing)	<p>Clubs may pay non-playing assistant coaches.</p> <p>An assistant coach who is not remunerated may play in any of the club's teams.</p>	<p>A paid assistant coach is not permitted to play for any of the club's teams.</p>
Type 2 Local Interchange Permit players	<p>Type 2 LIP players are permitted to play in the WAAFL but must observe the amateur status.</p>	<p>Any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses from the Type 2 LIP club (WAFL, WACFL, Juniors) which is linked to participation as a player in the WAAFL (e.g. match payments when playing on Type 2 LIP in the WAAFL, travel to the WAAFL match) shall be deemed to be a breach of the player's amateur status.</p> <p>WAAFL clubs may not contribute directly or indirectly to funding a Type 2 LIP player's contract in the WAFL, WACFL or Juniors whether as a player, coach or any other role.</p>
Player sponsorships	<p>Players are able to source player sponsorships to offset their annual membership provided that the sponsorship is a bona fide program of the club, is offered to <u>all</u> players and not to individuals or a specific group of players and all funds are directed via the club.</p>	
Education fees		<p>Education fees cannot be paid for or subsidised either directly or indirectly as per above description of the word "Amateur".</p>
Junior coaching	<p>Players are permitted to coach football at a junior club or school for a commercially acceptable fee.</p>	<p>Appointment cannot be dependent on playing for the WAAFL club.</p>

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