

CIRCULAR



Subject: PLAYER POINTS TEAM CAP AND IMPLEMENTATION

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Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total Team Points cap for the 2019 season is 43 points.• Outline of implementation administration.• Club deadlines.• By-law exert – Schedule B3.	Action: <p>Clubs to submit its League’s squad list of up to 50 existing/current players to the WAAFL by 21st January 2019 to pps@wafc.com.au.</p>
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The Board confirms the Total Team Points cap for 2019 is 43 points.

Data reviewed by the Board included:

- A percentage breakdown of 1 to 5 point players across 60 league team sheets from 2018 Round 18 and Grand Finals.
- A breakdown of 2018 Type 2 LIP players who played WAAFL league matches across clubs.
- A review of Total Team Points of clubs with colts and no colts.
- Six clubs have provided written feedback on a recommended Total Team Points cap (ranging from 36 to 45 points).

As endorsed by clubs at the recent Special General Meeting for Option B Retrospective implementation of the PPS, Loyalty Points Reductions are effective immediately. To ensure the PPS maintains impact, it is likely an annual reduction of the Total Team Points cap will occur. However, this will be determined at the end of the 2019 season where over 2000 team sheets will be reviewed.

The Victorian Amateur Football Association, which has a similar PPS structure to the WAAFL, commenced in 2016 with a Total Team Points cap of 49 points. This was reduced to 48 points in 2017. The VAFA is proposing to reduce its cap to 46 points for 2019.

In our review of data, the WAAFL have now raised concerns with the WAFL on the management of Type 2 LIP in the WAAFL. Type 2 LIP lodged in 2018 showed that 397 players were permitted from the WAFL to WAAFL. Of which, 116 played no WAFL matches. The practice by WAFL clubs to annually roll-over player registrations and maintain players on protected lists we believe is contrary to the WAFCA’s focus of ‘player first’. As Loyalty Point Reductions are not applicable to Type 2 LIP players, then we encourage WAAFL clubs to discuss their requirements with respective WAFL Football Managers. For example; WAAFL clubs holding the player’s registration and then Type LIP to the WAFL club.

Option B Retrospective implementation effects only existing players, in particular those players who joined WAAFL clubs within the last 3 to 4 seasons. These players may now be subject to player points of more than 1 point.

The disparity between clubs and grades of Total Team Points as previously circularised to clubs (attached) means;

1. Some clubs may be well under the 43 Total Team Points cap and will have the opportunity to recruit significantly; and

2. Some clubs may be near or over the 43 point Total Team Points cap which may restrict their recruitment or require existing players to review their playing status at your club.

In confirming the Total Team Points caps, the Board has tried to achieve a balance between achieving the PPS objectives to reduce perceived player payments and the burden of genuinely unintended consequences.

The category for *Retired, absent, long-term injured uncategorised players* has been deleted from the WAAFL By-laws as this rule was only pertinent to Option A Line in the Sand implementation.

IMPLEMENTATION OF PPS

Option B Retrospective implementation requires some 3000 players to be assessed and categorised for player points.

The WAAFL will have final determination of a player's points category and record these points on the player's Footyweb record prior to his first league match at your club. Until points are allocated to the player's Footyweb record, the player cannot play league football in Mens, A, B, C1, C2, C3 or C4. They are however, permitted to play in other grades of the club without a player's points category.

Notwithstanding the above, clubs will still be required to provide a provisional determination of player's points category to the WAAFL. This is to develop greater understanding of the PPS within clubs.

To determine and categorise 3000 players, the following is required by clubs to implement the PPS.

Step 1 Clubs to 'clean up' existing player database by 4pm 21st January 2019

- a) Clubs are to review all existing/current player records on Footyweb and remove duplicate records by 4pm 21st January 2019. Duplicate records could be due to slight name changes or D.O.B.
- b) If clubs need assistance in Step 1, please contact Ashlea Renshaw, arens@wafc.com.au or 9287 5595 during normal working hours.

Step 2 Email your club list of 50 existing/current league players to WAAFL by 4pm 21st January 2019

- a) Existing/current players are those who were registered (not Type 2 LIP) at your club up to and including the 2018 season. Players transferring to your club in 2019 or will be playing on a Type 2 LIP in 2019 are addressed in steps 3 and 4 below.
- b) Clubs are to list and provisionally determine player points for up to 50 of its existing/current players who are likely to play league in 2019 on the excel template attached by 4pm 21st January 2019 to pps@wafc.com.au. We recommend listing those players who played league at your club in 2018. Clubs which fail to submit this list by the due date will be charged a \$500 administration fee.
- c) WAAFL will review the club's points determination for each player listed, correct provisional determinations if required and return a finalised list to the club for its review by 14th February 2019. To assist in the education of the PPS, clubs may request the WAAFL review the points determinations without penalty of these players until 28th February 2019.
- d) WAAFL will input the final determination for each player's points category in Footyweb.
- e) Any dispute of a player points category after 28th February 2019 will be processed in accordance WAAFL By-law Schedule B3, cl 6.

Step 3 Transferring players in 2019

- a) Player points will be determined to transferring players following finalisation of their transfer to your club. i.e. when the player registers online with your club.
- b) Clubs are to list and provisionally determine player points for transferring players who are likely to play league in 2019 on the excel template attached by the [deadlines](#) set out in this circular. Clubs may list one or several players on the excel template.
- c) WAAFL will input the final determination for each player's points category in Footyweb.

- d) Any dispute of a player points category will be processed in accordance WAAFL By-law Schedule B3, cl 6.

Step 4 Type-2 Local Interchange Permits (LIP) lodged in 2019

- a) Clubs are to list and provisionally determine player points for players on a Type 2 LIP who are likely to play league in 2019 on the excel template attached by the [deadlines](#) set out in this circular. Clubs may list one or several players on the excel template.
- b) WAAFL will input the final determination for each player’s points category in Footyweb.
- c) Any dispute of a player points category will be processed in accordance WAAFL By-law Schedule B3, cl 6.

DEADLINES

WAAFL expect a high volume of players requiring player points category determination leading into Round 1 (6th April 2019) and Round 2 (13th April 2019). This may include existing/current, transferring and Type 2 LIP players. Therefore, clubs are encouraged to assist the WAAFL by meeting the following deadlines:

- a) Clubs are to list, provisionally determine and submit to the WAAFL player points for uncategorised players who will play league in Round 1 on the excel template attached by 10am Wednesday 3rd April 2019. WAAFL will review and input the final determination for each player’s points category in Footyweb.
- b) For uncategorised players who will play league in Round 2 (13th April 2019); clubs are to list, provisionally determine and submit to the WAAFL player points for uncategorised players on the excel template attached by 10am Wednesday 10th April 2019. WAAFL will review and input the final determination for each player’s points category in Footyweb.
- c) For uncategorised players who will play league from Round 3 (27th April 2019); clubs are to list, provisionally determine and submit to the WAAFL player points for uncategorised players on the excel template attached by 10am the Friday prior to the match. WAAFL will review and input the final determination for each player’s points category in Footyweb.

KEY ACTION DATES

Date	Action
21 st January 2019	Clubs to ‘clean up’ existing player database on Footyweb.
21 st January 2019	Email club list of 50 existing/current league players to WAAFL
14 th February 2019	WAAFL to return finalised 50 existing/current league player list to clubs.
14 th to 28 th February 2019	Clubs may request a review of the 50 existing/current league players and their final points determination without penalty.
3 rd April 2019	Deadline for uncategorised players playing in Round 1.
10 th April 2019	Deadline for uncategorised players playing in Round 2.
26 th April 2019	Deadline for uncategorised players playing in Round 3.

WAAFL BY-LAW EXERT - 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 43 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
	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 a combined total of 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 a combined total of 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 a combined total of 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 a combined total of 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) 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).

