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Subject: WOMENS COMMUNITY FOOTBALL WORKSHOP

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Audience: Club Committee, WAAFL Board Members

<p>Summary: The WAFc is conducting a women's community football workshop, 6pm Wednesday 25th October 2017, Gate 6 Reception at Domain Stadium.</p> <p>The workshop is open to key club officials.</p>	<p>Action: Attend if your club:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Has a women's team wishing to play in a competition for 2018.2. Is interested in developing a women's team for 2018 or beyond.
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The workshop is designed gauge interest from clubs, and develop a suitable pathway and competition for community footballers.

Key topics:

- Proposed timelines and activities
- Rules Flowchart (Draft)
- November carnival

Proposed timelines and activities:

Action	Timeline
Carnival to support recruitment for new teams	18 th /19 th November 2017
Team nominations	From 1 st February 2018
Pre-season carnival and grading games	March 2018
Season commences	April 2018
Season concludes	August 2018

Senior Women's Competitions - Rules Flowchart (Draft)

Competition Rules	Community Grades	Development Grades	Masters (WA Masters)
Purpose	To cater for the influx of women new to the game wishing to participate in a competitive competition. To support WAWFL players not selected to play.	To cater for the women who would prefer a more social approach, appealing to entry level participants that are learning the game in a safe environment.	To cater for women 35+ to participate in a Social Competition.
Games	Weekly matches 13-16 round season.	Weekly matches 10 round season (look to run aligned to AFL 9's seasons)	Fortnightly matches aligned to WA Masters
Fixtures	Home and away fixtures held Sunday afternoons (12 – 5pm), occasional double headers to men's games Saturday afternoons (12-5pm) Grading based on location or performance. Fixture clashes: Super Sundays at one venue and Friday night under lights.	Conference and Carnival model (rotating venue all games one ground with music). Friday night under lights 6pm Onwards or mid-week fixtures	Conference & Carnival Model (rotating venue all games one ground) with double Headers to the Men's
Training	Once – twice a week	Maybe once a week or small 30min session before games.	Maybe once a fortnight or small 30min session before games.
Players	18 a side (min. 14 modified field)	12-15 a side (min 9 modified field)	9 a side
Ground Size	Full size field	Modified size field	Modified Size Field
Match Length	4 x 20 minute quarters	2 x 20 minute halves	2 x 20 minute halves
The Ball	Yellow leather size 4	Yellow synthetic OR leather size 4	Yellow synthetic OR leather size 4
Tackling	Tackling is permitted as per the Laws of the Game. "Slinging" a player is strictly not permitted. A sling occurs when the actions of the tackler cause the player to be thrown to the ground after or during possession. A sling free kick will not be paid if the umpire deems that the tackler did not deliberately or aggressively try to throw the player to the ground.	Modified Wrap Tackle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrap arms around player and hold feet. • Do not drop to ground. • Strictly no slinging or deliberately bringing opposition player to the ground. • Grabbing the arms is not permitted. • Players once tackled have 3 seconds to dispose of the ball. 	Modified Wrap Tackle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrap arms around player and hold feet. • Do not drop to ground. • Strictly no slinging or deliberately bringing opposition player to the ground. • Grabbing the arms is not permitted. • Players once tackled have 3 seconds to dispose of the ball.
Umpiring	2 field (club), 2 goal umpires (volunteers)	1 field (club), 2 goal umpires (volunteers)	1 field (club), 2 goal umpires (volunteers)
Out of bounds	Last possession rule From a kick or handball, a free is awarded against the player who kicked or handballed the ball across the line without it being touched by the opposition. If the ball goes out of bounds after no clear possession or is touched after a clear possession, the umpire will ball up 10 metres inside the boundary line.	Last possession rule From a kick or handball, a free is awarded against the player who kicked or handballed the ball across the line without it being touched by the opposition. If the ball goes out of bounds after no clear possession or is touched after a clear possession, the umpire will ball up 10 metres inside the boundary line.	Last possession rule From a kick or handball, a free is awarded against the player who kicked or handballed the ball across the line without it being touched by the opposition. If the ball goes out of bounds after no clear possession or is touched after a clear possession, the umpire will ball up 10 metres inside the boundary line.
Bounces	Allowed as per laws of the game.	A player can bounce the ball once.	A player can bounce the ball once.
Soccering the ball	Not permitted unless accidental (Year 1). Monitor in Year 2.	Not permitted unless accidental.	Not permitted unless accidental.
Stealing/Smothering	Allowed as per laws of the game.	A player may attempt to snatch or steal the ball but if unsuccessful and contact is made a free kick will be awarded to the opponent.	Allowed as per laws of the game.
Scoring and Awards	Scoring, ladders and finals are permitted. Best players or goal kickers are recorded.	No scoring, ladders or finals. No best players or goal kickers are recorded. Coaches awards only	Scoring, ladders and finals are permitted. No best players or goal kickers are recorded.