

# CIRCULAR



PERTH FOOTBALL  
L E A G U E

**Subject:** STRUCTURE OF F-GRADE

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<b>Summary:</b> Subsequent to Circular 09, 2018-19 – 2019 Team Nominations and presentation at the Club Post Season Workshop (November 2018), clubs wishing to nominate a F-Grade team for 2019, may wish to consider the following.	<b>Action:</b> Clubs wishing to nominate a F-Grade team should contact David Armstrong, General Manager before team nominations close 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2019.
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## Planned Fixturing

The following is subject to team nominations and is provided as guidance.

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>F-Grade</i>
06-Apr-19	1
13-Apr-19	2
20-Apr-19	Easter Bye
27-Apr-19	3
04-May-19	4
11-May-19	5
18-May-19	6
25-May-19	7
01-Jun-19	WA Day Bye
08-Jun-19	8
15-Jun-19	Grand Final

## Summary of F-Grade rules

	<i>Conditions</i>
<i>Age</i>	28+
<i>Players</i>	16-a-side (14 min/22 max)
<i>Playing times</i>	4 x 15 mins
<i>Breaks</i>	5/10/5 mins
<i>Even up Rule</i>	Yes
<i>Out of bounds</i>	Last possession rule
<i>Umpires (min)</i>	Club supplied: 2 Field, 2 Goal (No boundary required)
<i>Runners</i>	Max 2 per team
<i>Water</i>	Max 4 per team
<i>Trainer</i>	Mandatory
<i>Other</i>	High graded senior team required to nominate

**Team composition**

1. F-Grade is a restricted age competition. Player shall have attained the minimum age of 28 to play F-Grade.
2. F-Grade teams must consist of between 14 and 16 players who may be on the playing surface at any one time (16-a-side). The 'even-up' rule is permitted in F-Grade.
3. To restrict clubs 'stacking' higher graded players in F-Grade, a player who plays three or more higher grade matches during the F-Grade season will not be permitted to play F-Grade for the remainder of the F-Grade season. Note; the F-Grade season is planned to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019. At the completion of the F-Grade season, F-Grade players are encouraged to continue to play in other grades of the club.

**Affiliation fee**

Due to a considerably planned shortened season, F-Grade team affiliation fees will be discounted by \$550 to \$2006. Affiliation fees will be applied to ground hire, Personal Accident Insurance and Finals (Umpires, footballs, Premiership Flag and Medals).