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**Subject:** COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTARY BY-LAWS

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<p><b>Summary:</b> The Board at its meeting last week confirmed amendments to the By-laws for the 2020 season, known as the COVID-19 Supplementary By-laws.</p> <p>These supplementary by-laws should be read in conjunction with the current By-laws (February 2020)</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> For information.</p>
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By-law	Summary of Amendments
Transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Player transfer applications may be lodged via Footyweb between 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and 8pm (WST) on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 or as determined by the AFL.</li><li>AFL have extended the transfer window to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.</li></ul>
Covid-19 Type 2 Local Interchange Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Players from other competitions such as country and other Perth Football League clubs whose regular team is not nominated by their club to play in 2020, can play with a Perth Football League club using the COVID-19 Type 2 Local Interchange Permit.</li><li>This permit requires General Manager approval.</li><li>A player who uses this provision is not permitted to play at his primary registered club till the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.</li><li>Permits need to be lodged by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.</li></ul>
Finals	<p>Top 4 teams in the grade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Semi Final 2 (1v2), Semi Final 1 (3v4)</li><li>Preliminary Final (Loser SF2 v Winner SF1)</li><li>Grand Final (Winner SF2 v Winner PF)</li></ul> <p><u>Player's finals eligibility</u> Senior mens, colts: 3 qualifying matches. Senior womens - 3 qualifying matches required to play finals.</p>
Footballs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To reduce affiliation fees, new footballs will not be distributed as part of affiliation fees.</li><li>Clubs can purchase new footballs from the League at a discounted price of \$90 (incl. GST)</li><li>All grades are to commence the season with a new football.</li><li>Teams can use a football for 2-3 matches if the football remains in excellent condition.</li></ul>
Player Points System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PPS will apply in accordance with the current by-laws.</li><li>A Season of Service is reduced from 5 matches to 4 matches in 2020.</li></ul>

Promotion/Relegation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1 up/1 down.</li> </ul>
Runners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Only 1 runner permitted per team.</li> <li>– Reducing personnel in and around the coaching bench, playing surface.</li> </ul>
Waters Carriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Only 2 water carriers permitted per team.</li> <li>– Reducing personnel in and around the coaching bench, playing surface.</li> </ul>
Match Playing Times	<p>To provide additional time between matches to manage patrons arriving and leaving the ground, shorter time for Senior Mens and Colts matches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– League 4 x 22mins (Breaks 5min-12min-5min)</li> <li>– Reserves, Colts, C5, E 4 x 18mins (Breaks 5min-12min-5min)</li> </ul> <p>No change - Womens and All Abilities.</p>
All Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 3 qualifying matches required to play finals.</li> <li>– Out of bounds – last possession introduced.</li> <li>– Mercy Rule introduced.</li> </ul>
Trainer accreditation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Trainers need only complete the online component of the Sports Medicine Australia Level 1 Sports Trainer Course or equivalent.</li> </ul>

Where expressed, these COVID-19 Supplementary By-laws replace the respective clause(s) in the current By-laws (February 2020).

The COVID-19 Supplementary By-laws cease 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 or until such time as determined by the Board.

## **SECTION 2: COMPETITION**

### **PART A: GENERAL COMPETITION CONDITIONS**

#### **BY-LAW A2.4 PLAYER TRANSFER AND CLEARANCE**

##### **A2.4.1 Transfer application period**

Player transfer applications may be lodged via Footyweb between 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and 8pm (WST) on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 or as determined by the AFL.

#### **BY-LAW A2.5 DUAL REGISTRATION AND PERMITS**

##### **A2.5.8 Covid-19 Type 2 Local Interchange Permit**

- a) A player who can satisfy the General Manager that his regular team in the WAFL, WAFLW, WAWFL, WACFL, AFL Masters WA or WAFC/DFDC (Juniors) has not been nominated to play in 2020, is eligible to register in the Perth Football League using a Type 2 Local Interchange Permit.
- b) A player who can satisfy the General Manager that his regular team in the Perth Football League has not been nominated to play in 2020, is eligible to register with another Perth Football League club using a Type 2 Local Interchange Permit.
- c) A player who uses this provision is not permitted to play at his primary registered club till the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.
- d) This Type 2 Local Interchange Permit will cease 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.
- e) The Type 2 Local Interchange Permit must be lodged by no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

#### **BY-LAW A2.10 DETERMINING FINALISTS (FINALS)**

A2.10.3 The finals in each grade will be the highest ranked four teams with four matches to be played.

A2.10.4 Finals of 4 teams shall be played as follows:

- i. First Semi Final: the third team shall play the fourth team.
- ii. Second Semi Final: the first team shall play the second team.
- iii. Preliminary Final: the loser of (ii) shall play the winner of (i).
- iv. Grand Final: the winner of (ii) shall play the winner of (iii).

#### **BY-LAW A2.12 PRE-MATCH PROVISIONS**

##### **A2.12.1 Football**

The home team for each fixtured match shall supply a new or good condition League approved football for all matches. The away team shall supply a good condition football ball as an emergency. Failure to do so will incur a fine as prescribed in Schedule A1.

## **BY-LAW A2.16 SUPPORT PERSONNEL**

### **A2.16.1 Runners**

- e) A team is permitted one runner per match.

### **A2.16.2 Water carriers**

- a) A team is permitted to use a maximum of two water carriers per match, unless permitted in these by-laws.

### **A2.16.3 Trainers**

- a) Each team shall have a trainer for each match who shall have attained the age of 16 years and have successfully completed at least the online component of the Sports Medicine Australia Level 1 Sports Trainer Course or equivalent. Failure to do so will incur a fine as prescribed in Schedule A1.

## **PART B: MENS COMPETITION**

### **BY-LAW B2.2 TEAM GRADING, RELEGATION AND PROMOTION**

B2.2.1 B, C1, C2, C3 and C4 grade Premiers will be eligible for promotion to the next highest grade for the 2021 season. The lowest position A-Grade team on the Premiership table at the conclusion of the qualifying rounds shall be relegated to B-Grade for the 2021 season.

Any other promotion or relegation decisions will be made at the absolute discretion of the General Manager, in consideration of the following key principles:

- Ensuring that there are 10 teams in each grade for the 2021 season where possible;
- Clubs on-field performance in League competitions over the 2019 and 2020 season;
- Clubs off-field performance and governance;

and such other matters as the General Manager considers appropriate, in order to preserve the integrity of the competition and promote equalisation within grades as much as possible for the 2021 season.

### **BY-LAW B2.5 SCHEDULED START AND PLAYING TIMES**

B2.5.2 Playing times and breaks are:

A-B-C1-C2-C3-C4	Four quarters of 22 minutes with no time on, except as permitted at By-law B2.5.6. Quarter-time break 5 minutes, half time break 12 minutes, three quarter time break 5 minutes.
C5	
AR-BR-C1R-C2R-C3R-C4R-C5R	Four quarters of 18 minutes with no time on, except as permitted at By-law B2.5.6. Quarter-time break 5 minutes, half time break 10 minutes, three quarter time break 5 minutes.
E1-E2-E3-E4	
Colts	

## **BY-LAW B2.6 FINALS ELIGIBILITY**

### **B2.6.1 Finals eligibility – senior mens competition**

- a) To be eligible to play finals in the senior mens competition, a player shall play three qualifying matches over three rounds of fixtures for his club in the current year.

### **B2.6.2 Finals eligibility – colts competition**

- a) To be eligible to play finals in the colts competition, a player shall have played three or more qualifying colts matches over three rounds of fixtures for his club in the current year.

## **SCHEDULE B3: PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM (PPS)**

### **4(a) SEASONS OF SERVICE**

To be granted a Season of Service for 2020, a player will need to play four or more Perth Football League matches played in 2020 the season with his respective Perth Football League club.

## **PART C: WOMENS COMPETITION**

## **BY-LAW B2.6 FINALS ELIGIBILITY**

### **B2.6.1 Finals eligibility – senior womens competition**

- a) To be eligible to play finals in the senior womens competition, a player shall play three qualifying matches over three rounds of fixtures for his club in the current year.

## **PART D: ALL ABILITIES (INTEGRATED) COMPETITION**

## **BY-LAW D2.6 FINALS ELIGIBILITY**

### **D2.6.1 Finals eligibility – All Abilities**

To be eligible to play finals a player shall play three All Abilities qualifying matches over three rounds of fixtures for his club in the current year.

### **D2.7.3 Out of bounds – last possession**

When the football crosses the boundary line -

- a) A free kick is awarded against the player who kicked or handballed the football across the boundary line without it being touched by an opposition player.
- b) If the football 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.

### **D2.7.7 Mercy Rule**

- a) The Mercy Rule is activated when the score between both teams is 40 points or more.
- b) When the Mercy Rule is active;
  - i. if the leading team scores a point, the trailing team will take the kick out from their half back line.
  - ii. if the team leading scores a goal, the trailing team will take possession of the ball in the centre circle, therefore not requiring a ball up to restart play.
- c) If the trailing team brings the score between both teams under 40 points, the Mercy Rule is deactivated, and play will revert to normal conditions.

### SUMMARY OF MATCH CONDITIONS

	SENIOR MENS				COLTS	SENIOR WOMEN	ALL ABILITIES
	A/B/C1/C2/C3/C4	C5	AR/BR/C1R/C2R/C3R/C4R/C5R	E1-E2-E3-E4		F	
<b>Age</b>	16+	16+		28+	16-20	17+	16+
<b>Players</b>	18-a-side (14 min/22 max)	18-a-side (14 min/22 max)		16-a-side (14 min/22 max)	18-a-side (14 min/25 max)	18-a-side (14 min/23 max)	18-a-side (12 min/25 max)
<b>Playing times</b>	4 x 22 mins	4 x 18 mins		4 x 15 mins	4 x 18 mins	4 x 15 mins	4 x 15 mins
<b>Breaks</b>	5/12/5 mins	5/10/5 mins		5/10/5 mins	5/10/5 mins	5/10/5 mins	5/10/5 mins
<b>Even up Rule</b>	No	No, except for C4R		Yes	Yes, except for 1 <sup>st</sup> colts team with 2 colts teams	Yes	Yes
<b>Out of bounds</b>				Last possession rule full oval		Last possession rule within 50m arc	Last possession rule full oval
<b>Bouncing</b>							A player can bounce the ball twice.
<b>Finals eligibility</b>	3 matches	3 matches			3 matches	3 matches	3 matches
<b>Coaching</b>							Max 2 per team permitted on field.
<b>Umpires (min)</b>	3F-2B-2G (A-Grade) 2F-2B-2G	2F-2B-2G		2F-2G	2F-2B-2G	2F-2B-2G	2F-2G
<b>Runners</b>	Max 1 per team	Max 1 per team		Max 1 per team	Max 1 per team	Max 1 per team	Max 1 per team
<b>Water</b>	Max 2 per team	Max 2 per team		Max 2 per team	Max 2 per team	Max 2 per team	Max 2 per team
<b>Trainer</b>	Mandatory	Mandatory		Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
<b>Other</b>	Player points apply	No player points apply		High graded senior team required to nominate		No soccering	Mercy Rule

