

## WAFC POL.04: Equal Opportunity Policy

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
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### POLICY BACKGROUND

The West Australian Football Commission will ensure that equal opportunities for participation in football are made available to all children, regardless of ability, size, shape, gender, age, disability or ethnic origin.

### RULES

1. FEMALE PARTICIPATION	
Single sex (all boy/all girl) competitions are preferred if teams can be arranged within the schools or junior districts and/or country regions.	
<b>1a</b>	Females can participate with males until and including Year 9.
2. PLAYER ROTATION	
It's the role of the coach to ensure all players, regardless of their age, size, gender, ability or the competition they are playing in, are given an equal opportunity to play in a variety of positions on the field. This is important in allowing players to gain experience and learn and develop the skills of each position. Adhering to this policy and its intent ensures all players and parents feel they are getting a fair go and are a part of the team, enhancing overall participation in Junior & Youth Football.	
<b>2a</b>	Every player in a team must play at least half (50%) of a game. This only applies to the first game a player plays in a weekend, e.g. if a player has completed a match with their team and then plays up for another team who is short of players, that player is not required to play 50% game time in the second match.
<b>2b</b>	All players must play equal game time across the season.
<b>2c</b>	Each team is required to track player game time utilising an app or program prescribed by the competition.
3. MAXIMISE PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES	
Coaches are required to utilise all available players up to the maximum allowable on the bench.	
<b>3a</b>	Coaches must utilise all places in the team for each match and play the maximum number of players available to them. This includes finals but only refers to players that are qualified to play in the final.

### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

WAFC COMPRULES