

## WAFC POL.10C Competitions Policy: Fixtures

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
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### POLICY BACKGROUND

Prior to the commencement of each football season the WAFC shall appoint a person or committee to prepare a fixture list for all matches to be played in competitions under the control of the WAFC and to allocate grounds and times for such matters. This policy aims of providing clarity and integrity to fixturing across WA Junior Footy.

### RULES

1. FRAMEWORK	
1a	Each competition will have a maximum of 8 teams, unless this is logistically unachievable due to the total number of teams within a year group.
1b	Divisions of 6 or 8 teams will be established from the top grade down based on grading to maximise competitiveness.
1c	The lowest division in each year group will be allocated the remaining number of teams, With a minimum of 6 teams, at the conclusion of the above
1d	In a 6-team competition, teams will play each team 3 times over a 15-week season and then play a 3-week finals series.
1e	In an 8-team competition, teams will play each team at least twice and then play a 3-week finals series.
1f	Where possible and subject to ground availability, competition fixtures will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. An equal number of matches played between all teams in each competition.</li> <li>ii. An equal number of home and away matches for each team.</li> <li>iii. Minimum of one fixture against every side to be played at home venue.</li> <li>iv. A clear indication of grounds and match times.</li> </ul>
2. AMENDMENTS AND CANCELLED FIXTURES	
2a	Any proposed amendment or alteration to the fixtures shall be submitted in writing to the WAFC.
2b	Any re-fixturing that occurs after the commencement of the season will be at the discretion of the WAFC.
2c	If a round is cancelled due to factors outside the WAFC's control, all matches will be recorded as a 0-0 Draw and both sides will receive 2 Premiership and 4 E-points. If a side is scheduled to have a bye, they will receive no points as if the round had been played and the bye will be recorded as per normal circumstances.
2d	Any adjustments regarding Finals' Qualifications criteria will be at the WAFC Competition Team's discretion and will be assessed as required and communicated as soon as practicable.
3. RE-GRADING	
3a	Re-grading will occur after Round 5 of all competitions if required.
3b	For re-grading to occur, the following criteria must be met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A team shall be deemed uncompetitive in the division they are currently in.</li> <li>ii. There must be a team that has demonstrated that they will be more competitive in the division of the team which is being re-graded.</li> </ul>

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<b>3c</b>	Once re-grading occurs in a division, all the premiership points will be reset.
<b>3d</b>	If re-grading occurs, the following season structures will be adopted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. In a 6-team competition each team will play each other twice, followed by a 3-week finals series.</li> <li>ii. In an 8-team competition, fixtures will be determined as per FootyWeb's fixture grid followed by a 3-week finals series.</li> </ul>
<b>4. FINALS</b>	
<b>4a</b>	In competitions where a 3-week finals series is played, the top four teams will make finals, with the top two teams receiving a second chance.
<b>4b</b>	In competitions that play a cross conference finals series, a 3-week finals series is played, the top four teams will make finals, with the top two teams receiving a second chance. This will be followed by a cross-conference quarter final and a state grand final
<b>4c</b>	Where possible, Grand Finals will be played on neutral grounds.