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Subject: SCHEDULE B3: PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM (PPS)

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<p>Summary: The Board at its 2nd December 2019 meeting confirmed the following amendments to the by-laws relating to the Player Points System (PPS).</p> <p>The League thanks clubs for their participation in the feedback process and their recommendations toward application of the new by-laws on current players.</p> <p>The new-by-laws will be applied retrospectively.</p> <p>The Total Team Points cap will remain at 43 points per team per match for the 2020 season.</p>	<p>Action: Read and understand the new by-laws and their application to players who will be in your League team for 2020.</p> <p>The PFL will circularise to all clubs an excel worksheet to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Submit up to six players for retrospective review.2. Submit players for Seasons of Service (loyalty reductions).
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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

A summary of amendments were outlined in Circular 02, Draft - Player Points Amendment 2019/20. Based on further club feedback, the Board made an additional amendment to ensure consistency between Club of Origin and Local Player. This clarification is highlighted in red in below Schedule B3: Player Points System (PPS).

<p>Club of Origin Club of Origin definition has not changed. COO recognizes elite players who started their senior football in the PFL, and such is the nature of the elite pathway, generally had a short career in the PFL.</p>	OR	<p>Local Player Local Player definition has been introduced to recognise players who have longer careers at a PFL club gained through Seasons of Service.</p>
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A player first categorised as a Club of Origin, who remains at his respective club over a period of time, may also be eligible as a Local Player if meeting the Local Player conditions through Seasons of Service. This will be determined when the player transfers back to his respective PFL club.

RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION OF NEW BY-LAWS

1. Submit up to 6 players

Clubs indicated to the PFL that few players would be affected by retrospective application of the new by-laws. However, to avoid unnecessary administration, each club can only submit to the PFL up to six players for retrospective review. These will be players whose points will be reduced due to the changes of the by-laws, e.g; Seasons of Service were not recognised as they were playing on a Type 2 LIP or may now meet the Local Player definition.

In selecting up to six players for retrospective review,:-

Criteria	Tips
a) The player must have been primary registered at your club in 2019.	<i>If on a Type 2 LIP in 2019, they will be automatically retrospectively reviewed by the PFL when a Type 2 LIP is lodged for the 2020 season.</i>
b) The player is categorised at 2 or 3 player points.	<i>The PFL will retrospectively review all players currently on 4 and 5 points.</i> <i>We recommend you undertake calculating and applying Seasons of Service points reduction first before considering your 6 players for retrospective review as these players may become a 1 point player through the loyalty reduction process.</i> <i>The type of player you may wish to review are those who have previously played on Type 2 LIP but are now primary registered at your club or have had long careers at your club and have transferred back within the last 3 seasons – Local Player.</i>
c) The player will probably play in your club's League team in 2020.	<i>If the player has little chance of playing in your League team, don't waste listing them in your 6 players.</i>

2. Current 4 and 5 point players

Within the Player Points Categories, WAFL (League) and AFL player points value increased. The PFL will retrospectively apply the new by-laws to all players currently on 4 and 5 points.

Sample modelling by the League has shown some players will increase points value as they have not been at the club long enough. This application is consistent with the decision by a majority of clubs at the SGM in November 2018 to ensure the PPS has immediate impact. However, some players points value will reduce as their matches on Type 2 LIP are now considered when applying Seasons of Service.

3. Type 2 LIP Players

All players on a Type 2 LIP at your club in 2019 will be automatically retrospectively reviewed by the PFL when a new Type 2 LIP is lodged for the 2020 season.

4. Transferring Players

All players who transfer from another club will be assessed on the new by-laws when a transfer is lodged for the 2020 season.

APPLYING SEASONS OF SERVICE (LOYALTY REDUCTIONS)

In accordance with the by-laws, each club will be invited to lodge with the PFL those players who are subject to a 1-point reduction in accordance with each 'Season of Service'. We recommend you undertake calculating and applying Seasons of Service points reduction first before considering your 6 players for retrospective review as the player may have become a 1-point player through the loyalty reduction process.

BY-LAW AMENDMENTS - SCHEDULE B3: PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM (PPS)

1. APPLICABLE GRADES

The PPS is only applicable to the following PFL mens League grades; A, B, C1, C2, C3 and C4.

2. TOTAL TEAM POINTS

- a) Total Team Points are not to exceed 43 points per team per match.
- b) Total Team Points shall be calculated on the total player points allocated to each player per match.
- c) Total Team Points are to be visible on the respective team sheets prior to the commencement of each match.
- d) Each player listed on the team sheet shall be allocated player point(s) in accordance with this schedule.

3. PLAYER POINTS CATEGORIES

- a) All players (including playing coaches) shall receive a player points allocation of 1 point, unless determined otherwise in accordance with the Player Points Categories.
- b) A player is deemed to have 'played' when he is listed on the team sheet, is at his respective match, dressed in his playing uniform and ready to play.
- c) Where a player plays in a competition predominantly conducted during March to October who, in the same or following year, plays in a competition predominantly conducted during November to February ('the Summer Competition'), the Summer Competition shall be disregarded for the purposes of determining the player's points category attributable to that player upon a subsequent transfer or permit.
- d) A player who does not meet any of the Player Points Categories shall apply to the General Manager who shall determine the player's points category.
- e) All player points allocated will be deemed final for the season on the 30th June and shall stand for the remainder of that season.

Table 1: Summary Player Points Categories

Allocation	Category	Competitions	Qualification
6 points	AFL	AFL	1+ match in the current or previous 3 seasons
5 points	WAFL (League)	WAFL, SANFL, VFL, NEAFL, TSL, NTFL	5+ matches in a season in the current or previous 3 seasons
4 points	<i>No competitions</i>		
3 points	WAFL (Reserves)	WAFL, SANFL, TSL, NTFL, Vic Premier 1 Div,	5+ matches in a season in the current or previous 3 seasons
	Senior Community (League)	PFL, WACFL, MFL, interstate competitions	
2 points	WAFL (Colts)	WAFL, TAC Cup	5+ matches in a season in the current or previous 3 seasons
	Senior Community (Reserves/Colts)	PFL, WACFL, MFL, interstate competitions	5+ matches in a season in the current or previous 3 seasons
1 point	Club of Origin	PFL	As per definition
	Local player	PFL	Attained 1-point
	Transferring junior	Junior club competitions	Transfer direct from junior club
	Not played competitive football in the current or previous 3 seasons		

CLUB OF ORIGIN (1 point)

A player's Club of Origin is the club where the player made his senior football club debut.

Club of Origin points dispensation is conditional upon the player returning directly from AFL or WAFL (League/Reserves/Colts and interstate equivalents) to his Club of Origin.

For the avoidance of doubt, Club of Origin points dispensation cannot be applied where;

- a player progresses directly from junior football and plays AFL or WAFL (League/Reserves/Colts or interstate equivalents) without playing in the PFL.
- a player plays AFL or WAFL (League/Reserves/Colts or interstate equivalents) and returns to the PFL after playing at another senior community competition.

A player returning to his Club of Origin shall have a player points allocation of 1 point.

Where a player is not eligible as a Club of Origin player, a player's points category will be determined on the highest level of football the player has played in any of the current or previous three seasons as follows:

CATEGORY 6: AFL (6 points)

A player who has played one or more AFL matches in the current or previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 6 points.

CATEGORY 5: WAFL League, interstate equivalents (5 points)

A player who has played five or more League matches in WAFL or interstate equivalent in a season in the current or previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 5 points.

CATEGORY 4: (4 points)

No competitions.

CATEGORY 3: (3 points)

a) WAFL Reserves, interstate equivalents

A player who has played five or more Reserves matches in WAFL or interstate equivalent, including Victorian Premier Division 1, in a season in the current or previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 3 points.

Victorian Premier 1 Divisions: AFL Yarra Ranges Div1, Eastern FL Div1, EDFL Premier Div, NFL Div1, SFNL Div1, WRFL Div1, Ballarat FNL, Bendigo FNL, Geelong FNL, Gippsland FL, GVFL, Hampden FNL, Murray FL, OMFNL, MPNFL Div1, SEFNL.

b) Senior Community – League

A player who has played five or more League matches in PFL, WACFL, MFL or interstate senior community competition in a season in the current or previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 3 points.

League mean the club's league, first or highest graded team within a senior competition.

CATEGORY 2: (2 points)

a) WAFL Colts, interstate equivalents

A player who has played five or more Colts matches in WAFL or interstate equivalent in a season in the current or previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 2 points.

b) Senior Community – Reserves/Colts

A player who has played five or more Reserves and/or Colts matches in PFL, WACFL, MFL or interstate senior community competition in a season in the current or previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 2 points.

Reserves means any team which is not the club's league or first team such as the Reserves, thirds, fourths or fifth teams within a senior competition.

CATEGORY 1: (1 point)

a) Transferring junior

A player registering directly from junior club football to a PFL club shall have a player points allocation of 1 point.

b) Not played competitive football

A player who has not played competitive club football in any of the current or previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 1 point.

Competitive club football means any formally organised football competition conducted by a recognised league or competition excluding AFL9s and school football competitions.

4. SEASONS OF SERVICE

- a) A player, who is categorised at more than 1 point and whilst remaining at his PFL club, may commence reducing his points value by 1 point after completing his second 'Season of Service' till he reaches 1 point.

A 'Season of Service' means 5 or more PFL matches played in a season with his respective PFL club. These seasons do not have to be consecutive seasons nor all matches in the one grade for his PFL club. However, if this player transfers to another club, all points applied will be forfeited and the player subject to the highest level of football in accordance with the Player Points Categories if he returns to this respective PFL club.

- b) Before the commencement of each season, each club is to lodge with the PFL those players who are subject to a 1 point reduction in accordance with each 'Season of Service'.

c) Local Player

A player with a points allocation of 1 point may be recognised as a Local Player of his respective club subject to the following conditions.

Recognition as a Local Player is conditional on the following;

- Local Player recognition can only be attributed to the first club where the player gained his player points allocation of 1 point.
- Local Player recognition is forfeited and the player subject to the highest level of football in accordance with the Player Points Categories if the player plays with another PFL club.
- ~~A player categorised as a Club of Origin player remains subject to Club of Origin conditions and therefore cannot be recognised within the Local Player definition.~~

A player first categorised as Club of Origin returning to the PFL after playing at another senior community competition will be re-assessed and may be recognised as a Local Player of his respective club.

A Local Player returning (i.e. WAFL/country/interstate) to his club shall retain his player points allocation of 1 point.

5. COMPLIANCE

- a) The General Manager shall determine and record a player's points category in Footyweb on registration (transfer/permit) with his respective club. Clubs seeking a player's points category shall lodge its request with the PFL no later than 10am Friday preceding the respective League match.
- b) A player without a player points category shall not be permitted to play a League match. A club which plays an uncategorised player in a League match shall lose the match and be penalised as playing an ineligible player in accordance with By-law A2.6.2.
- c) A team which exceeds the Total Team Points cap shall lose the match and be penalised as playing an ineligible player in accordance with By-law A2.6.2.

- d) A club which makes a false or provides incorrect information regarding a player's football playing history shall lose the match and be penalised as playing an ineligible player in accordance with By-law A2.6.2.

6. REVIEW

- a) Where a club disputes a player's points category, the Club President may request the Competition Integrity Officer review the determination before 30th June of the current season. The request shall be;
 - i. Lodged with the Competition Integrity Officer together with the player's football playing history no later than 10am Friday preceding the match.
 - ii. Accompanied by a \$200 bond which shall be refunded if the decision is upheld.
- b) Any decision of the Competition Integrity Officer may be subject to appeal in accordance with By-law A2.29.9(f).