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Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supplementary By-laws:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Isolated/quarantined players– Future rounds abandoned– Finals eligibility, format and premierships– Promotion/relegation– Player Points System	Action: FYI
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SUMMARY

FOR THE REMAINING QUALIFYING ROUNDS

Qualifying matches not played due WA Government COVID-19 restrictions

By-law A2.7 Matches provides for matches abandoned and does not require amendment. However, to provide guidance to clubs, the application of this by-law relating WA Government COVID-19 restrictions will be applied as follows:

If a qualifying match is not played due to WA Government COVID-19 restrictions, the match will be abandoned with no result recorded. The match will not be re-fixtured.

In accordance with By-law A2.7.5; where a grade results in an uneven number of matches played, the final positions of the premiership table will be determined by dividing the number of matches won and drawn by the number of matches played to determine the ratio of matches won. Descending order will firstly be determined by the team with the highest ratio of matches won. Teams with equal ratios shall then be determined by percentage.

Players directed to isolate/quarantine

A player who has already met Finals eligibility for the 2021 season will be deemed a “regular player” for that team.

- If less than 6 players of a regular team are directed to isolate/quarantine during the qualifying rounds or Finals; the match will proceed as fixtured.
- If more than 6 players of the regular team are directed to isolate/quarantine during the qualifying rounds; the match will be abandoned.
- If more than 6 players of the regular team are directed to isolate/quarantine during the Finals; the match will be recorded as forfeited and awarded to the opposition team.

Finals eligibility

Senior Mens and Colts

- If between 2 and 3 qualifying matches are abandoned for the 2021 season due to WA Government COVID-19 restrictions, a player will be required to play 4 matches over 4 rounds to play Finals.
- If 4 or more qualifying matches are abandoned for the 2021 season due to WA Government COVID-19 restrictions, a player will be required to play 3 matches over 3 rounds to play Finals.

Senior Womens and All Abilities (Integrated)

- If 2 or more qualifying matches are abandoned for the 2021 season due to WA Government COVID-19 restrictions, a player will be required to play 3 matches over 3 rounds to play Finals.

Determining Finalists (Finals)

Senior Mens and Colts

- If between 9 and 12 qualifying rounds are played, finalists will be the highest ranked 4 teams.
- If 13 or more qualifying rounds are played, finalists will remain in accordance with the number of teams in that grade as per By-laws (8th April 2021).

Senior Womens and All Abilities (Integrated)

- If between 7 and 9 qualifying rounds are played, finalists will be the highest ranked 4 teams.
- If 10 or more qualifying rounds are played, Finalists will remain in accordance with the number of teams in that grade as per By-laws (8th April 2021).

FINALS FORMAT

All Abilities (Integrated):	Finals scheduled to commence 31 st July 2021
Senior Womens:	Finals scheduled to commence 14 th August 2021
Senior Mens (B to E Grade):	Finals scheduled to commence 21 st August 2021
Colts (DBC-IDC-LKC-WCC):	Finals scheduled to commence 21 st August 2021
Senior Mens (A Grade-PSC):	Finals scheduled to commence 28 th August 2021

- **Where Finals are delayed due to WA Government COVID-19 restrictions;**

Final 5:

- Week 1 of the Finals is abandoned, the 5th ranked team will be eliminated from the Finals.
- Week 2 of the Finals is abandoned, the 4th ranked team will be eliminated from the Finals.
- Week 3 of the Finals is abandoned, the Finals will be abandoned, and the Premiership awarded to the team ranked the highest on the premiership table at the end of the qualifying rounds in each respective grade.

Final 4:

- Where week 1 of the Finals is abandoned, the Finals will be re-fixtured to the following week.
- Where week 2 of the Finals is abandoned, the 4th ranked team will be eliminated from the Finals.
- Where week 3 of the Finals is abandoned, the Finals will be abandoned, and the Premiership awarded to the team ranked the highest on the premiership table at the end of the qualifying rounds in each respective grade.

- **Where Finals commence and are interrupted due to WA Government COVID-19 restrictions, remaining Finals will be fixtured based on team rankings in the Finals. The Premiership will be awarded to the team ranked highest within Finals.**

a) Finals of 5 teams; ranking after week 1 of Finals fixtures:

Ranked 1	First team on ladder at the end of the qualifying rounds
Ranked 2	Winner Qualifying Final
Ranked 3	Loser Qualifying Final
Ranked 4	Winner Elimination Final

b) Finals of 4 teams and continuation of Finals of 5 teams;

Ranked 1	Winner 2 nd Semi Final
Ranked 2	Loser 2 nd Semi Final
Ranked 3	Winner 1 st Semi Final

c) Continuation of Finals of 4 and 5 teams;

Ranked 1	Winner 2 nd Semi Final (<i>First team into Grand Final</i>)
Ranked 2	Winner Preliminary Final

Player Points System (Seasons of Service)

- If between 2 and 3 qualifying matches are abandoned for the 2021 season due to WA Government COVID-19 restrictions, a player will be required to play 4 matches over 4 rounds for a Season of Service.
- If 4 or more qualifying matches are abandoned for the 2021 season due to WA Government COVID-19 restrictions, a player will be required to play 3 matches over 3 rounds for a Season of Service.

Promotion/Relegation (Senior Mens A-B-C1-C2-C3-C4-C5)

- If between 9 and 12 qualifying rounds are played: 1 up / 1 down.
- If 13 or more qualifying rounds are played: 2 up / 2 down.

SUPPLEMENTARY BY-LAWS COVID-19 (JULY 2021)



Where expressed, these COVID-19 Supplementary By-laws (July 2021) are additional or replace the respective clauses in the current By-laws (8th April 2021).

The COVID-19 Supplementary By-laws cease 30th September 2021. They remain until the Board determines otherwise.

GENERAL COMPETITIONS

BY-LAW 2.7 MATCHES

A2.7.6 Players directed to isolate/quarantine

For the purpose of this by-law, a player who has already met Finals eligibility for the 2021 season will be deemed a “regular player” of that respective team.

- a) Where less than 6 players of a regular team are directed to isolate/quarantine due to WA Government COVID-19 during the qualifying rounds or Finals; the match will proceed as fixtured.
- b) Where more than 6 players of the regular team are directed to isolate/quarantine due to WA Government COVID-19 during the qualifying rounds; the match will be abandoned.
- c) Where more than 6 players of the regular team are directed to isolate/quarantine due to WA Government COVID-19 during the Finals; the match will be recorded as forfeited and awarded to the opposition team.

BY-LAW A2.10 DETERMINING FINALISTS (FINALS)

A2.10.3 The finals in each grade:

- a) up to eight teams in the grade will be the highest ranked four teams with four matches to be played.
- b) nine or more teams in the grade will be the highest ranked five teams with six matches to be played.
- c) Notwithstanding A2.10.3(b), where 12 or less qualifying rounds are played in Senior Mens and Colts, the grade will be the highest ranked four teams with four matches to be played.
- d) Notwithstanding A2.10.3(b), where 9 or less qualifying rounds are played in Senior Womens, the grade will be the highest ranked four teams with four matches to be played.

A2.10.6 Finals delay

Notwithstanding A2.10.4 and A2.10.5, where WA Government COVID-19 restriction delay the commencement of Finals;

- a) Finals of 5 teams shall be played as follows:
 - Where week 1 of the Finals is abandoned, the 5th team will be eliminated from the Finals.
 - Where week 2 of the Finals is abandoned, the 4th team will be eliminated from the Finals.
 - Where week 3 of the Finals is abandoned, the Finals will be abandoned, and the Premiership awarded to the team ranked the highest on the premiership table at the end of the qualifying rounds.

- b) Finals of 4 teams shall be played as follows:
- Where week 1 of the Finals is abandoned, the Finals will be re-fixtured to the following week.
 - Where week 2 of the Finals is abandoned, the 4th team will be eliminated from the Finals.
 - Where week 3 of the Finals is abandoned, the Finals will be abandoned, and the Premiership awarded to the team ranked the highest on the premiership table at the end of the qualifying rounds.

A2.10.7 Finals interruption

Notwithstanding A2.10.4 and A2.10.5, where Finals are played but due to WA Government COVID-19 restrictions Finals are abandoned, remaining Finals will be fixtured based on team rankings in the Finals. The Premiership will be awarded to the team ranked highest within Finals.

- d) Finals of 5 teams; ranking after week 1 of Finals fixtures:
- Ranked 1 First team on ladder at the end of the qualifying rounds.
 - Ranked 2 Winner Qualifying Final
 - Ranked 3 Loser Qualifying Final
 - Ranked 4 Winner Elimination Final
- e) Finals of 4 teams and continuation of Finals of 5 teams;
- Ranked 1 Winner 2nd Semi Final
 - Ranked 2 Loser 2nd Semi Final
 - Ranked 3 Winner 1st Semi Final
- f) Continuation of Finals of 4 and 5 teams;
- Ranked 1 Winner 2nd Semi Final (*First team into Grand Final*)
 - Ranked 2 Winner Preliminary Final

MENS/COLTS COMPETITION

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

B2.2.1 Team grading relegation and promotion will apply to grades A, B, C1, C2, C3, C4 and C5 and be determined as follows;

- a) Where 12 or less qualifying rounds are played:
- i. The team occupying the last position on the Premiership table at the conclusion of the qualifying rounds in each grade (other than C5) shall be relegated to the grade below their current grade the following year.
 - ii. The team occupying the highest position on the Premiership table at the conclusion of the qualifying rounds in each grade (other the A-Grade) shall be promoted to the grade above their current grade the following year.
- b) Where 13 or more qualifying rounds are played:
- i. The teams occupying the lowest two positions on the Premiership table at the conclusion of the qualifying rounds in each grade (other than C5) shall be relegated to the grade below their current grade the following year.
 - ii. The two highest ranked teams in each grade (other A-Grade) shall be promoted to the grade above their current grade the following year.
- c) A club's reserve (i.e. 2nd senior team) and colts teams will be graded according to their respective League team.

BY-LAW B2.6 FINALS ELIGIBILITY

Notwithstanding the existing conditions for Finals eligibility in B2.6.1 and B2.6.2;

- i. Where three or less qualifying matches are abandoned for the 2021 season due to WA Government COVID-19 restrictions, five qualifying matches is replaced with four qualifying matches throughout the by-law.
- ii. Where four or more qualifying matches are abandoned for the 2021 season due to WA Government COVID-19 restrictions, five qualifying matches is replaced with three qualifying matches throughout the by-law.
- iii. For the purpose of the by-law, all other conditions for Finals eligibility remain as expressed.

SCHEDULE B3: PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM (PPS)

4. Seasons of Service

- a) A player, who is categorised at more than 1 point and whilst remaining at his Perth Football League club, may commence reducing his points value by 1 point after completing his second 'Season of Service' till he reaches 1 point.
 - i. Where 3 or less qualifying matches are abandoned for the 2021 season due to WA Government COVID-19 restrictions, a 'Season of Service' means 4 or more Perth Football League matches played in the 2021 season with his respective Perth Football League club.
 - ii. Where 4 or more qualifying matches are abandoned for the 2021 season due to WA Government COVID-19 restrictions a 'Season of Service' means 3 or more Perth Football League matches played in the 2021 season with his respective Perth Football League club.

These seasons do not have to be consecutive seasons nor all matches in the one grade for his Perth Football League 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 when he returns to this respective Perth Football League club.

WOMENS COMPETITION

BY-LAW C2.6 FINALS ELIGIBILITY

Notwithstanding the existing conditions for Finals eligibility in C2.6.1;

- i. Where two or more qualifying matches are abandoned for the 2021 season due to WA Government COVID-19 restrictions, four qualifying matches is replaced with three qualifying matches throughout the by-law.
- ii. For the purpose of the by-law, all other conditions for Finals eligibility remain as expressed.

ALL ABILITIES

BY-LAW D2.5 DETERMINING FINALISTS (FINALS)

D2.5.8 Finals delay

Notwithstanding the above clauses, where WA Government COVID-19 restriction delay the commencement of Finals;

- Where week 1 of the Finals is abandoned, the 5th team will be eliminated from the Finals.
- Where week 2 of the Finals is abandoned, the 4th team will be eliminated from the Finals.

- Where week 3 of the Finals is abandoned, the Finals will be abandoned, and the Premiership awarded to the team ranked the highest on the premiership table at the end of the qualifying rounds.

A2.5.9 Finals interruption

Notwithstanding the above clauses, where Finals are played but due to WA Government COVID-19 restrictions Finals are abandoned, remaining Finals will be fixtured based on team rankings in the Finals. The Premiership will be awarded to the team ranked highest within Finals.

- a) Finals of 5 teams; ranking after week 1 of Finals fixtures:
 - Ranked 1 First team on ladder at the end of the qualifying rounds.
 - Ranked 2 Winner Qualifying Final
 - Ranked 3 Loser Qualifying Final
 - Ranked 4 Winner Elimination Final

- b) Finals of 4 teams and continuation of Finals of 5 teams;
 - Ranked 1 Winner 2nd Semi Final
 - Ranked 2 Loser 2nd Semi Final
 - Ranked 3 Winner 1st Semi Final

- c) Continuation of Finals of 4 and 5 teams;
 - Ranked 1 Winner 2nd Semi Final (*First team into Grand Final*)
 - Ranked 2 Winner Preliminary Final

BY-LAW D2.8 FINALS ELIGIBILITY

Notwithstanding the existing conditions for Finals eligibility in C2.8.1;

- i. Where two or more qualifying matches are abandoned for the 2021 season due to WA Government COVID-19 restrictions, four qualifying matches is replaced with three qualifying matches throughout the by-law.

- ii. For the purpose of the by-law, all other conditions for Finals eligibility remain as expressed.

AWARDS & HONOURS

LAW 5.5 PREMIERSHIP PENNANT AND TROPHIES

5.5.1 Competitions

- a) Where a grand final is played; the winner of each respective grade grand final shall be Premiers for that year and awarded a Premiership Pennant, and where named, recorded on a perpetual trophy.

- b) As provided in A2.10.6 where Finals are not played; the team occupying the highest position on the Premiership table at the conclusion of the qualifying rounds in each grade shall be Premiers for that year and awarded a Premiership Pennant, and where named, recorded on a perpetual trophy.

- c) As provided in A2.10.7 where Finals are played but a grand final is not played, the team ranked the highest in the Finals series of each respective grade shall be Premiers for that year and awarded a Premiership Pennant, and where named, recorded on a perpetual trophy.