



WAFLW

RULES AND REGULATIONS 2021



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DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition
Adjudicator	Means an Umpire, Football Operations, the WAFL Tribunal, the WAFLW Arbitrator or some other person or persons appointed from time to time to assess matters in accordance with these Rules.
Annual General Meeting	Has the same meaning as prescribed in the Constitution of the WAWFL.
AFL	Australian Football League.
AFLW	Australian Football League Women’s competition.
Arbitrator	A person or persons appointed by the WAFC to arbitrate on any matter referred to them pursuant to these Rules.
Board	The Board of the WAWFL comprising a President, Vice President and multiple general board members that have the right to vote in the best interest of the WAWFL.
Brand Guidelines	Means the WAWFL/WAFLW brand guidelines 2019-2021 as attached to these Rules as set in Schedule 1
Classification Table	Means the table(s) under Rule 6.2
Club	Means a football club affiliated with the WAWFL whose application for membership has been approved.
Coach	Means the coach of a Team.
Controlling Body	A controlling body includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) the AFL;b) any league, association or body responsible for the organisation and conduct of Matches of Australian Football, who has determined to play such Matches in accordance with these Laws;c) a league, association or body responsible for the organization and conduct of Matches of Australian Football and which is affiliated to the AFL (“AFL Affiliates”) andd) any league, association or body responsible for the organisation and conduct of Matches of Australian Football which is affiliated to the AFL Affiliates.
Citation Process and Responsibilities Document	Means the citation process and responsibilities document as provided by WAWFL on its website
Delegate	Means a person nominated by a Club.
Delegates Meeting	Means a meeting of all Clubs called by the Board to discuss matters concerning the WAFLW.
Executive	Means the Board of the WAWFL.

Executive Member	Means a Member of the Executive.
Equalisation System	Means the equalisation system outlined in Rule 4
Finals	Means WAFLW finals games.
Financial Year	Means the year ending on 31 October.
First Played Club	The first Rogers Cup, Reserves, League or AFLW club that a player qualifies in a season for (whichever is the first for the player) or equivalent club in any Australian state or territory.
Football Operations	Means the employed Competition Administrator of the WAFLW in consultation with the WAWFL Board.
Footyweb Database	Means the database system used to manage the WAFLW competition including registrations, transfers, fixtures and results.
Interchange Steward	The person(s) appointed by the club to monitor and approve the interchange of Players during a match.
Interstate Player	Means a player originally from a state or territory outside of Western Australia
Laws of Australian Football	Means the laws of the game of Australian Football adopted by the Australian Football League as modified for the WAFLW.
League	Means the WAFLW League competition.
Long-term Injury List	Means the long-term injury list under Rule 4.5
Loyalty Points	Means points (negative points) which may be awarded to a player who has continued to play at the same club for a number of years in accordance with Rule 4.7. The points count towards the Player Point System under the Equalisation System.
Match	The contest of Australian Football played between two Teams.
Melee	Means an incident involving three or more Players and/or Officials who are grappling or otherwise struggling with one another and which, in the opinion of the field Umpire or any other person authorised by WAFLW, is likely to bring the game of Australian Football into disrepute or prejudice the interests or reputation of WAFLW or the competition(s) conducted by WAFLW.
Member	Means a member of the WAFLW.
National Championships	Means the state/territory v state/territory representative matches in the AFLW U19 National Championships aged between 17-19
Non-Talent Identified Player	A Player who is not a Talent Identified Player.

Notice of Charge	Means a charge or report made in relation to a notice of investigation or a report a player form.
Official	Includes any person registered acting on behalf of a club in relation to any match approved or controlled by the WAFLW or any elected office bearer if a club.
Player	A person who plays or is selected to play with a Team or a person who otherwise trains with a Team or who is within the purview of these Laws.
Player-coach	Any Player who is also the coach of a Team.
Player Points List	Means the player point list permitted for each Club and League team as described under the Equalisation System.
Playing Surface	The field of play; inside the Boundary Line, Goal Line and Behind Line excluding the area between such lines and the perimeter fence.
Policy	Means any policy of the WAFLW referred to in these Rules or adopted from time to time and made available on the WAWFL website.
Protected Players List	Means a list of up to ten (10) Players in accordance with Rule 4.4.
Qualifying Match	Means a game during the current home and away season where a player is registered, named on the team sheet and participates in the match by either sitting on the bench or taking the field. If a game is forfeited, a qualifying match will count for all players named on the team sheet for the team that did not forfeit.
Reportable Offence	A charge against a person or persons under these Rules or the Laws of Australian Football.
Representative Points	Means points which are allocated to a player in accordance with Rule Error! Reference source not found. The points count towards the player point system under the Equalisation System.
Reserves	Means the WAFLW Reserves competition.
Rogers Cup	Means a competition for players aged 15-18 enrolled in school years 1 to 12 (or equivalent)
Rules	Means these WAFLW Rules and Regulations and any other by-laws of the WAWFL (if applicable)
Special General Meeting	Has the same meaning as prescribed in the Constitution of the WAWFL.
Talent Identified Players	Talent identified players are players that are in accordance with Rule 4.7
Team	The group of Players competing against another group of Players in a Match of Australian Football.

Team Runner	The person(s) appointed to deliver messages to the Players of a Team during a Match.
Team Sheet	The document which must be completed and lodged by each team.
Timekeeper(s)	The person(s) appointed by Clubs to keep the time of a Match.
Transfer Points	Means points which are awarded to a player who is either Talent Identified or on a clubs Protected Players List in accordance with Rule 4
Tribunal	Means the body established and constituted by the WAFC to hear and determine charges brought before it under these rules.
Tribunal Chairperson	Means the person appointed as the chairperson of the WAFLW Tribunal.
Type 1 Permit	Means a match day permit as described in Rule 2.2.1
Type 2 Permit	Means a local interchange permit as described in Rule 2.2.2
Type 3 Permit	Means a temporary transfer permit as described in Rule 2.2.3
Umpires	Means all field, boundary or goal umpires appointed to adjudicate WAFLW Match
Umpires Coordinator	Means the Umpire’s Coordinator of the League.
Usual Residence	Means a player living in a residence for 4 out of 7 days in a week.
WAFC	West Australian Football Commission.
WAFL	West Australian Football League.
WAFL Online	The online Sports management system for the WAFLW Competition
WAFLW	Means the West Australian Football League Womens competition.
WAWFL	Means the West Australian Women’s Football League Incorporated.
WAWFL website	www.wawfl.com.au
Zoned Player	An individual who resides in the geographical boundary of the WAFLW Club.
Zone	The geographic area allocated to a WAFLW Club as defined in Rule 9.

INTRODUCTION

The 2021 WAFLW Rules & Regulations reflect the following guiding principles:

- to control, encourage and advance Women's football played under the Laws of Australian Football in the State of Western Australia;
- to recognise that the WAFLW competition sits within a national framework and is commensurate with other State leagues;
- to create an exciting and even competition which is appealing to the public;
- to adopt good governance and integrity within the WAFLW competition;
- to ensure Player welfare is paramount;
- to administer natural justice in Arbitration and Tribunal hearings;
- to ensure transparency and fairness in transfer rules;
- to strive for consistency of coaching standards and the development of Players in the Reserves and Rogers Cup competitions;
- to encourage good sportsmanship; and
- to providing a safe, fair and inclusive game day environment for all involved.

The affairs of the WAFLW are conducted by the Board of the WAWFL under its constitution. The Board has made these Rules in accordance with its powers under Rule 12 of the WAWFL constitution. These Rules are administered by Football Operations and the WAWFL Board. The Board may make changes to these Rules.

These Rules:

- have been drafted in an effort to simplify the WAWFL Operations Manual and Equalisation system document by incorporating them into one document titled 'WAWFL Rules & Regulations 2021';
- contain 'introductory boxes' which provide background, context and meaning to the Rules that follow;
- contain policies which form part of the Rules and which are available on the WA Football website;
- have been drafted with input from the WAFLW Clubs;
- will refer back to preceding versions of the Rules should there be any dispute regarding the interpretation of the current Rule; and
- may be amended by the Board of the WAWFL after duly consulting with the WAFLW Clubs.

The WAFLW competitions play under the Laws of Australian Football as determined by the Australian Football League. These Laws of Australian Football are updated annually and published by the AFL. The WAFLW may deviate from these laws in order to provide for laws which better suit the WAFLW competition.

Each rule shall be read and construed independently of the other provisions of these Rules. Parts of a rule may be valid if other parts or provisions of the rule were deleted.

The WAWFL and the WAFC will act in the best interests of the competition, without undue formality and without being bound by the rules if they consider it is not in the best interests of the competition.

A copy of these WAFLW Rules will be provided on the website www.wafootball.com.au

1 CLUB AND TEAM NOMINATIONS AND ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

This rule relates to how applications for new clubs to be admitted to the WAFLW are made, and the matters to be considered by the Board in accepting or rejecting such applications.

1.1 Application for Membership

- a) Applications from a club for admission to the League shall be made in writing, accompanied by the specified entrance fee which shall be refunded should the club not be granted affiliation. The date for final nomination of teams shall be as determined yearly by the Board.

The application shall include:

- a) the names and addresses of the club office bearers;
 - b) a list of intended players stating their age and known club;
 - c) the proposed uniform of the club;
 - d) the position and description of playing grounds, changing rooms and clubrooms and whether such grounds and facilities are shared or not, and if so, upon what basis and with whom;
 - e) the number of teams from the club desiring to compete in the WAFLW competition; and
 - f) any other information, as determined by the Board, including but not limited to history, financial reports and tribunal matters.
- b) For the purpose of considering any application for admission to the League, the Board may, prior to determining whether such club should be admitted to the League examine and inspect the club records, grounds, changing rooms and facilities. The Board may make any recommendations as it sees fit concerning such club's grounds and or facilities before or after admission is granted or denied (if at all).
- c) Where the club has more than one team desiring to compete in the League's competition, the Board may reject such application in respect of one or more of the clubs teams.
- d) Before any application for membership of the League is considered by the Board, existing Clubs which may be affected by the applicant's admission will be asked to comment on the application.
- e) Such application shall be dealt with by the Board and if the club is admitted as a member by a resolution carried by a majority present the club and all its members shall in all respects be bound by and conform to these Rules.

- f) If a Club wishes to change their home ground from that which has been previously approved, they must obtain permission from the Board.

1.2 Team Nomination

- a) The WAFLW comprises the following three (3) competitions:
 - i. League (WAFLW);
 - a) Reserves (WAFLW Reserves); and
 - b) Rogers Cup (WAFLW Rogers Cup).
- b) All clubs shall nominate, on the relevant forms supplied by WAFLW Operations, with the specified nomination fee by the date advised on the form.

1.3 Withdrawal of a Team

A club which withdraws a team or teams from any competition before or after the commencement of the season without a reason acceptable to the Board may be liable to a penalty as per Rule 12 or a fine as determined by the Board.

1.4 Attendance at Meetings

This purpose of this Rule is to ensure all clubs attend certain meetings called by the Board of WAWFL/ WAFLW so that Clubs can be kept informed and participate in important discussions and decisions relating to competition.

- a) All Clubs are required to send at least one club representative to attend all Delegates Meetings called by the Board.
- b) All clubs are required to send at least one club representative to attend the Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting of WAWFL.
- c) Failure to attend a meeting under this Rule will incur a fine specified in Rule 12.

1.5 Funding Agreements

- a) The WAFC agrees to pay the WAFLW Club Funding Grant in each year during the Term in accordance with the terms of this agreement.
- b) If a WAFLW Club commits a club default or otherwise fails to comply with the requirements of the WAFLW Club Funding Agreement, then without limitation to the WAFC'S rights at law or in equity, the obligation on the WAFC to pay the WAFLW Club Funding Agreement Grant will be suspended immediately and until such time as the WAFC considers appropriate.

2 REGISTRATIONS, PERMITS & TRANSFERS

The WAFLW registration system aims to promote the competitiveness of the WAFLW competition by allowing only registered WAFLW players the right to play in the WAFLW competition.

The WAFLW promotes the development of players within WA and allows WAFLW Clubs to temporarily register a player for competition through the use of certain permits.

The WAFLW requires players transferring between WAFLW Clubs to follow certain requirements for the transfer to take effect.

The WAFLW promotes community and family links between players and their clubs by adopting a zoning model and registration based on former family members having played for the club.

2.1 Registration of Players

- a) The Registration Process will be overseen by the WAFC.
- b) The WAFC shall assess and determine any questions relating to the right or qualification of any person to register in the WAFLW.
- c) Any person desiring to play in matches conducted by the league must register to play. Registrations will be accepted via the Footyweb Database each year.
- d) Prior to any Player playing in any WAFLW Match, any public announcement or points list adjustment, the WAFLW club must
 - i. Submit a completed Registration (Form 1) if the player has transferred from another WAFLW Club
 - ii. Submit a Form 6 – Player Transfer agreement (if applicable)
- e) A player must be registered in the WAFLW to play in any sanctioned WAFLW Match.
- f) All WAFLW Players (League, Reserves and Rogers Cup) must complete an online WAFLW Registration form via Sports TG at the beginning of each WAFLW Season before participating in any match to be deemed eligible.
- g) To be registered to play in the WAFLW League or Reserves competitions:
 - i. Any Player reaching sixteen (16) years of age during the current season's calendar year may apply to the WAFLW to register as a Player of the WAFLW.
 - a) A Player registration will only be accepted by the WAFLW if the Player satisfies the minimum age criteria.
- h) If a player changes address, they must notify their club and update their details on the Footyweb Database within 30 days of the change.
- i) Any player who registers on Footyweb Database for a nominated Club will immediately be bound to that Club. If the player subsequently signs a registration form with any other Club,

the player will be ineligible to apply to play with the last signed Club until cleared from the Club with which the player first registered.

- j) If a transfer is required, a player will not be registered until the transfer is granted.
- k) Any player whose last Club is now disbanded or amalgamated with another Club, and is un-financial with the WAWFL, will pay into the funds of the WAWFL an amount as determined by the Board against the sum owing by the un-financial Club before a clearance or a registration will be granted providing that the player was a registered player of the un-financial Club in the year of disbandment or amalgamation.
- l) Any player who is found to have made a false declaration on their registration form shall be deemed ineligible and the club will be issued a fine set out in Rule 12. The player will not be eligible to play until such time as a new application has been lodged and approved by Football Operations and/or the Board.
- m) A registration will be cancelled if Football Operations and/or the Board decide accordingly.

2.2 Permits

For the 2021 season, the WAFLW's objective is to ensure a player from a Reserves or Rogers Cup club without a WAFLW League team has the same opportunity to play WAFLW as any player in with the WAFLW competition.

The competition is required to balance the needs of the WAFLW clubs and the players to ensure the relative strength all WAFLW Club's is maintained and opportunities exist for the club and player to progress towards a WAFLW League club in the future. It is essential that players maintain their primary registration at their WAFLW club and are Type Two permitted to the WAFLW League Club (Temporary Club).

The WAFLW will permit players to play within the WAFLW League competition only (Temporary club). When the player is not selected for the Temporary club, they are required to play for their Primary Club in the Reserves and Rogers Cup competition.

Players will have an adjusted points value to assist with selection for the WAFLW club in accordance with Rule 4.

The WAFLW will not allow any transfers to Reserves or Rogers Cup teams that have a team in the WAFLW League competition. The WAFLW will grant full clearances from WAFLW clubs with a WAFLW League team to a WAFLW Reserves without a WAFLW League team.

The WAFLW promotes the development of Players within the state and allows WAFLW Clubs to temporarily register a Player for competition through the use of permits. The permit will be regarded as a Temporary Registration in the respective league for the duration of the permit.

The WAFLW recognises the permit agreements as outlined in the AFL National Transfer Regulations and SportsTG as follows:

- 1. Match Day:** Allows Player to play for another Club for the period of one match.
- 2. Local Interchange:** Player to play for both Clubs for the duration of the permit, maximum one season.
- 3. Temporary Transfer:** Allows a permit to another Club for an agreed period of time, maximum one season.

Clubs are able to view permits involving their Club at any time in the AFL Footyweb system using their log in credentials. The transfers are listed by status such as Awaiting Approval, Pending, Approved or Denied.

2.2.1 Type 1 Match Day Permit

Type 1 - Match Day Permit allows a Player to play for the duration of one (1) match for a WAFLW (Reserves or Rogers Cup) Club other than the WACFL Club under which that Player is registered subject to (a), without a formal transfer to the WAFLW Club being required.

- a) A Match Day Permit may only apply to Players moving between WAFLW (Reserves or Rogers Cup) and affiliated WACFL leagues and Clubs.
- b) Where a Club seeks a Match Day Permit for a Player transferring to a WAFLW Club (Reserves or Rogers Cup) from a WACFL Club, the following restrictions apply:
 - i. Match Day Permits are not valid for use in the WAFLW League Matches;
 - ii. a maximum four (4) Match Day Permits per Player may be granted prior to June 30 in Reserves or Rogers Cup Grades; and
 - iii. a Maximum three (3) Match Day Permits per Player may be granted post June 30 in Reserves or Rogers Cup Grades.
- c) Where a Club seeks a Match Day Permit for a Player transferring from a WAFLW (Reserves or Rogers Cup) Club to a WACFL Club(s) the following restrictions apply:
 - i. a maximum of six (6) Match Day Permits per Player may be granted prior to June 30;
 - ii. no maximum match restrictions may be placed on Registered Players of a WAFLW Club 19 years of age and under who have been transferred from their WACFL Club of Origin in the current or immediate past season;
 - iii. WAFLW Players are permitted to play a maximum one (1) match in any Grade over the duration of a weekend or long-weekend.
- c) Any Player who plays a match that is not in accordance with this Rule will be penalised in accordance with Rule 12.

2.2.2 Type 2 Local Interchange Permit

- a) A Local Interchange Permit allows a Player to play for an extended duration, maximum of one (1) season, for a WAFLW League Club either from the aligned WAFLW Club or a club other than the WAFLW Reserves and Rogers Cup or Community Football League Club under which that Player is registered without a formal transfer to the WAFLW Club being required.
- b) The Player may play in matches representing either the Player's Primary Club (Reserves or Rogers Cup) or the Player's Temporary Club (WAFLW League) in the affiliated league of that Club.
- c) The WAFLW approves the use of Local Interchange Permits between Community Football Leagues including:
 - i. The Perth Football League (WAAFL), and
 - ii. The WACFL Affiliated leagues (24 leagues).
- d) The WAFLW Club must lodge a WAFLW Registration with the WAFLW in accordance with Rule 2.1, detailing all information relating to the Local Interchange Permit.
- e) The Local Interchange Permit must be completed via the AFL Footyweb system by the requesting WAFLW Club, or by the WAFLW on behalf of the requesting WAFLW Club.
- f) Once the Local Interchange Permit is lodged online via the AFL Footyweb system all

relevant parties will be notified via email and the Primary Club will have six (6) business days (including public holidays) to respond.

- g) For the avoidance of doubt, where a Player's application for registration is lodged in hard copy to the WAFLW, the six (6) business days will commence from the time the WAFLW lodges the application for Local Interchange Permit on behalf of the WAFLW Club in the AFL Footyweb system.
- h) All permits must be approved by the following parties:
 - i. player's source club;
 - a) player's source association;
 - b) WAFLW (the WAWFL Board and/or Football Operations); and
 - ii. WAFLW Club, before the player is eligible to play.
- i) Players on a Permit within the WAFLW are only permitted to participate in one game on any given weekend. Therefore, if participating within their local Country, Community or State teams on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday they will be deemed ineligible within the WAFLW Competitions.
- j) The duration of the Local Interchange Permit must be no longer than the end of the current season of the Destination Club's relevant league.
- k) Once the end date of the Local Interchange Permit is reached, the Local Interchange Permit will automatically expire and the Player will have no Temporary Registration with the Destination Club (i.e. a further Local Interchange Permit will need to be lodged in order for the Player to play another match).
- l) Players who have been transferred to a WAFLW Club from any WAFLW (Reserves or Rogers Cup) Club or any Community Football League Club under a Local Interchange Permit in the current or immediate past season must be permitted back to their respective Football Club.
- m) Should a Player wish to be permitted to play for an alternative Community Football League Club, the Player will need to be transferred within the Community Football League system prior to permits being arranged from a WAFLW Club.
- n) Where an agreement has been made between the WAFLW and the WACFL, a Type 2 Local Interchange Permit may be utilised for Players returning to Club of Origin to reduce processing of multiple Type 1 Match Day Permits.
- o) Any Player who plays a match that is not in accordance with this Rule 2.2.2 will be penalised in accordance with Rule 12.

2.2.2.1 WAFLW Permits

The intent of this rule is to provide an opportunity for a player to be considered for selection in the reserves should the player be returning from injury and/ or need to play a number of Reserves matches to regain selection the League team. The intent of the rule is to ensure that the player is not recruited for the purpose of playing reserves at a permit club.

A Temporary Club may nominate one (1) player for the 2021 season who will be:

- a) Eligible to play a maximum of 3 matches in the Reserves at the Temporary Club
- b) A value of two (2) points if they are not a talent identified player (no 50% discount)
- c) Listed on the Temporary Clubs points list at all times for the 2021 season

- d) A permitted player is ineligible to play Reserves against their Primary Listed club.
- e) A permitted player is eligible to play for their Primary Listed club in the Reserves if the player is required to play more than three (3) Reserves matches.
- f) A permitted player is eligible to play for their Primary Listed Club in the Reserves if the Primary Club is playing against the Temporary Club.

2.2.3 Temporary Transfer Permit (Type 3 Permit)

Allows a player to play on a permit for another club for a period of time, maximum one per season. This Rule applies to Northern Territory based players only.

2.3 Transfers – 2021 Provisions

The WAFLW operates in alignment with the AFL National Transfer Regulations to determine transfer guidelines of Players between and amongst all state bodies, state leagues and community football bodies.

In circumstances where the AFL National Transfer Regulations do not apply, or are only applicable to Players currently registered or applying for registration with the WAFLW, the following criteria will be used to determine the outcome of transfer.

In 2021, there will be conditions on players transferring between League, Reserves and Rogers Cup Competitions to ensure that the competitiveness of the Reserves and Roger Cup competitions remains and still provide opportunity for players to play League Football.

The following provisions will apply for the 2021 season:

- WAFLW League Team to WAFLW League Team – Granted
- WAFLW Reserves Team (League Aligned) to WAFLW Reserves Team only – Granted
- WAFLW Reserves Team (League Aligned) to WAFLW Reserves Team (League Aligned) – Granted
- WAFLW Reserves Team Only to WAFLW Reserves Team (League aligned) – Not Granted
- WAFLW Reserves Team Only to WAFLW League Team – Not Granted. Refer to type two permits
- WAFLW Rogers Cup Team Only to WAFLW League Team – Not Granted. Refer to type two permits.
- WAFLW Rogers Cup Team to WAFLW Rogers Cup Team – By Agreement between clubs via Form 6

Any WAFLW League club (Temporary) who have players on a Type 2 permit from a WAFLW Reserves or Rogers Cup (Primary Club) must advise the Primary club of their players availability by 9am Thursday prior to the weekends fixture.

2.3.1 Transfer Application Period

- a) A Transfer may be lodged between 1 November to 30 November or 1 February to 30 June in each calendar year (**Application Period**);
- b) No Transfer is to be accepted after 11:59pm (AEDT) on 30 November or 11:59pm (AEDT) on 30 June in any calendar year;

- c) Where any Transfer is received outside of the Application Period the Transfer will be received by the WAFLW and the Transfer may be considered at the discretion of the WAFLW.

2.3.2 Process

2.3.2.1 Submitting a Transfer

- a) A Transfer must be initiated by the destination club by logging onto the Footyweb Database and submitting a transfer request.
- b) Where the player is under the age of eighteen (18) years, the transfer application must also be endorsed by the player's parent or legal guardian.
- c) It is the club's responsibility to check that the player's online registration details are verified by their passport, driver's licence or birth certificate. The club must then add the information on the type of ID and the ID number to the player's profile.

2.3.2.2 Objections and Approvals

- a) The primary club has six (6) business days, commencing from when the transfer request is lodged through the Footyweb Database, to object to the transfer application.
- b) Once a player transfer application has been finalised, the playing history, including tribunal record of the player will be automatically sent to the League or Association to which the destination club is affiliated.
- c) The primary club can approve the transfer any time within the six (6) business days via Footyweb Database. Should the primary club fail to respond, the transfer will occur automatically following the expiry of the six (6) business days.
- d) All player transfers must be approved by the following parties:
 - i. player's primary club;
 - a) player's primary association (if applicable);
 - b) the WAFLW; and
 - c) the destination club.

2.3.2.3 Submitting an Interstate Transfer

- a) In a case where the club from whom the clearance is sought is affiliated with a League or association, other than the WAFLW, the clearance shall be forwarded to the football operations contact of that league or association.
- b) If denied, the player is ineligible and will require a transfer to be submitted in the following year.

2.3.2.4 Finalising Transfers

- a) Once the transfer has been approved, the player must update their details on the Footyweb Database and agree to these Rules by registering for the club.

2.3.3 Refusals

- a) Any player refused two (2) clearances by any club, league or association may appeal in writing via email to Football Operations (wafwoperations@wafc.com.au) who shall have power to investigate, hear and determine such appeal as the Football Operations deems proper and shall have the power to permit the registration of such player despite the fact that no clearance has been obtained.
- b) A player's primary club can refuse a transfer within the six (6) business days via the Footyweb Database where the club can substantiate the player:
 - i. is indebted (owes money) to the club;
 - a) is in possession of club property (e.g. Jumper) and that needs to be returned; or
 - b) wishes to withdraw transfer application.
- c) Any player refused a transfer by any club, league or association as per 2.3.2(a) or (b) may submit a further application provided such player has cleared her outstanding debts to the club, league or association.
- d) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 2.3.2.2, Football Operations in consultation with the WAWFL Board may approve or refuse a transfer of any player.

2.3.4 Suspended Players

A player under disqualification or suspension on or prior to 30 June may lodge a clearance application which may be proceeded with on completion of the disqualification or suspension.

2.3.5 Transfer Refusals Dispute

- a) Where the player disputes the reason for a transfer refusal, the player and/or the destination club must resolve the dispute with the primary club.
- b) Where a dispute between the parties cannot be resolved, the player and/or the destination club can appeal against the refusal of Transfer by notice in writing via email to Football Operations (wafwoperations@wafc.com.au)
- c) Where a player or club wishes to dispute the decision of Football Operations, the matter will be referred to the WAFLW Arbitrator for final determination.

2.3.6 De-registrations (24 Month Rule)

- a) These Transfer Rules under 2.3 shall not apply to a player who has not played football for the previous twenty-four (24) months.
- b) The player must satisfy the league that they have not played for a period of twenty-four (24) months and can apply for a transfer which will not require approval from the source club as the player will be considered a deregistered player.
- c) A deregistered player is ineligible until a new registration is submitted for their destination club.

2.3.7 Notice of Player Discussion

In order to ensure transparency across the WAFLW, and to support equalisation measures within the WAFLW, Club Officials and Coaches shall be prevented from holding discussions with players, parents or representatives of WAFLW Clubs other than their own, without notifying the players WAFLW Club.

The obligation to notify a WAFLW Club of any discussions with one of their players listed on the Protected Players List or her parent or agent provides that WAFLW Club with the opportunity to consider that Player's position and where appropriate, hold its own discussions in relation that Player's future at the WAFLW Club.

For the avoidance of doubt, this Rule 2.3.7 only applies to players who are on a WAFLW Clubs Protected Players List or fall under 4.7.1 Talent Identified.

This covers the scenarios when a coach or club official actively approaches a player from an opposing team.

- a) A Club Official or Coach may approach a player, her parent or representative from another WAFLW Club to discuss opportunities for that player to move from her club to a new club, provided a Notice of Player Discussion (Form 10) is lodged detailing the discussion within 24 hours of the discussion occurring.
- b) A discussion can be made in person, via the phone any form of communication including social media. This also includes casual conversations and official meetings between the club and player that are instigated by the club coach or official.
- c) A Notice of Player Discussion (Form 10) must be lodged by the WAFLW club who is approaching the Player (**Destination Club**) using the WAFL Online Administration System (Sportix) to both the Player's current Club (**Primary Club**) and to the Football Operations outlining the relevant details of the discussion.

- d) Should the Destination Club offer the player an opportunity to leave her Primary Club and play for the Destination Club, and the player chooses to accept the offer, the Destination Club may request a transfer on the Footyweb Database. Any player Transfer must still comply with the relevant Transfer Rules under Rule 2.3.
- e) It is the responsibility of the Destination Club to seek clarification, from the Football Operations, of the points value of any player prior to making any approach.
- f) WAFLW Clubs may only approach or have Player discussions with another WAFLW Club's registered Player from the 1st of September of each year until the 1st of December in the same year.
- g) A Coach acting contrary to this Rule will be penalised in accordance with the Citation Process and Responsibilities Document.
- h) WAFLW Clubs who are acting contrary to this Rule will be penalised in accordance with Rule 12.
- i) Any person, who in the opinion of the Board has reasonably been found to be acting on behalf of a Club or Coach contrary to this Rule, may be subject to disciplinary action and/or a fine at the Board's absolute discretion. For the avoidance of doubt, that person's Club and/or Coach may also be penalised in accordance with this Rule.
- j) Any penalty imposed under this Rule by the WAFLW may be appealed by the Club, Coach, Player or person to the WAFLW Arbitrator within seven (7) days of receiving notice of the penalty.

2.3.8 Notice of Player Availability

- a) Any WAFLW League club (Temporary Club) who have players on a Type 2 permit from a WAFLW Reserves or Rogers Cup (Primary Club) must advise the Primary club of their players availability by 9am Thursday prior to the weekends fixture.

2.4 Cancellation of Registration

- a) A registration may be cancelled if:
 - i. Football Operations or the Board decides accordingly;
 - a) a player is cleared to a club in another league or association;
 - b) subject to these Rules any player whose registration has been cancelled may apply for a new registration to play with any affiliated club and obtain a clearance if necessary;
 - c) a player is found guilty of a Reportable Offence three (3) times in one season;

- d) a player has not participated in any game for twenty-four (24) months; or
- e) a player makes a false declaration on their official registration form.

2.5 Ineligible player

An ineligible player is a person who

- i. is not registered with the WAFLW;
 - a) is not cleared to the WAFLW;
 - b) is registered with the WAFLW but has been suspended;
 - c) has had their permit withdrawn;
 - d) has an expired permit;
 - e) has played WAFLW League under a Type 1 Permit;
 - f) is under the age defined to be eligible to participate in the WAFLW competition;
 - g) fails to comply with eligibility for a Finals match in accordance with these Rules;
 - h) fails to obtain a transfer from a previous club; or
 - i) does not sit in the correct district boundary as outlined in the WAFLW Zones.

2.6 District Boundaries – Zones

The WAFLW has adopted the zoning model that outlines the WAFLW Club geographical recruitment zones. The aim of this system is to develop and promote players from within their respective WAFLW Club allocated zone and protect the player pathway to promote equalisation.

- a) WAFLW Club metropolitan and country zones are as defined in Rule 9.
- b) A player is considered a zoned player of their respective WAFLW Club until they turn eighteen (18) years of age.
- c) Players (or parents of) that approach a WAFLW club that is not their zoned club are to be referred to their zoned club.
- d) A player that is under eighteen (18) years of age and is considered a zoned player may be recruited by another WAFLW Club provided they satisfy criteria outlined under Rule 2.7.

- e) A player under eighteen (18) years of age is bound to their WAFLW Club zone under the following residential criteria:
- i. the player shall be zoned to the WAFLW Club that falls within the Metropolitan or Country zone in which the player (parents of player) resides;
 - a) the permanent residence of a player shall apply. Permanent residence for the purpose of this Rule is defined by the address of the player (or parent of player) concerned on the official registration form;
 - b) if a third person is involved as the player's legal guardian the legal guardian's residential address will be used;
 - c) for parents living at more than one separate address, the permanent residence is defined by the address that the player primarily resides at. Guides used for this may include the players:
 - d) custodial parent; and
 - e) School or University address;
 - f) if both parents have legal custody, the Usual Residence of the parent the player usually lives with will apply, or if the player lives equally with both parents, she will be able to choose between the two districts they reside. Once registered, the player will remain bound to that WAFLW Club unless there was a change of custody;
 - g) any person, who's is temporarily residing within a zone for the purpose of attending a scholastic institute, military or service institute or is incarcerated in a correctional facility shall not become residentially bound to a WAFLW Club;
 - h) a player that has lived in the WAFLW Club metropolitan or country zone for a period of not less than eighteen (18) consecutive months; and
 - i) if a player moves residential address they must submit their new details on FootyWeb Database declaring their change of address.
 - f) Players who fall under this Rule who are already playing at clubs outside their zone are exempt, if they should decide to leave that club they will be bound to play for the club they are residentially zoned in.
 - g) In the event of a club from within a district not fielding a team in a season, the player has the option to play for one of the two closest adjacent clubs, if a club was to compete the

following year the player has the option to move to the club within their zoned district otherwise they will be bound to the current club the player is playing for.

- h) Where a player disputes their district zone seeking dispensation, the club must submit written notice Football Operations (wafwoperations@wafc.com.au) who will then refer to the WAFLW Arbitrator. The WAFLW Arbitrator may require discussion with the player's parent, the player and the clubs involved to determine the outcome in the best interest of the player.

2.7 Family History

The WAFLW promotes the ability for family members to maintain links to WAWFL/ WAFLW clubs.

Players that are under eighteen (18) must satisfy criteria in order to be considered for registrations at a WAFLW club that they are not geographically zoned. If the player satisfies criteria they may be eligible to register with a WAFLW club under this rule provided that player is not already registered with their zoned WAFLW club.

- a) A layer who satisfies criteria in accordance with Rule 2.7.1, 2.7.2 or 2.7.3. will be eligible to register with a WAFLW club provided that player is not already a Registered Player with their zoned WAFLW club.
- b) Once registration and transfer requirements are completed in accordance with these Rules, the player will be regarded as a local zoned Player of that WAFLW club
- c) In addition to the Player's completed WAFLW Registration Form (Form 1), the WAFLW Club must submit the following (as applicable)
- i. Mother/Daughter or Father Daughter (Form 5a Womens)
 - ii. Grand Mother / Grand Daughter or Grandfather / Granddaughter (Form 5a Womens)
 - iii. Sister / Sister or Brother / Sister
- d) The WAFLW Club may be required to provide when requested, any further information deemed necessary by the WAFC in order to prove identity or validity of the associated family member.

2.7.1 Mother / Daughter & Father/ Daughter

- a) A Player may become a registered Player for the WAFLW Club for which her Mother or Father played where that Player's Mother/ Father has either:
- i. played in 50 or more League matches with any one WAWFL/ WAFLW or WAFL club;

- a) played in one WAWFL/ WAFLW or WAFL club for a combined total of 70 League or Reserve division matches in at least five (5) football seasons; or
- b) was elected a life member of that Club.

2.7.2 Grandmother/ Granddaughter & Grandfather/ Granddaughter

- a) A Player may become a registered Player for the WAFLW Club for which her Grandmother or Grandfather played where that Player's Grandmother or Grandfather has either:
 - i. played in 50 or more League matches with any one WAWFL/ WAFLW or WAFL club;
 - a) played in one WAWFL/ WAFLW or WAFL club for a combined total of 70 League or Reserve division matches in at least five (5) football seasons; or
 - b) was elected a life member of that Club.

2.7.3 Sister/Sister & Brother/ Sister

This rule 2.7.3 is only to apply where a sister plays for a different WAFLW club and the sister wishes to transfer to that club. For the avoidance of doubt, this rule only applies to the Women's Competition.

- a) A Player may become a registered Player for the WAFLW Club for which her sister/ brother played or where all of the following criteria is met:
 - i. the first sister/ brother must have played her first game prior to reaching 18 years of age;
 - a) both sisters/ brother must have the same mother and/or father;
 - b) the first sister or brother must be a registered member and playing either Rogers Cup/ WAFL Colts, Reserves, League at the time of application; and
 - c) the brother has played 50 League games or played in one club for a combined total of 70 League or Reserves division matches in at least five football seasons.
 - d) the sister has played 10 games at the one club in at least (2) two football seasons.

3 MATCHES

3.1 WAFLW Matches

3.1.1 Sanctioning of Matches

- a) No Club shall play in any Match without the sanction of the WAFLW (including scratch matches/pre-season games or exhibition games).
- b) Except as laid down in the Rules, no club shall forfeit any match or abstain from playing any match without first obtaining permission of the WAFLW.
- c) Teams are not permitted to leave the playing arena except at the half time interval.
- d) Football Operations shall have power to cancel the scores of any match and to order such match to be replayed at such time and place as it may think fit.
- e) Non-player coaches may not enter the playing arena whilst the match is in progress.
- f) The WAFLW shall keep in respect of each division a premiership table showing:
 - i. games played;
 - a) matches won;
 - b) matches lost;
 - c) matches drawn;
 - d) points scored for;
 - e) points scored against; and
 - f) premiership points.
- g) Premiership points will be determined as follows:
 - i. four (4) points for winning a game;
 - a) four (4) points for each game won on a forfeit; and
 - b) two (2) points for a drawn game.
- h) In the event of a team forfeiting a game the opposing team shall receive four (4) premiership points
- i) Any division that has byes that result in uneven number of games played, the Football Operations shall determine final positions of the premiership table by dividing the number of games won and drawn by the number of games played to determine the ratio of games won. Descending order will firstly be determined by the team with the highest ratio of games won, teams with equal ratios shall then be determined in accordance with these Rules 3.1.2 and will have credited with 60 points scored 'for' and with 1 point scored 'against'.

3.1.2 Fixturing of WAFLW Matches

- a) Football Operations in consultation with the WAFLW, WAWFL Board and Clubs shall be responsible for the organisation of matches for each season by preparing fixtures in each division.
- b) Football Operations may amend fixtures where required.
- c) The WAFLW shall conduct a series of home and away matches for each division to determine which of the clubs shall be entitled to compete in the Finals series.
- d) Where possible the fixtures shall include:
 - i. an equal number of games played between all teams in each division;
 - a) an equal number of home and away games for each team;
 - b) alternate games at home and away for each team;
 - c) where any team has a bye then each other team in the competition shall have the same number of byes; and
 - d) neutral grounds for Grand Finals
- e) Clubs desiring to conduct matches on a day or time other than those published by the WAFLW in the official fixture must submit a Game Change Notification Form via email to Football Operations wafwoperations@wafc.com.au ten (10) working days prior to the fixtured match indicating any alterations of time, venue or day of the published fixture.
- f) Requests for matches to be fixtured at night are to be emailed to football operations wafwoperations@wafc.com.au provided that the proposed venue/oval is approved to host night games and can provide verification of a 200 lux reading.
- g) Any re-fixturing required due to unavailable grounds or special events that occur after the commencement of the season will be at the discretion of Football Operations.

3.1.3 Playing Surface

- a) The ground requirements are as stated in the Laws of Australian Football.
- b) Clubs must complete game day check list form as provided by Marsh Insurance on the - AFL Match Day Checklist
- c) If both team managers and the field umpire in any match agree that the ground is unfit for play, the match may be rescheduled and played at a time and place or not rescheduled and declared a draw as determined Football Operations.

3.1.4 Incomplete Matches

- a) Matches may be terminated at any time by the WAFC, after having regard to the weather, structural damage, venue conditions, crowd safety threat, power or lighting failure or any other occurrence that, in the opinion of the WAFC poses a threat to the safety of Players, staff or spectators.

- b) The WAFC will make the decision to replay a match in consultation with both Clubs and with consideration given to the overall fixture.

3.1.5 Commencement of Matches

- a) At all WAFLW Matches, unless otherwise specially arranged, a siren or other approved device shall be sounded when the Umpires enter the ground and when the game is started.
- b) The siren or other approved device shall be again sounded at the proper time for the termination and announcement of each quarter and at the end of the match.
- c) The WAFC shall determine the starting times of all games at the commencement of each season in consultation with WAFLW Clubs.

3.1.6 Playing Times

Unless a night game or special fixture is scheduled, the following starting times apply:

- a) League Grade Matches will be played over four (4) quarters of eighteen (18) minutes duration with no added time on.
- b) Reserves Grade Matches will be played over four (4) quarters of eighteen (18) minutes with no time on added.
- c) Rogers Cup Grade Matches will be played over four (4) quarters of eighteen (18) minutes with no time on added.
- d) For All Grades, time on will only be added in the event of a stretcher.
- e) For the avoidance of doubt, no time on shall be added for the Blood Rule.
- f) The breaks between quarters (League and Reserves) must be:
 - i. five (5) minutes (1/4 time);
 - ii. fifteen (15) minutes (1/2 time); and
 - iii. five (5) minutes (3/4 time).
- g) The breaks between quarters (Rogers Cup) must be:
 - i. five (5) minutes (1/4 time);
 - ii. ten (10) minutes (1/2 time); and
 - iii. five (5) minutes (3/4 time).
- h) Scheduled night games shall be approved by Football Operations. Deviation from the commencement times outlined above in accordance with a), b) and/or c) above shall be approved by the WAFLW.
- i) In the event an ambulance is called and delays the start time of the following game, if the game is delayed more than 30mins the game will be called off and Football Operations will determine if the game is to be re-scheduled or deemed a draw.

- j) Any team not ready to commence play within five (5) minutes of the prescribed starting time shall be fined a sum as determined by the Board, unless a suitable explanation for such delay shall be accepted by the WAFLW.
- k) Any club not ready to commence play within fifteen (15) minutes of the prescribed starting time shall automatically forfeit the match.
- l) Any club which forfeits a game shall be fined (see Rule 12).
- m) An appointed field umpire who attends the ground where a game is forfeited shall be paid the full fee for such game provided, he or she is not notified of such forfeit.
- n) Should any club fielding more than one team desire to forfeit a game through insufficient numbers the team to forfeit must be the lowest division team from that club. Failure by any such club to observe this Rule will result in all teams graded lower than the forfeiting team to lose all scores recorded by them in that particular fixture.
- o) A team that forfeits three qualifying matches in one season will be fined as per Rule 12, withdrawn from the competition and shall submit a letter of reason as to why they should be eligible for re-nomination in the following year.
- p) When a match has been called off for any reason prior to the scheduled end of the game, determination of the match result will be adjudicated by Football Operations.

3.1.7 Procedures in the Event of Light Failure

- a) In the event of one or more light towers ceasing to operate or the light intensity is reduced, the Field Umpire shall blow full time.
- b) Upon the Field Umpire blowing full time the timekeepers shall stop time as per the normal time on procedures and record the exact time the game ceased.
- c) Umpires and Players must vacate the playing arena and move towards their respective change rooms.
- d) The No 1 Field Umpire, Home team CEO (or Authorised Officer of the Club), Football Manager or Team Manager of both competing teams and the WAFL Ground Manager, must meet immediately in the Umpires Room where the Home team CEO (or Authorised Officer of the Club), will contact the WAFC and will advise as to the ability to re-commence play.
- e) Where the game does not recommence within the thirty (30) minute period, the match shall be deemed incomplete, the game will be abandoned and rescheduled where possible.
- f) Where the game is able to recommence, the Field Umpire shall direct both teams to enter the playing arena to recommence the match provided that a ten (10) minute warm up period precedes the recommencement.
- g) Upon recommencing the match, the timekeepers must start time as per the normal procedure at the conclusion of time on.

- h) In the event of the match recommencing within the thirty (30) minute period, the Field Umpire shall start play from where the match ceased as a result of light failure.
- i) In the event of re-occurring light failure after the match has re-commenced, this Rule 3.1.7 applies per failure and the home team CEO (or Authorised Officer of the Club) must decide on the appropriate course of action.
- j) Where a power failure has prevented a scheduled night, fixture being able to commence after the additional thirty (30) minutes from start time, the game will be abandoned and rescheduled where possible.
- k) Where a lighting failure has occurred:
 - i. Clubs must notify all patrons at the game of what is happening by their PA system approximately every five minutes of the 30 minutes lights are out; and
 - ii. where the game is terminated, the home Club must notify patrons and thank them for their co-operation and attendance.

3.2 Naming Players in Football Budget

- a) Clubs must nominate up to thirty-five (35) Players from which their League Team and will be selected and advise the WAFC of those Players and their respective jumper numbers, by 10:00am on the Wednesday of each week prior to the game for inclusion in that week's Football Budget via WAFL Online.
- b) Any Club which plays a Player who is not included in its list of up to thirty-five (35) Players in accordance with (a) above or which plays a Player in its League Team in a Jumper number other than the one allocated to that Player in the Football Budget may be fined in accordance with Rule 12.
- c) Where a WAFLW Player is a late inclusion in the Football Budget, then the prescribed form is to be used to notify the opposition, the WAFLW and the media.
- d) The late inclusion or exclusion of WAFLW or AFLW Players is not subject to penalty provided that:
 - i. notice is given on the Prescribed Form to the opposing team and the WAFLW no later than two (2) hours before the match.
- e) Penalties may apply for a breach of this Rule in accordance with Rule 12.

3.3 Naming Squads for the WAFL Website

- a) WAFLW clubs must include AFLW players who have not been included as emergencies for the AFLW side and are likely to be available.
- b) The late inclusion or exclusion of AFLW Players is not subject to penalty provided that notice is given on the Form 20 Amendments to the Football Budget to the opposing team and the WAFLW no later than two (2) hours before the game.
- c) In the event that an AFLW Player included in the nominated squad of twenty-five (25) is unavailable through injury or selection with her respective AFLW Club prior to the WAFLW match, then the WAFLW Club shall have the discretion to include a Player outside of the nominated squad of twenty-five (25).
- d) For all matches, Clubs must nominate a squad of no more than twenty-five (25) players

for League, no more than twenty-five (25) players for Reserves matches and no more than twenty-seven (27) Rogers Cup players from which their sides will be selected via WAFL Online in time for inclusion on the WAFL Website by 8.00pm on Thursday night prior to the game.

- e) Clubs are required to publish all players included and excluded from the team that played in their last match in the 'ins' and 'outs' on the team selection page.
- f) Any Club which fails to comply with Rule 3.3 or which plays a Player who is not included in its list of twenty-five (25) for League and Reserves and list of twenty-seven (27) for Rogers Cup shall be fined.
- g) Clubs are only permitted to play the Players who have been included in its initial squad of 25 published on the WAFL Website in accordance with Rule 3.3
- h) Penalties may apply for a breach of this Rule in accordance with Rule 12.
- i) Players not nominated in accordance with Rule 3.3 may not be penalised where:
 - i. during the season a Player is brought in from outside the twenty-five (25) or the twenty-seven (27) and the named emergencies do not play in any grade; or
 - ii. in finals games, a Player is brought in from outside the twenty-five (25) or twenty-seven (27) and the named emergencies do not play when League, Reserves and Rogers Cup teams are playing and also when League and Reserves are playing.
- j) Where only the League Team is playing finals, then no Player can be brought into the side from outside the listed emergency Players without incurring a fine.
- k) Clubs are required to update their WAFLW League squad displayed on WAFL Online by 5:00pm on the day prior to the scheduled match to include the twenty (21) players plus four (4) emergencies and remove any additional players.

3.4 Match Procedures

3.4.1 Team Sheets

- a) Prior to the commencement of each game in any grade of the WAFLW competition, the participating teams' Managers shall share three (3) copies of the Official Team Sheet detailing:
 - i. surname, first names, registration number and jumper number of each player participating in the game. A maximum number of twenty-one (21) players shall be permitted to play in each senior team (League and Reserves) and twenty-three (23) in each Rogers Cup' team;
 - ii. which players are starting the game as "interchange" players by marking with '*';
 - iii. full names of the Coaches, Medical Officers, Runners, Stewards, Team Manager, Club Stewards, Doctor and up to four (4) Official trainers or Water Carriers;
 - iv. the name and the signature of the Team Manager;
- b) **League:** Teams shall consist of twenty-one (21) named players, no more than sixteen (16) of whom shall take part in a match at any time. The remaining five (5) players are the interchange players.

- c) **Reserves:** Teams shall consist of twenty-one (21) named players, no more than sixteen (16) of whom shall take part in a match at any time. The remaining five (5) players are the interchange players.
- d) **Rogers Cup:** Teams shall consist of twenty-three (23) named players, no more than eighteen (18) of whom shall take part in a match at any time. The remaining five (5) players are interchange players.
- e) For Rogers Cup and Reserves matches, a minimum of fourteen (14) players per team must be on the field for the commencement of any match. If a team is not able to field the maximum eighteen (18) players, the team is to notify the opposition before commencement of the match and play to the highest possible starting number. In the spirit of the game the opposing team must field the same amount of players. The starting number must be submitted to the umpires and recorded on the team sheet; players arriving after the commencement of the game and before half time, must take to the field after announcement to the opposition team manager (as per Rule 3.4.1) and the opposing team must match-up.
- f) All players must be listed on the team's sheet. If a team's sheet is found to be incorrect in that a player has not been listed and takes the playing ground, or a player is found to be listed under another person's name, Football Operations shall impose a penalty under Rule 12.
- g) Full surname and first name must be spelled correctly and football web number and date of birth detailed on the sheet.
- h) All Players listed on the Official Team Sheet must be in attendance prior to the commencement of the game up to and including the point at which the Official Team Sheet is submitted, and must be genuinely available to play the match, and must prepare for the match with the Team, unless a valid explanation is given to the satisfaction of the WAFC. A player listed on the team sheet found not to be in uniform on the ground or on the interchange will be deemed an ineligible player for that match. Any breach of this Rule may be investigated by the WAFC, and if proven subject to penalty under the Rules.
- i) At the conclusion of the game the Team Manager must attend the Umpire's room, insert the goal kicking details on the Official Team Sheet.
- j) Upon being satisfied that the Official Team Sheet is accurate, the Number 1 Umpire must sign the Official Team Sheet and include it in the match papers to be delivered to the WAFC.
- k) The WAFLW League teams must enter in the goal kickers, quarter by quarter scores and their teams best players (5-1) on Sportix (WAFL Online) by 9:00pm Sunday
- l) The WAFLW teams must remove players from Sports TG that didn't participate in the match and insert any player that has been manually added to the team sheet before 12:00pm on the first working day following the match.
- m) Penalties may apply for a breach of this Rule in accordance with Rule 12

- n) Players that are playing in two divisions of a WAFLW round must be noted on the far-left side of the League team sheet only to denote that they are 'double up' players.

3.4.2 Changes to the Official Team Sheet after submission

- a) In Rogers Cup and Reserve Grade Matches, changes may be made for Players injured or medically unfit to play up to the game start by the Team Manager who must notify:
- i. The Match Umpires;
 - ii. The WAFL Ground Manager; and
 - iii. The opposition Team Manager.
- b) For League Matches the same process as set out in (a) must be followed on the basis that:
- i. The Player to be replaced is injured or medically unfit to play after the Official Team Sheet has been submitted.
 - ii. The Player used as a replacement was selected in the Clubs initial twenty-five (25) chosen to play.
 - iii. The Ground Manager, team manager or Football Manager must be notified who will then notify the media.
- c) Penalties may apply for a breach of this Rule in accordance with Rule 12

3.4.3 Protests/Head Count

- a) Where the scores of a match are altered on a protest, the team with the highest score as a result of the protest hearing shall be awarded the full premiership points.
- b) Any alteration to the points scored "for and against" following a protest heard in accordance with (a) will be recorded accordingly.
- c) Where a captain requests a head count and one team is found to have extra Players on the field the following process shall be followed:
 - i. the Umpires shall note the quarter, the time of the quarter and the game score at the point the game was stopped for the head count;
 - ii. should an extra Player be counted, the extra Player shall be removed from the field of play and the game shall continue with no alteration to the scores;
 - iii. every Endeavor shall be made to determine the source and time of the error in order to evaluate the period of influence of the extra Player; and
 - iv. any subsequent decision on penalty will be made by the WAFC at its sole discretion.

3.5 Awards

3.5.1 Fairest and Best Player Voting

- a) The voting for the WAFLW League, Reserves & Rogers Cup competitions is done by the Number One Umpire in each grade.
- b) The Number One Umpire must award three (3) votes to the player, who, in their opinion was the best player on the ground, then 2,1 votes for the next best players in order of performance.

3.5.2 Ineligible Players Still Receive Votes

- a) For the avoidance of doubt, votes shall be awarded in accordance with Rule 3.5.1 irrespective of whether such Players;
 - i. have been found guilty of a Reportable Offence in a match during that season; or
 - ii. have been reported during the Match for which votes are to be awarded.

3.5.3 Ineligibility

- a) Subject to Rule 3.5.4, Players in League, Reserves & Roger Cup competitions are ineligible to win the Fairest & Best in any Grade if:
 - i. they have been reported in any sanctioned game in the WAFLW season; and
 - ii. have subsequently found guilty and suspended by the tribunal or Match Review Panel of a Reportable Offence

3.5.4 Exception

- a) Players found guilty and suspended in pre-season games remain eligible to win the competition award.
- b) Notwithstanding that a player has been found guilty of a Reportable Offence in a home and award match, the Player shall remain eligible to receive the award in that season if the sanction of the Reportable Offence is a reprimand only.

3.5.5 Lou Knitter, Reserves & Rogers Cup Best on Ground Medal Voting

- a) The Reserves & Rogers Cup Best on Ground Medals are voted upon solely by the officiating Umpires.
- b) For the Lou Knitter Medal in the League Grand Final:
 - i. the votes are cast by the League Umpires, (1) WAFC Representative, an one (1) Media Representative selected by the WAFC
 - ii. each of the three (3) voting slips rank the top three (3) Players in the game with three (3) votes going to the best Player in the opinion of the person casting the votes;

- iii. the winning Player is the Player with the highest number of votes from the three (3) voting sheets; and
- iv. where there are two (2) Players tie in the voting then the highest ranked Player according to the Umpire's votes shall be deemed to be the winner.

3.5.6 Eligibility

- a) All Players entered on the Official Teams Sheet for the game are considered eligible to win the Lou Knitter Medal and the Reserves & Rogers Cup Medal.
- b) Players may be reported during the game and remain eligible to win the Lou Knitter Medal and the Reserves & Rogers Cup Medal.

3.6 Clubs Roles and Responsibilities

- a) All persons permitted to enter the playing arena to undertake roles for their club will need to meet the following:
 - i. must be at least fourteen (14) years of age;
 - ii. must wear the appropriate attire (including closed in shoes);
 - iii. must have the appropriate qualification to be a coach or other person acting in a capacity of Assistant Coach (Level 1 AFL Coaching) and to be a trainer (level 1 Sports Trainer);
 - iv. Clubs are responsible for ensuring that team officials are aware of and abide by the WAFLW code of conduct;
 - a) must not be a player on suspension; and
 - b) must not engage in physical contact that may cause injury to a player, official or Umpire or initiate physical contact of any nature while on the playing arena. Representatives shall be reported by the Umpires for infringements of this nature. The Tribunal shall then determine any penalty that should be imposed. Any penalties incurred by a player acting in either role shall be viewed as penalties against a player in regard to the competition medals for fair play.
- b) If any representative uses foul or abusive language, a free kick may be awarded against his or her team at the spot of the infringement or where the ball is at the time or whichever is the greater penalty.

- c) All Club Officials must be included on the team sheet and the team manager must approve by signing the official Team Sheet given to the umpires prior to the commencement of the match.
- d) In the event an individual that is not a participating member or official for either club enters the field of play, this will be deemed as an encroachment and the club in which the person is a member or supporter of will be fined as per Rule 12.

3.7 Duties Before Matches

- a) In the list of fixtures for the season for all divisions, the team mentioned first shall be called the Home team and must supply the allocated size 4 Burley WAFLW approved football for games. The opposing team must supply the allocated ball for use in emergency.
- b) In all matches played, the home team shall be responsible for:
 - i. having the playing area correctly and visibly marked; including a clear boundary for the dugouts, benches
 - a) ensure that a stretcher is available on the boundary;
 - b) Both the home and visiting coaching boxes must have a suitable telephone/wireless communication device from the Coaches Box to the interchange bench.
 - c) supply a suitable bell/siren;
 - d) ensure all goal posts are padded with padding that has the appropriate sponsorship visible.
- c) It shall be the duty of the clubs as specified by the WAFLW to provide for each of its matches a timekeeper.
- d) Every club will be required to pay panel appointed field, boundary, and goal umpires in the WAFLW Reserves and Rogers Cup Competitions.
- e) If the Coach and Club Official do not sign the team sheet as stated in 3.6(c), the club shall be fined as set out in Rule 12
- f) Any club found to be in breach of Rule 3.7(a) – (e) will be fined in accordance with Rule 12

3.8 Duties During and After Matches

- a) In all WAFLW qualifying matches the home team shall be responsible for submitting the correct scores within the time fixed by Football Operations.
- b) In all Finals Games the winning team shall be responsible for submitting the final correct scores within the time stated by Football Operations.

- c) Each team shall be responsible for having a team official present its team sheet to the umpire before the match.
- d) An Official of both Clubs shall escort the Umpire(s) from the playing arena at half time and at the completion of the match to the change room.
- e) It is the club's responsibility to manage the players and officials within their respective dugouts, only participating players and officials listed on the team sheet are permitted to be in the dugout during the match.
- f) It is the club's responsibility to ensure their members are three (3) metres away from the Boundary line at any point in time during a game.
- g) Any club found to be in breach of this Rule will be fined in accordance with Rule 12.

3.9 Time Keepers

3.9.1 WAFLW Time Keepers

- a) Timekeepers will be club personnel who on match day keep the game timing in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football as determined by the WAFC.

3.9.1.1 Duties of Timekeepers

- a) The duties and responsibilities of Timekeepers are in accordance with Law 10 of the Laws of Australian Football, as applies to League, Reserves and Rogers Cup Grades.

Start of the Match

5 minutes prior to the official start time	1 siren, or when Umpires enter field
2 minutes prior to official start time	3 warning sirens
1 minute prior to official start time	2 sirens
Official start time	1 siren
Official quarter time allowance	5 minutes

Start of the Second Quarter

2 minutes prior to official start time	3 warning sirens
1 minute prior to official start time	2 sirens
Official start time	1 siren
Official half time allowance	15 minutes League Reserve/10 Minutes Rogers Cup

Start of the third quarter

2 minutes prior to official start time	3 warning sirens
1 minute prior to official start time	2 sirens
Official start time	1 siren
Official three quarter time allowance	5 minutes

Start of the final quarter

2 minutes prior to official start time	3 sirens
1 minute prior to official start time	2 sirens
Official start time	1 siren

- b) Clubs that do not move to position when the siren is blown twice by the Timekeeper to signal one minute prior to the commencement of the match shall be noted by the Timekeeper.
- c) It is an Umpires decision when to call a stop in play. The time does not stop when a stretcher or injury is called by the trainer but the game will be stopped when called by the Umpire.
- d) Penalties may apply in accordance with Rule 12 in the event that a team is not ready to start play.

3.9.1.2 Disagreement between Timekeepers

- a) In the event of any disagreement between the two Timekeepers as to the length or variation of the time of any quarter such dispute shall:
 - i. In the case of the first or second quarters, be reported to the Field Umpire at half time interval; and
 - ii. In the case of the third and fourth quarters, be reported at the conclusion of the game.
- b) The field umpires must note any disagreement in the report to the league
- c) In the event of a protest on the result of the match on the grounds of an error in timekeeping, a copy of the report will be made available to the WAFC who shall adjudicate as to the result of the game.
- d) Should a WAFLW club not supply a Timekeeper for the match, the WAFLW club will have no right for appeal.

3.9.1.3 Timekeepers Error

- a) Any Club may protest the rule of a match to the WAFC on the grounds that the result was affected by an error in timekeeping.
- b) The WAFC will determine the impact of the error and make a determination with respect to the match results and/or any score adjustment.

3.10 Coaches

- a) All Head Coaches officiating in the WAFLW League Competition must:
 - i. Minimum Level 2 Coaching Accreditation; and
 - ii. Register as a coach with their club on Coach AFL before Round 1 of the current season;
- b) All coaches officiating in the Reserves & Rogers Cup Competitions must:
 - i. Have attained Level 1 AFL Coaching Accreditation; or
 - ii. Be registered to attain a Level 1 AFL Coaching Accreditation before Round 1 of the current season; and
 - iii. Register as a coach with their club on Coach AFL before Round 1 of the current season.

3.11 Runners

- a) Each Club shall be entitled to use two (2) Runners in each Grade of the WAFLW.
- b) The Runner's role is solely to deliver messages from the coaching staff to Players on the Playing Arena.
- c) The Runner must immediately vacate the Playing Arena once the message has been delivered.
- d) The Runner must not interfere with the course of play.
- e) For the avoidance of doubt, interfering includes standing in and filling a space at set plays.
- f) The Runner is not permitted to coach or remain on the Playing Arena barracking and will be asked to leave by any Umpire.
- g) In the event that a Runner remains on the Playing Arena contrary to the role, a free kick may be awarded against the team to which the Runner belongs at the spot of the infringement or where the ball is at that time, whichever is the greater penalty.
- h) Only one (1) Runner from each team is permitted entry to the Playing Arena at any one time.
- i) Access to and from the Playing Arena for League, Reserves and Rogers Cup Runners must be directly in front of the Club's Interchange Bench.
- j) Field Umpires will note any infringements to this Rule 3.11 on the Official Team Sheet.
- k) Runners not adhering to (b) - (i) must be warned in the first instance and in the event that the Runner continues to act contrary to (b) - (j), the Runner must be reported to the WAFC via the Ground Managers Form or via the MDP. Clubs will be fined if Runners are reported in such instances in accordance with Rule 12.
- l) A Runner must wear the required attire, as specified by the WAFLW. A runner's uniform shall be a prescribed coloured shirt/vest emblazoned with the word "runner", on the back which must be worn in all divisions. Failure to do so will incur a fine under Rule 12.
- m) A Runner must not engage in physical contact of any nature that may cause injury to any Player, Official or Umpire or initiate physical contact of any nature while on the Playing Arena.
- n) Runners must be reported in accordance with the procedure for Notice of Investigation or Report by an Umpire as detailed in the Laws of Australian Football by the Field Umpires for infringements of (m) above to be included in the Match Day Paperwork by way of a Notice of Investigation or Report.
- o) The WAFLW, including referring to the Tribunal, shall determine any penalty following any report made in accordance with (n) above.

- p) Any penalties incurred by a Player acting as a Runner must be viewed as penalties against a Player in regard to the competition medals for fair play.
- q) Where a Runner uses foul or abusive language, a free kick may be awarded against the team to which the Runner belongs at the spot of the infringement or where the ball is at that time or whichever is the greater penalty.
- r) A suspended player or suspended club official is not permitted to act as a Runner.

3.12 Trainers, Water Carriers & Physiotherapists

3.12.1 Water Carriers

- a) Appointed Water Carriers must be at least 16 years of age.
- b) Official vests will be supplied by the WAFLW Club for the Water Carriers to wear.
- c) Water Carriers may wear Club shorts, polos and club jackets under the official vest.
- d) Enclosed footwear (sneakers or joggers) must be worn at all times by the Water Carriers.
- e) All Water Carriers must wear numbered vests and be included on the Official Team Sheet.
- f) A water carrier is permitted on the playing surface but must immediately leave once he or she has completed their role.
- g) A suspended player or suspended club official is not permitted to act as a water carrier.
- h) All water carriers are subject to the same investigations and penalties as a player, including suspension, sanctions or fines.

3.12.2 Sports Trainers

- a) People not accredited as Sports Trainers through Sports Medicine Australia (MSA) will be regarded as Water Carriers.
- b) Sports Trainers must as a minimum have a current First Aid qualification and a current CPR qualification.
- c) Sports trainers must be at least 16 years of age.
- d) A maximum of (4) Water Carriers/Sports Trainers are permitted to officiate during any official WAFLW match.
- e) Sports trainers may wear Club shorts, polos and Club jackets under the official vest.
- f) Enclosed footwear (sneakers or joggers) are to be worn at all times by Sports Trainers.
- g) A trainer must not act as a runner (i.e deliver messages)
- h) The obvious exception is where a player is injured and requires the attention of the trainer/water carrier.
- i) Trainers entering the playing arena for the purpose of attending an injured player must not interfere with the play in any way and must vacate the arena as soon as possible.

3.12.3 Physiotherapists

- a) Physiotherapists will be required to wear official vests supplied by their representative Club signifying their position i.e “Physiotherapist”
- b) For the purpose of calculating the number of Water Carriers/Sports Trainers in accordance with 3.12.2(b) Physiotherapists are additional.

3.12.4 Trainers/Physio & Water Carriers Procedures

- a) Sports Trainers and Water Carriers must remain behind the Boundary Line while the game is in progress and enter the Playing Arena only when there is a clear break in play away from the player/s.
- b) Sports Trainers and Water Carriers must not unnecessarily remain on the Playing Arena only even though there is a clear break in play, with the exception of any instance where a Player is injured and requires the attention of the Sports Trainer and or Physiotherapist.
- c) Any sponsorship advertising on any part of a uniform must be approved by the WAFC.
- d) Sports Trainers and Physiotherapists entering the Playing Arena for the purpose of attending an injured Player must not interfere with the play in any way and must vacate the Playing Area as soon as possible
- e) Water Carriers, Sports Trainers and Physiotherapists must not stand inside the 50m Arc during a point kick in.
- f) In the event that a point kick in takes place while a Sports Trainer/Physiotherapist is required for the purpose of treating an injured Player inside the 50 Metre Arc the Sports Trainer/Physiotherapist should notify the umpire before the kick in occurs.
- g) Water Carriers/Sports Trainers must not stand inside the centre square during the centre bounce/ball up after a goal is scored and at the start of the quarter
- i) Penalties may apply for a breach of this Rule in accordance to Rule 12.

3.13 Interchange

- a) The Team Manager, other Club Official or nominated volunteer can perform the role of the ‘interchange steward’.
- b) Players leaving the playing field other than through the interchange cannot take further part in the match except when carried off on the stretcher.
- c) If a player became ineligible to further participate in the remainder of a match, both stewards are to note the time, circumstances and the player’s team and playing number on the control sheet.
- d) Players eligible to interchange throughout the match must cross the boundary within the marked lines, player off first, player on second.

- e) These records are to be used in the event of a headcount or a disagreement on a yellow card player returning to play after they have completed the cooling off period.

3.14 Umpires

- a) All Field, boundary and goal Umpires for all WAFLW League, Reserves and Rogers Cup will be appointed by the WAFC Umpiring Department on a weekly basis.
- b) Umpires for League and Reserves must have completed a minimum Level 2 Umpiring Accreditation.
- c) The remuneration to be paid to each appointed umpire shall be determined by the WAFC Umpiring Department.
- d) The field, boundary and goal umpires must be dressed in the approved uniform.
- e) The Number 1 field umpire must submit the match report electronically through the Match Day Paperwork (MDP) App directly after the conclusion of the match.
 - i. The Official Team Sheet and Score Cards from the match and emailed to wafwoperations@wafc.com.au
 - a) the final scores;
 - b) such other remarks and observations as the umpire may think fit to report;
 - c) details of any player reported in accordance with the laws of the game;
 - d) The Fairest and Best Votes for players participating in that game on the Sports TG Match Day App; and
 - e) such other information as WAFLW Operations shall require from time to time.
- f) Approaches to Umpires or Umpires Officials during a game:
 - i. Coaches must not approach an Umpire at any time whilst the Umpire is officiating a game; and
 - a) Captains may approach Umpires during the $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ time breaks.

3.15 Stretchers

- a) A stretcher can only be called upon by an official qualified trainer, club doctor or club Physio
- b) If a player is removed from the ground on a stretcher, the player can only return to the playing field after:
 - i. 18 minutes of playing time has passed; and
 - ii. has been cleared by a qualified trainer.
- c) The timekeepers will:
 - i. record the time the player leaves the ground; and

- ii. advise the team managers and player when they are allowed to return to the field.

3.16 Melees

- a) All Melees will be reported and referred to the WAFLW Tribunal for determination and penalty where appropriate.
- b) Runners, trainers (unless giving immediate attention to a player), water carriers, officials and anyone not listed as a player for that game will immediately vacate the playing field. The onus for compliance rests with the participating clubs. Non-compliance will be reported as misconduct by the umpires or umpires' observers.
- c) Umpires will attempt to diffuse the situation and breakup the group without entering into the immediate area of conflict.
- d) If this is unsuccessful the umpiring team will position themselves around the melee noting carefully the numbers of the players or officials involved.
- e) Where it can be determined, the instigating player or players involved in the physical confrontation will be sent off.
- f) Should any other players move from any part of the playing area and participate in the physical confrontation situation, they will also be sent off.
- g) This regulation will not apply to the Coach/Captain or players who are acting in the proper manner to diffuse the confrontation situation by controlling their players and team mates.
- h) If at any time the umpire's safety is at risk, the field umpire will blow his/her whistle and all umpires will group together and leave the ground.
- i) The result of an abandoned game will be decided by the Tribunal after hearing all charges laid for that game.
- j) Umpires will report the teams for misconduct. Umpires are not required to individually notify those involved. Notifying the attending club official at the end of the match will suffice.
- k) Umpires observing specific incidents within the melee (i.e. striking, kicking, etc.) will lay charges in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football.

3.17 WAFLW Player Availability - 2021 season

3.17.1 AFLW Player Availability (Player load and availability)

- a) Generally, Players are contracted until May 31 and the stance of the AFLW Clubs is that AFLW listed players may be permitted to play in state league matches (including preseason), during

this period, as per the AFLW CBA/PA, unless both the player and the AFLW club sees an extenuating circumstance to not allow selection.

- b) AFLW player exit reviews, inclusive of medical screenings, will take place immediately post AFLW season.
- c) Listed players may be required to wear a GPS to ensure the appropriate word loads are met before consideration for selection.
- d) Prior to any match the AFLW Players must be declared fit to play by the AFLW Club prior to any round of the WAFLW home and away season and if the player is returning from injury.
- e) The AFLW clubs will provide direction to the respective WAFLW clubs with regards to players who is be available to play on Thursday prior to the team selection.
- f) AFLW Players can only play in the WAFLW League Competition. AFLW Players cannot play in the Reserves or Rogers Cup Competitions.

4 EQUALISATION SYSTEM – POINTS LIST

The Equalisation System is in place to create a competition which is exciting and even and appealing to players, spectators, sponsors and the public in general. It uses a points list allocation system to assess and monitor the movement of Talent Identified players based on their playing background.

Importantly, the points list imposes an allocation on the relative strength of a WAFLW Club to ensure that no one WAFLW Club has a list of transferred Players substantially stronger than any other WAFLW Club. The classification of Players in this manner ensures equalisation across the WAFLW to the overall advantage of all WAFLW Clubs.

The WAFLW will conduct an annual review of the Equalisation system with all stakeholders at the completion of the 2021 season.

4.1 Player Points List

- a) Each WAFLW Club must include and submit the names of all senior Registered Players on a Senior Player Points List that is comprised of a Minimum of 35 Players.
- b) Each Player on the Senior Player Points List must be allocated points based on history and aligned to a point category as outlined in Rule 4.7
- c) The Senior Player Points List of Players must not exceed a maximum of 25 cumulative Player points.
- d) No cumulative player points will be will be applied for the Reserves teams.
- e) Players nominated by the WAFLW Club and included in the top 10 names of the Senior Player Points List are Protected Players in accordance with Rule 4.3 Protected Players.
- f) Players may not participate in any WAFLW League Match unless they are included on the WAFLW Club Senior Player Points List.
- g) Nothing in this Rule 4.1 excuses a Player included on the Senior Player Points List from satisfying the requirements of registration in accordance with Rule 2.
- h) Players possessing temporary registration by way of a Type 1 Match Day Permit are not permitted to be included on the WAFLW Club Senior Player Point List.
- i) Players included on the Senior Player Point List registered by way of a Type 2 Permit Local Interchange will be regarded as a Temporary Registered Player of their respective Secondary WAFLW Club and will always remain as a Registered player at their Primary WAFLW Club.
- j) Players may not participate in any WAFLW League match unless they are included in the 35 names on the WAFLW Club Senior Player Points List of players on the day of the match.
- k) Players named in the League squad on the Thursday night must be listed on the 35 list.
- l) Representative Points are only based on the preceding three (3) year's list of Talent Identified Players, excluding AFLW players.
- m) AFLW players will be allocated a points value without limitation to the preceding three years.

- n) Talent Identified Players will only carry points if they do not play at the player's First Played Club.
- o) Players who satisfy more than one category under Rule 4.7 must be classified under the category with the highest point value.
- p) An Interstate Player will be assigned points based on their State, Territory or AFLW playing history.
- q) A Player-coach accumulates points under the Player Point List as a player (if applicable).
- r) Any player who participates in more than one game in a fixtured round will carry points into each game and those points will accumulate towards the player's Club and League Player Points List allocation for each round of competition.
- s) Any player who transfers back to the player's First Played Club will not carry any points.
- t) Players that are type two permitted to a WAFLW League Team will be permitted at a value of 50% for the 2021 season. For the avoidance of doubt, reductions will be applied in accordance with 4.3c).
- u) Any player with a points value of 1 point or greater who participates in a League match is required to be listed as a 35 listed player for the remainder of the season.
- v) The WAFLW may, in its absolute discretion without giving reasons:
 - i. apply a points value to a WAFLW Club based on an individual club circumstance. I.e. competitive balance
 - ii. apply a points value to a player based on an individual players circumstance.

4.2 Player Points Additions and Removals

- a) Eligible Players may be added or removed from a WAFLW Club Senior Player Points List via the WAFL Online administration system or by notice in writing to the WAFL by an Authorised Officer of the WAFLW Club.
- b) Any AFLW player with a points value is required to be listed for the remainder of the season.
- c) The WAFLW will approve and make all necessary changes, subject to Rule 2.
- d) Where the addition of a Player to a WAFLW Club Senior Player Points List will exceed the 25-point maximum, the Player change will not be accepted by the WAFLW and the WAFLW Club will be advised.
- e) Players who satisfy more than one-point category must be classified under the category with the highest point value.
- f) Players registered in accordance with the Family History provisions will be regarded as Local District Players.
- g) Players transferred from the WAFLW Club will be removed from the respective WAFLW Club Senior Player Points List by the WAFLW on completion of transfer.
- h) Each WAFLW Club must include and submit the names of all registered Players on a Player Point List in accordance with Rule 4.6.

4.3 Player Service Reduction

- a) A Player that is not considered a Zoned/Club of Origin Player and has an existing point value higher than 1 in accordance with Rule 4.2 will have their point value halved at the completion of their third (3rd) consecutive season of senior football for the respective WAFLW Club.
- b) The process outlined at (a) will occur at the completion of the initial block of three (3) seasons and the player will have their point value halved thereafter at the completion of each season until the Player is no longer regarded as a Registered Player of the WAFLW Club or the Player reaches a Player Point Value of 0.
- c) For the purposes of calculating points in accordance with (a) and (b), or players on temporary registration, where the Player Point Values is not a whole number after the initial value is halved, the value will be rounded up to the nearest whole number.
- d) Any Player Point Value reductions applied at one WAFLW Club will not be recognised if the Player transfers to another WAFLW Club.

4.4 Protected Player List

- a) All clubs must submit a Protected Players List in accordance with Rule 4.4
- b) The Protected Players List must be submitted to Football Operations at a time determined by the WAFLW in order to be utilised for the following playing season.
- c) Any player on a club's Protected Player List will carry Transfer Points under Rule 4.7 if the player is transferred to another club.
- d) The Protected Player List will be Non-Talent Identified Players as per Rule 4.7.4
- e) A player who is not on a club's Protected Player List that has a Notice of Player Discussion submitted cannot be added to the club's Protected Player List.
- f) When a club has a player moving clubs they must notify the player if they are a protected player on their list and will carry points.

4.5 Long-term Injury List

- a) Each WAFLW Club may list additional Players on the WAFLW Clubs Long Term Injury List as Long Term Injury Players (LTIP). These Players are Players who are not able to play matches for an extended period of time due to injury.
- b) A WAFLW Club may have up four (4) Senior Players and two (2) Roger Cup Long Term Injury List Players at any one time.
- c) Inclusion on the Long-Term Injury List requires submission of the Notification of Long Term Injury to Football Operations via email to wafwoperations@wafc.com.au.
- d) The WAFLW Club Authorised Officer, a WAFLW Club Medical Officer and the injured Player must all sign the Notification of Long Term Injury.
- e) The WAFLW Club Authorised Officer must include supporting evidence detailing the nature of the injury with the Notification of Long Term Injury.

- f) The WAFLW will include the Player on the WAFLW Club Long Term Injury List upon receiving the above documentation for a period of no less than 6 weeks and no more than 12 calendar months.
- g) Any Player listed on the WAFLW Club Long Term Injury List will not have a point value awarded, will not contribute towards the cumulative total of points and will not be included in the minimum list Players for that WAFLW Club for the purposes of Rule 4.1.
- h) Long Term Injury Players are regarded as Protected Players.
- i) Any AFLW Player who is currently on an AFLW Longterm injury list may be include on the WAFLW LTIP, if the AFLW has countersigned the Form 8b.
- j) If a player plays in football competition whilst listed on the LTIP, the player will be removed immediately by the WAFC.
- k) Any player placed on a club's Long-term Injury List will still be eligible to receive Loyalty Points for that season that the player is placed on the Long-term Injury List.

4.6 Process

- a) All Clubs must act in accordance with the WAFLW Equalisation System Timeline requirements.
- b) If a club wishes to dispute the First Played Club of a player or points value of a player, they must do so in writing to Football Operations within the 6 business days of the transfer being finalised.
- c) Each club is responsible to ensure that it will not go over the Club or League Player Points List (this includes any Type 1 Permit of Interstate players and any players added to the team list manually on game day).
- d) The Player Points List will be reviewed at the end of each season and clubs will have the opportunity to provide feedback along with any proposed changes.
- e) In the event that arbitration is required, the Arbitrator will hear the matter.

4.7 Player Points Value

4.7.1 Talent Identified Points

Point Value	Player Category
2	AFLW State U19's player (Participated in the National Championships)
4	AFLW National Academy
5	AFL W – Drafted or Rookie listed player

4.7.2 Loyalty Points

Point Value
Points halved at the completion of the 3 rd season and every year thereafter.

4.7.3 Transfer Points

Point Value	Transfer Points
+2	Any player on a Protected Player List who transfers to another club
+3	Any player on South Fremantle's protected players list

4.7.4 Protected Players List

Club	Number of Protected Players
Claremont	10 Players
East Fremantle	10 Players
Peel	10 Players
South Fremantle	12 Players
Subiaco	10 Players
Swan Districts	10 Players

4.8 Breach

- Any clubs that exceed their League point's allocation will be deemed to have played an ineligible player and the club will be fined as per Rule 12.
- Any clubs that exceed the Club point's allocation will be deemed to have played an ineligible player and the club will be issued a fine and loss of premiership points for the clubs League and Reserve matches that round in accordance with these Rules.

5 REPORTS, TRIBUNAL AND DISPUTE PROCESSES

This Rule relates to how breaches of any Laws of Australian Football or any of these Rules are dealt with. It outlines the processes for any protests or disputes regarding such breaches including how tribunal and appeals hearings are to be conducted.

5.1 Independent Investigations Officer

The Board or Football Operations shall be entitled to exercise discretion to utilise the services of the Tribunal or a WAFLW Arbitrator to investigate any matter pertaining to these Rules.

5.2 Behaviour Detrimental to Football

- a) In this Rule 5, "official of a Club" includes any director, committee member, employee, coach, team support person, or any person acting as or holding himself or herself out as an agent of a Club.
- b) Any statement, comment, act or omission by an official of a Club or a Player which does or is likely to:
 - i. damage the image of the WAFLW, football in Western Australia, any WAFLW Club or a Player in the opinion of the of the Board;
 - ii. adversely affect the standing or reputation of the WAFLW; or
 - iii. prejudice the good order, management, control or administration of football, including but not limited to:
 - a. public criticism or perceived criticism of Umpires;
 - b. any deliberate act or omission in contravention of the Laws of Australian Football, these Rules or a Policy under these Rules;
 - c. failing to respond to any reasonable request by the WAFLW;
 - d. the occurrence of a melee at a WAFLW Fixture including practice, pre-season, qualifying and finals matches; or
 - e. any action or deed that may occur outside of the football environment that may affect the good standing and reputation of the WAFLW competition,

shall constitute an offence by the official or Player for which the Player's Club or the Player may be liable.

5.2.1 The process for the Implementation of a fine under this rule

- a) Football Operations may, in its discretion, investigate any alleged breach of Rule 5.2.
- b) Any Club or person may request an investigation into an alleged breach of Rule 5.2, subject to Rule 5.2.1(a).
- c) Any Club or person requesting an investigation of an alleged breach of Rule 5.2 in accordance with Rule 5.2.1(b) must notify Football Operations within 48 hours of:
 - i. witnessing the alleged breach; or
 - a) becoming aware of the alleged breach.
- d) If Football Operations believes there are sufficient grounds to suspect a breach of Rule 5.2 following an investigation held in accordance with Rule 5.2.1(a), Football Operations shall give notice to the Club concerned to attend a meeting where the Club may make a submission in response to the alleged breach.
- e) Any notice provided in accordance with Rule 5.2.1(a) shall be given in writing, and fix a time and a place at which the Club may be heard at least 48 hours after the date of service of such notice.
- f) After the meeting held in accordance Rule 5.2.1(a), if Football Operations is of the opinion that there has been a contravention of Rule 5.2, Football Operations shall impose on the Club the following penalties:
 - i. for a first offence, a fine of not less than \$50;
 - ii. for a second offence, a fine of not less than \$150;
 - iii. for a third offence, a fine of not less than \$300; and
 - iv. if the perpetrator is a registered Player of the WAFLW competition Football Operations may also suspend or de-register the Player.
- g) Notwithstanding the penalties enumerated under Rule 5.2.1(f), Football Operations shall be entitled to remit either, in whole or in part, so much of any penalty as may be imposed on a Club, as Football Operations considers fair and reasonable in the circumstances.
- h) In the case of an offence subsequent to a third offence, Football Operations may impose such penalty as they determine in their absolute discretion, including but not limited to forfeiture of Premiership points in any competition administered by the WAFLW.
- i) As from 1 January each year, all Clubs shall be deemed not to have previously committed an offence under Rule 5.2, with the intent that the next contravention of Rule 5.2 shall be deemed to be the Club's first offence.

5.2.2 Appeals procedure

- a) Any Club aggrieved by a finding or penalty imposed under Rule 5.2 may appeal against such finding and/or penalty directly to the WAFLW Arbitrator.
- b) To initiate an appeal, a Club must:
 - i. notify Football Operations in writing within seven (7) days of the date the penalty is imposed; and
 - ii. pay the WAWFL a deposit of \$300, which shall be refunded in the event of a successful appeal, or at the discretion of Football Operations.
- c) The WAFLW Arbitrator shall not hear any appeal until the applicable fees have been received by the WAWFL.
- d) The WAFLW Arbitrator shall hear and determine the outcome of any appeal, and may:
 - i. dismiss the appeal;
 - a) set aside a finding of Football Operations and substitute its own finding;
 - b) affirm the penalty imposed; or
 - c) set aside the penalty imposed and impose such penalty as the WAFLW Arbitrator thinks fit including a determination of exceptional circumstance and imposing a penalty which is less than the prescribed minimum for such offence.
- e) At a hearing before the WAFLW Arbitrator, the Club against whom the complaint is made may select a representative who has been appointed as such in writing under the hand of the President of the Club.
- f) The finding of the WAFLW Arbitrator at this appeal shall be final and binding.
- g) Any action taken against a Club under this rule shall not prejudice or affect any action taken under the Rules, by-laws or regulations of the league against the person for whom the Club is liable to be penalised under this Rule 5.2.

5.3 Report by Umpires

- a) Only registered field, boundary and goal umpires, are permitted to report any player, club official or club who commits or engages in conduct which may constitute a Reportable Offence as per the Laws of Australian Football or breaches these Rules or a Policy.
- b) If an umpire has a good faith belief that a player or Official has committed a Reportable Offence during a Match, the Umpire shall inform the person that they have been reported:
 - i. at the time of the offence;

- a) before the commencement of the next quarter; or
 - b) where the incident occurs in the final quarter, as soon as is reasonably practicable after the completion of the final quarter.
- c) An Umpire may inform the captain, acting captain or the official of the Club with which the reported person is registered of the report, where it is impractical to inform the person who has been reported.
- d) As soon as practical after the completion of the Match, the Umpire shall complete a Report via the Sports TG MDP App. The Umpire shall:
 - i. categorise the Reportable Offence having regard to the categories of Reportable Offences (and where applicable, the grading of a Reportable Offence), as set out under Rule 6;
 - a) include the Report of Player Form in the Match-day paperwork submitted to Football Operations at the completion of the Match; and
 - b) retain a copy of the Report of Player Form.
- e) The Report of Player Form must be received by Football Operations no later than 9am Monday following the match.
- f) Football Operations in his or her absolute discretion may dismiss the matter, issue a caution, or submit the report for hearing and determination by the Tribunal.

5.4 Notice of Investigation

- a) Football Operations may, from time to time, be asked by a WAFLW Club, WAFC official or an WAFLW Umpire to investigate particular incidents if they are at the game in an official capacity.
- b) Where an Umpire suspects that a person has, or may have committed a Reportable Offence, the Umpire must, as soon as practical after completion of that Match and on the day of the Match:
 - i. complete a Notice of Investigation and
 - a) lodge a copy of the Notice of Investigation through the online form to Football Operations.
- c) Where a WAFLW Club suspects that a person may have committed a Reportable Offence, the Club President may:
 - i. submit a written complaint or Notice of Investigation to Football Operations by emailing wafwoperations@wafc.com.au no later than 9am on Monday after the

Match. Notification will be sent to the Club if a Notice of Investigation will proceed to the Tribunal.

- d) Where a Player involved in a Match suspects that a person may have committed a Reportable Offence, the Player shall only submit a Notice of Investigation through their WAFLW Club, in accordance with 5.4(c).
- e) A Notice of Investigation or protest lodged by a club shall be accompanied by a \$200 bond which will be refunded if the matter is upheld.
- f) Football Operations may:
 - i. withdraw the Notice of Investigation; or
 - a) refer the Notice of Investigation directly (“direct referral”) to the Tribunal if Football Operations has a reasonable belief that a Reportable Offence has taken place.
- g) If Football Operations refers a Notice of Investigation directly to the Tribunal, Football Operations shall fix and give notice to the reported person’s Club and any other person or Club directly involved, of the date, time and place for the Tribunal hearing.
- h) Notwithstanding any of the above, Football Operations can initiate or dismiss a Notice of Investigation at any time.

5.5 Medical and Victim Impact Reports

- a) All WAFLW Clubs must submit a Form 35 (Victim Impact Report) relating to any Notice of Charge or Notice of Investigation to the WAFC by:
 - i. no later than 9:00am on the first working day after the Match; or
 - ii. any other time otherwise agreed at the discretion of the WAFC.
- b) The WAFC, in its discretion, may request a Medical Report result from any incident occurring during any Match.
- c) A Medical Report requested in accordance with (b) above, must be forwarded to the WAFC no later than Monday 7:00pm following the match.
- d) Any failure to submit a Form 35 (Victim Impact Report) in accordance with (a) or a medical report in accordance with (b) will be referred to the WAFC and may result in the imposition of a penalty upon the relevant Club.

5.6 Match Review Panel

For the avoidance of doubt, Rule 5.6.1 and Rule 5.6.2 will only be used in the WAFLW League Competition. A player or official who breaches the Laws of Australian Football may be dealt with under these rules.

5.6.1 Composition of Match Review Panel

- a) The WAFC may, from time to time, appoint persons to a body to be known as the Match

- Review Panel.
- b) Any person appointed to the Match Review Panel shall be:
 - i. a barrister or solicitor holding a current practicing certificate; or
 - ii. a person who possesses sufficient knowledge of Australian football, as determined by the WAFC.
 - c) The Match Review Panel shall consist of:
 - i. A Chairperson (Chairperson of the Match Panel Panel); and/or
 - ii. Up to two (2) Appeal Panel members.
 - d) The composition and members of the Match Review Panel shall be confirmed prior to the commencement of competition matches in any given season, with the exception of persons appointed to the Match Review Panel by the WAFC to fill any vacancies.
 - e) A member of the Match Review Panel may resign by providing notice in writing to the WAFC.
 - f) The WAFC may remove a person appointed to the Match Review Panel at any time in its absolute discretion.

5.6.2 Procedure of Match Review Panel

- a) Any video footage captured by any WAFLW Club must be provided upon request to the WAFC for the purpose of reviewing that video evidence in relation to a Notice of Charge, Notice of Investigation or any other incident as determined by the WAFC.
- b) WAFLW Clubs must do everything in their power to reasonably seek and obtain any video evidence relating to a Notice of Charge, Notice of Investigation or any other incident referred by the WAFC from any person upon request by the WAFC.
- c) The Match Review Panel shall view all video evidence relating to a Notice of Charge, Notice of Investigation or any other incident referred by the WAFC, on the first working day following the match.
- d) The Match Review Panel, in its discretion, may:
 - i. refer to Medical and/or Victim Impact Reports provided in accordance with Rule 5.5; and/ or
 - ii. contact the victim's Club and request information concerning the extent of any injury suffered by the victim during the course of the Reportable Offence; and/ or
 - iii. contact the Club or umpire whom the notice of charge or investigation was lodged by to gather evidence in relation to an alleged incident; and
 - iv. use such information to determine a penalty, if necessary, which is consistent with previous, similar Reportable Offences.
- e) Subject to (e) above, the Match Review Panel may issue sanctions including, but not limited to:
 - i. reprimand;
 - ii. fine; and/or
 - iii. suspension.
- f) If the Match Review Panel determines that an incident under review in accordance with (a) is a Reportable Offence, the Match Review Panel shall issue a Notice of Charge to the charged Person and that Person's Club, as well as any other relevant Person involved in the incident.

- g) A Notice of Charge issued in accordance with (e) shall include:
 - i. a sanction;
 - ii. an early plea penalty offer, which may be accepted
 - iii. an additional one week penalty for any Player previously found guilty of a Reportable Offence,
 - iv. unless the Reportable Offence is classified as a Direct Tribunal Offence,
- h) The Match Review Panel, in its discretion, may amend, issue or dismiss a Notice of Charge, Notice of Investigation or any other incident referred by the WAFC.

5.7 Appealing Decisions

- a) A Club may lodge an appeal with Football Operations within twenty-four (24) hours of being notified of a Notice of Charge if the Club feels that a Notice of Charge has been wrongly adjudicated.
- b) Any Club appealing a Notice of Charge to the Tribunal must submit:
 - i. a written notice to Football Operations together with the sum of \$200; and
 - a) a copy of the written notice to the opposing Club at the same time that the Club notifies Football Operations.
- c) Any protest made under this Rule shall be referred by Football Operations to the Tribunal.
- d) Where a matter has been referred by Football Operations to the WAWFL Tribunal, Football Operations will notify the respective Clubs and Umpire(s) involved in the matter the date, time and location the matter will be heard by the WAWFL Tribunal.
- e) Both Clubs shall be expected to attend the Tribunal however the Notice of Charge may be heard at a later date but no later than 8pm on a Thursday night immediately following the fixture which gave rise to the Club lodging the complaint.
- f) The sum of \$200 shall be forfeited to the league upon dismissal of the protest by the WAWFL Tribunal. The said amount shall be refunded if the protest or charge is upheld.

5.8 Changes to Notice of Charge

- a) Any Notice of Charge may be amended by Football Operations at or before a Tribunal hearing.
- b) If Football Operations amends a Notice of Charge in accordance with (a) above, the Tribunal hearing on that amended Notice of Charge shall only proceed:
 - i. at the discretion of the Tribunal Chairperson; and

- a) where the facts relied upon are primarily the same as for the original charge. For example, an Umpire may make a mistake with the number of the Player.
- c) The Tribunal may, in its discretion, find a Player guilty of a related or lesser charge. For example, a Player could be found guilty of attempting to strike, kick or trip if found not guilty of striking, kicking or tripping.

5.9 Tribunal

- a) The WAFC shall, from time to time, appoint persons to disciplinary tribunal to be known as the Tribunal
- b) The Tribunal has been appointed by the Board and WAFC to hear cases relating to the WAFLW.
- c) The Tribunal shall exercise the following functions and its decision shall be final:
 - i. hear all referred reports in respect of offences under the Laws of Australian Football, including these Rules, except to the extent that these Rules provide for matters to be determined otherwise;
 - a) re-open and re-hear any matter previously dealt with if the Tribunal in its discretion considers such a step justified;
 - b) hear and determine any charge or protest referred or lodged pursuant to the Tribunal jurisdiction granted under these Rules; or
 - c) impose such penalties authorised by these Rules as it deems fit or it may give a caution. The range of penalties may include, but are not limited to a:
 - a. fines;
 - b. reprimands or
 - c. suspension.

5.9.1 Timing and Location of the Tribunal

- a) Football Operations shall, in all cases, be satisfied that the relevant Rules have been complied with before submitting a matter for the hearing and determination of the Tribunal.
- b) The Tribunal shall meet to consider any Notice of Charge at a time convenient to the Tribunal and any other parties involved, subject to its absolute discretion.
- c) Any Tribunal hearing convened in accordance with (b) shall be held by no later than 8pm on the Thursday night immediately following the event giving rise to the Notice of Charge.

- d) Any Tribunal hearing shall be held at a place designated by the Football Operations unless the Tribunal dealing with that particular matter directs some other place of hearing and reasonable notice of such place is given to the parties involved.
- e) A Tribunal hearing may be adjourned to another time and place, reasonable notice of which shall be given to the parties involved.

5.9.2 Attendance at Tribunal hearing

- a) An Umpire who lodges a Notice of Charge against any Player or Official of a Club shall attend the Tribunal hearing of that charge.
- b) Any person of any Club against whom a Notice of Charge has been lodged shall attend the Tribunal hearing of that charge.
- c) Any person of any Club against whom an offence has been committed in respect of which a Notice of Charge has been lodged shall attend the Tribunal hearing of that charge.
- d) The Tribunal may, of its own motion, or at the request of any party to a matter before it, require the attendance at a Tribunal hearing of:
 - i. any person of a Club; and/or
 - a) any Umpire,and such Player, Official and/or Umpire shall attend as required.
- e) The Tribunal, in its discretion, may allow the attendance of other persons to witness the Tribunal procedures.
- f) If one or more persons does not attend the scheduled Tribunal hearing:
 - i. the Tribunal hearing may be postponed to another time, date and/or place; and
 - a) the offending persons may be charged under Rule 5.10.

5.9.2.1 Role of WAFLW representative

- a) The role of the Football Operations representative in attendance at the Tribunal will be to:
 - i. advise the Tribunal as to the prior record of the charged person and provide appropriate paper work including the outcome of the Notice of Charge and available technical support for the operation of teleconference calls or video evidence; and
 - ii. advise on the application of the penalty.

5.9.3 Tribunal Penalties

- a) The Classification Table shall be used to assess and deliver penalties.

- b) The Tribunal may, in its discretion, determine penalties with regard to the following issues:
 - i. careless acts will form the lower end of the penalty scale with penalties increasing as the intent increases;
 - a) the degree of force used will influence the penalty with regard to any potential for injury; and
 - b) the resulting injury will also be taken into account when determining the penalty.
 - c) Penalties issued for second or subsequent offences, particularly within the same season, will be greater than if it were a first offence.
 - d) All persons and Clubs should note that penalties for acts deemed intentional shall be severe

5.9.4 Application of suspension

- a) A person who has been suspended or disqualified by the Tribunal, an Umpire and/or Football Operations shall be ineligible for selection in an official WAFLW competition.
- b) Pursuant to (a) above, a person who has been suspended or disqualified would be ineligible for interstate, intercity or special matches.
- c) If Players, particularly young Players, are selected in competition/s other than the WAFLW competition, including but not limited to School or Representative team matches, these matches must be taken into account in the serving of the Player's suspension.
- d) Any suspension handed down by the Tribunal is based on serving the sentence within the competition and playing for the team in which the player received the penalty when playing for. If the penalty is required to be served over multiple years, it shall be based on the team in which the player would naturally progress to at the discretion of the WAFC.

5.9.5 Suspended Players

- a) If any WAFLW Player plays in another association whether affiliated or not, whilst still under suspension, that Player's original penalty will automatically be doubled.
- b) Any player, Official, Club Member or Spectator suspended by either a tribunal or prescribed penalty in a WAFC affiliated competition will not be permitted to play, coach or participate in any capacity, in any football competition or program including schools, senior metropolitan community football or regional football, for the duration of the penalty.
- c) Any AFLW player suspended by either the AFLW or WAFLW tribunal shall serve their suspension regardless of what competition they have been suspended in.

- d) Unless otherwise specified by the Tribunal Chairperson, suspensions which carry over from one season to the next will be served in the home and away season.
- e) Any Player who has been found guilty of a Reportable Offence shall:
 - i. be ineligible to win a fairest and best award that year in which they were suspended;
 - ii. be ineligible to play in any representative team while serving the suspension; and
 - iii. serve the suspension in the grade or division from which the report was made irrespective of any other team the player's club may have.

5.10 Obligations of Persons Attending the Tribunal

- a) Any person shall be deemed to have failed in their obligations to the WAFLW Tribunal in accordance with this Rule 5.10, if that person:
 - i. fails to attend a hearing of the Tribunal as required and does not show good cause for such failure;
 - a) refuses to answer any question in the course of the hearing and does not show good cause for such refusal;
 - b) in the course of giving evidence at the hearing, wilfully endeavours to mislead the Tribunal; or
 - c) acts in an unreasonable manner while attending a hearing of the Tribunal.
- b) Any person who fails to comply with Rule 5.10(a) shall be guilty of misconduct and incur:
 - i. suspension or disqualification as a Player and/or official; or
 - a) a fine not exceeding \$500.
- c) A person, as defendant or witness, may only be excused from attendance at the Tribunal under exceptional circumstances. Clubs should contact Football Operations to offer the circumstances and gain an exemption from attending in consultation with the Tribunal Chairperson. In such cases, a telephone link may be established by the person unable to attend and the Tribunal as it sits.

5.11 Tribunal Decisions

- a) A decision of the Tribunal shall be final and no appeal will be allowed.
- b) Tribunal outcomes will not be published.

6 REPORTABLE OFFENCES

This section provides some guidelines as to the different categories of Reportable Offences and the appropriate sanctions and courses of action in respect of such offences.

These guidelines are designed primarily to be used by Umpires (or some other person or persons responsible for assessing a report or referral to determine the appropriate sanction or course of action prior to any Tribunal involvement.

A Tribunal may adopt these guidelines (at their absolute discretion) to assist in assessing the particular alleged offence and appropriate sanctions for such an offence.

6.1 Process

Report

The Match Committee will assess all reports and referrals of potential Reportable Offences. Reportable Offences are reported as follows:

- **Notice of Report:** May be lodged by an officiating Umpire or an Umpire Coach.
 - **Referral/investigation:** May be lodged by a Club or League Official
- a) If a report takes place on match day, the player or official must be advised prior to or at the conclusion of the match.
- b) All reports must be lodged with the umpire's match day paperwork

All Notice of Reports & Referrals are to be received by **9am on Monday** after the match is played. The Match Committee will gather the required information relevant to making a decision on whether a charge is made.

Determination of type of offence and appropriate charge

Following the review of each report or referral, the Match Committee will determine whether the charge is appropriate and alter the charge if required. There are two types of Reportable Offences:

- A low level offence
- A classifiable offence
- A direct to tribunal offence (referred directly to the community football tribunal)

The Match Committee will inform the player and their club president whether or not a reported or referred player has been charged and the corresponding base sanction for that charge by **5pm Monday** after the match is played.

Options available to the player or official charged with a reportable offence

A player or official charged with a Reportable Offence may:

- Submit an early guilty plea, in which case the relevant sanction for the Reportable Offence will apply subject to a reduction available as a result of the early guilty plea as per grading table.

- Contest a charge at the Tribunal using evidence to show they are not guilty of the classifiable offence or guilty of a lesser charge.

The player or official charged must submit their option by **12pm Tuesday** after the match is played.

Tribunal Hearing

The tribunal will hear a charge for which a Player or Official had pleaded not guilty or has pleaded guilty to a lesser charge. The tribunal may find the Player or Official guilty of the original charge, a lesser charge or not guilty of any charge. The tribunal will determine the appropriate sanction within the Standard Range of Penalties for the Reportable Offence if it finds the player guilty of a Reportable Offence.

Players, Officials and Umpires are permitted to be accompanied by an advocate however this advocate may not be a legal practitioner. An advocate will only be permitted to provide evidence on the Player, Official or Umpires behalf.

6.2 Reportable Offences

A reportable offence occurs where a Player or Official commits any of the offences set out in Law 19.2.2 of the Laws of Australian Football. Broadly speaking there are three categories of Reportable Offences - Low Level, Classifiable, and Direct to Tribunal Offences.

Any Offence defined in the AFL Laws of the Game but not specified in these Tribunal Guidelines will be categorised as Direct to Tribunal Offences.

Low Level Offences

List of Low Level Offences

The following are low-level offences which do not require classification however may be addressed by the Football Operations through issuing of a Yellow or Red Card. In the case of a red card, the player will receive an automatic 1 match suspension.

If relevant and appropriate evidence is present, Football Operations has the powers to:

- Issue Yellow & Red Cards
- Upgrade a Yellow Card to a Red Card
- Downgrade a Red Card

Low Level Offences cannot be taken to the Community Football Tribunal:

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| • Attempt to strike, kick or trip | • Wrestling |
| • Careless contact with an umpire | • Obscene gesture |
| • Spitting at another player | • Disputing decision |
| • Melee | • Pinching |
| • Staging | • Interfering with Player kicking for goal |
| • Making unreasonable or unnecessary contact with an injured Player | • Not leaving playing surface |
| • Using abusive, insulting, or obscene language | • Shaking goal post |
| | • Prohibited boots, jewellery, equipment |

- Time wasting
- Throwing or pushing a Player after that Player has taken a mark, disposed of the ball or after the ball is out of play
- Any other act of low-level misconduct which is not a Classifiable Offence or Direct Tribunal Offence

Classifiable Offences

List of Classifiable Offences

The following offences are Reportable Offences that are graded by the Junior Match Committee to determine an appropriate base sanction:

- Striking
- Kicking
- Kneeing
- Stomping
- Charging
- Rough Conduct
- Forceful front on contact
- Headbutt or contact using head
- Eye-gouging/unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the eye region
- Unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the face
- Scratching
- Tripping

Grading of Classifiable Offences

Conduct	Impact	Contact	Base Sanction	Early Guilty Plea
Intentional	Severe	High/Groin	5+ Matches (Tribunal)	N/A
		Body	4+ Matches (Tribunal)	N/A
	High	High/Groin	4 Matches	3 Matches
		Body	3 Matches	2 Matches
	Medium	High/Groin	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Body	2 Matches	1 Match
	Low	High/Groin	2 Matches	1 Match
		Body	1 Match	Fine & / or Reprimand
Careless	Severe	High/Groin	4+ Matches (Tribunal)	N/A
		Body	3+ Matches (Tribunal)	N/A
	High	High/Groin	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Body	2 Matches	1 Match
	Medium	High/Groin	2 Matches	1 Match
		Body	1 Match	Yellow Card/Reprimand
	Low	High/Groin	1 Match	Yellow Card/Reprimand
		Body	1 Match	Yellow Card/Reprimand

As indicated in the table above, the determination of a base sanction for a Classifiable Offence will be made based on an assessment of whether:

1. The conduct is Intentional or Careless
2. The impact is Severe, High, Medium or Low; and
3. The Contact with the other Player/Official is High/Groin or to the Body

All penalties (Base Sanction and Early Guilty Plea) will be doubled if the player or official has been found guilty of a reportable offence within the past 12 months.

Reduction in base sanction for early guilty plea

The base sanction for Classifiable Offences will be subsequently decreased where a player submits an early guilty plea.

Direct to Tribunal Offences

List of Direct to Tribunal Offences

The following offences are Reportable Offences that are sent directly to the Community Football Tribunal to determine an appropriate penalty within the Standard Range of Penalties:

- Intentional contact with an umpire
- Striking an umpire
- Spitting on or at an umpire
- Spitting on another person
- Attempting to strike an umpire
- Instigator of a Melee
- Behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an umpire
- Any classifiable offence which attracts a base sanction that the Junior Match Committee finds inappropriate
- Any other act of serious misconduct which the Junior Match Committee considers appropriate to send to the Community Football Tribunal.

The Community Football Tribunal will determine the appropriate sanction for a Direct to Tribunal offence within the Standard Range of Penalties.

6.3 Yellow and Red Cards (Order off law)

For the avoidance of doubt, Yellow and Red Cards will only be used in the Rogers Cup & Reserves Competitions. A player or official who breaches the Laws of Australian Football or these Rules may be dealt with under two categories:

- a) Yellow Card (Order off - Cool off) – For behaviour detrimental to Football which includes but does not limit minor offences as listed below:
 - i. a Yellow Card offence will require the field umpire to Order Off the field an offending player or official for a period of 15 minutes playing time. A replacement is permitted straight away;
 - a) in the event that a Player or Official is issued with two Yellow Card offences on the day of the match, then this will be considered as a Red Card and the offender shall take no further part in the game but can be replaced straight away;
 - b) in the event a player receives three (3) yellow cards throughout the season this will be deemed an automatic two weeks suspension from two playing matches for that Club; and
 - c) note: the ordered off player or official is required to immediately leave the field by running directly via the interchange area.

- b) **Red Card (Order off – Stay off)** – For committing any Reportable Offence as listed below which the umpire considers the offender’s action may warrant the offence to be dealt with by the Tribunal (if appropriate) or where applicable, elect to accept a prescribed penalty.
- i. a Red Card offence will require the field umpire to Order Off the field an offending Player or official for the remainder of the match. A replacement is permitted straight away;
 - a) the offending player or official shall take no further part in the match and may be required to attend the Tribunal or where applicable, elect to accept a prescribed penalty; and
 - b) note: the ordered off player or official is required to immediately leave the field by running directly via the interchange area.
 - c) In the event that a player or Official fails or refuses to leave the field immediately when ordered off the field for a Red Card Offence, the field umpire shall advise the captain, acting captain or player of the same team, the consequences of the offender’s action. Should the offender continue to refuse to leave the field, the field umpire shall terminate the match and the offending person’s team shall forfeit the Match.

6.4 Other Considerations

6.4.1 Injury

The Adjudicator can inquire and receive information as to the nature and extent of any injury suffered by a player in relation to a Reportable Offence. The nature and extent of injury may be a relevant factor in determining the level of impact, point of contact and, in some instances, the nature of the conduct.

6.4.2 Victim Impact

- a) In addition to the above, the following table provides a summary of applicable base level impact guidelines for Low, Medium, High & Severe Impact incidents:

Minimal or no impact on the match - the Player continued to play the majority of the match and suffered no or minimal ongoing issues.

Low

- Continued playing with no attention from trainers;
- Left ground received minimal treatment and returned to play;
- Left the ground due to blood rule and returned after minimal interruption and treatment.

Clearly some impact on the Player, and / or the Player left the field for a lengthy period of time, and/ or some possible lower level ongoing treatment(s) required.

- Medium**
- Left ground aided by training staff, received treatment and returned after an extended period of match time;
 - Left ground to receive treatment from training or medical staff to be able to return i.e. stitches/significant bandaging;
 - Left the ground on a stretcher and returned to play after the 20 minute time period
 - Left the ground but will be available for selection next week.

Major impact on the Player, and / or the Player was unable to participate in the remainder of the game, and / or major ongoing issues that require medical intervention and / or may miss some matches

- High**
- Continued to play but received medical treatment post-match and may be unavailable for selection;
 - Took no further part in the match and will be unavailable for selection next week.

Major impact and serious injury to the Player, and / or likely to miss a significant number of matches

- Severe**
- Took no further part in the match and will be unavailable for selection for multiple weeks.

Note – These are base level impact guidelines. The impact can be raised under the potential to cause serious injury at the absolute discretion of the Match Review Panel or Tribunal. The italic text is supplied by the AFL State and Territory Tribunal Guidelines.

6.4.3 Umpires/Accused/Victim

The Adjudicator may contact the reporting umpire, accused and victim to assist in the determination of the offer to be made.

6.5 Offer

- a) In determining the offer which is to be made, the Adjudicator will refer to the Classification Table.
- b) The Adjudicator shall set out details of the relevant factors including conduct, impact and contact as well as penalty offered (where applicable) in respect of all charges referred to the Tribunal.
- c) Where a player is found guilty of the charge at the Tribunal, the starting point for determining the applicable penalty will be the penalty which was originally offered by the Adjudicator. That penalty may then be increased or decreased by the Tribunal at its discretion, depending on whether the evidence warrants such an increase or decrease.

6.5.1 No Prescribed Penalty

Where no specific penalty is prescribed in respect of any Reportable Offence under the Laws of the Australian Football or these Rules, the Tribunal or WAFLW Arbitrator may impose a fine not exceeding \$1000 and/or other penalties as deemed fit.

7 FINALS

This Rule outlines criteria for participation by players in finals matches in order to ensure fairness and consistency during the finals series. It also establishes the format of the finals series.

7.1 Eligibility for Finals – (League/ Reserves/Rogers Cup)

- a) Any player must have played a minimum one (1) home and away match to qualify for finals in that grade.
- b) Any player is eligible to play finals in a higher grade if they have played a minimum of one (1) home and away match in a lower grade.
- c) AFLW Players must play in two (2) WAFLW League home and away matches to qualify to play in a WAFLW League finals match.
- d) If any Player has played in more than one (1) Grade in the home and away season, there are conditions placed upon the player should that Player seek to play in a lower grade in Finals Matches:
 - i. where a Player must have played five (5) qualifying games in the lower grade to be eligible to play in any Finals Match in that grade.
- e) The five (5) Game Rule will apply to:
 - i. qualified WAFLW League Players to play WAFLW Reserves or Rogers Cup; or
 - ii. WAFLW Reserves players to play Rogers Cup
- f) Where a WAFLW Club's higher-grade team is playing in the Finals, but not playing on the same weekend where lower grade teams are playing then the five (5) Game Rule shall always apply.
- g) Where a WAFLW Club's higher-grade team(s) are playing on the same weekend the club may select up to two (2) players who do not meet the qualification under Rule 7.1 d) i).
- h) Where a Player plays in all three (3) grades during the season (being League, Reserves and Rogers Cup Grades) then she shall qualify to play Reserves finals if:
 - i. she fulfils the finals qualification for the Rogers Cup; or
 - ii. she does not qualify for the Rogers Cup, but her number of Reserves and Rogers Cup Matches she has played is greater than the number of League Matches she has played for the season.
- i) For the purposes of "qualifying" games, a Player who plays in more than one (1) Grade for her Club during the same fixture will be credited only with one (1) game in the highest grade in which she plays in that fixture.
- j) A forfeited or abandoned game shall count as a qualifying match provided that upon the match being forfeited or abandoned the club receiving the forfeit shall forward their team sheet of 21 players who were selected in such match which included the player seeking qualification by 9am Monday morning. This Rule only applies to the team receiving the benefit of the forfeit or abandonment.

7.2 Finals Matches

- a) Finals Team lists – All clubs fielding teams in the finals series must lodge to Football Operations a list as accurate as possible showing the number and name of all permitted players likely to participate in the finals match for inclusion in the record at least 6 days prior to the playing of the first finals series match. Failure to adhere to this the club will be fined as determined by the Board. Submission of the team list is for promotional purposes.
- b) Official team sheet showing Surname and first names and Guernsey number of each player participating in the game must be handed to Field Umpires prior to commencement of game.
- c) The venue for Finals will be at the discretion of the WAFLW.
- d) No club team may play in finals if unfinancial for any monies due to the WAWFL by way of affiliations, fines, functions or other accounts for goods and services.
- e) Duration of quarters: Duration of quarters will remain the same as during the normal home and away season. Time on to be added where there is undue delay in any quarter, such as a stretcher coming onto the ground for an injured player or where an umpire stops the game because of a serious injury or melee, lost or damaged ball. (In these circumstances timekeepers will be directed by the field umpires.)
- f) After the conclusion of all qualifying round matches, the finals matches shall be played.
- g) The finals games in each division shall consist of four (4) matches to be played by the top four (4) qualifying teams in each division over a period of three (3) weeks, unless determined otherwise by the WAFLW
- h) The top four (4) qualifying teams leading at the conclusion of the qualifying round games are determined as follows:
 - i. at the end of the qualifying round of matches in each division teams shall be ranked in descending order according to premiership points gained, the team with the greatest number of points being ranked first; and
 - ii. should two or more teams gain the same number of premiership points, the one which has the best percentage of points for, over points against, shall be ranked highest.
- i) The four (4) Finals round matches shall be played as follows:-
 - i. First Semi-Final - third plays fourth (played week one of finals);
 - ii. Second Semi-Final - first plays second (played week one of finals);
 - iii. Preliminary Final - the winner of (i) shall play the loser of (ii) (played week two of finals); and

- iv. Grand Final - the winner of (ii) shall play the winner of (iii) (played week three of finals).
- j) The winner of the Grand Final match shall be Premiers for that season.

7.3 Drawn Matches in Final Rounds

- a) There shall be no drawn match result in finals matches.
- b) All games will be decided by two by five (2x5) minute periods of extra time. If the scores are level after the completion of the first two by five periods of extra time then a second two by five periods will be played. This will continue until a result is reached.
- c) In finals where the score is level at the elapsed time, the timekeepers shall sound the siren. The goal umpires shall consult with each other as to the correct score and confirm to the field umpires that the scores are level and signal to the timekeepers that the scores are correct.
- d) On receiving confirmation that the scores are level, the field umpires shall advise both captains that two additional five (5) minute periods with time on shall be played.
- e) The interval between the siren to conclude the fourth quarter and the commencement of the first period of additional time shall be six (6) minutes. Coaches shall be permitted to address teams during this period and other club staff entitled under the Rules to enter the arena at the intervals may also attend their team.
- f) At the conclusion of the first period of additional time, teams shall immediately change ends. Coaches and other club staff shall not be permitted to enter the arena at this time.
- g) If scores are still level at conclusion of first two periods of extra time, teams shall immediately change ends and another two periods will be played.

8 REMUNERATION & FINANCE

8.1 Remuneration

This rule is in place to protect the amateur status of the WAFLW and to promote an even and fair competition.

- a) The WAFLW players participate as amateur players.
- b) Players are not to receive or agree to receive, either directly or indirectly, any payments whatsoever in respect to their participation as a player in the WAFLW.
- c) Payments may include, but are not limited to:
 - i. match payments;
 - ii. sponsorship;
 - iii. reimbursement of expenses;
 - iv. travelling expenses; or
 - v. otherwise.
- d) A club which makes payment, either directly or indirectly, by remuneration, earnings or reward whatsoever, to any of its players shall be fined a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).
- e) Any player who has received a payment or reward shall be fined the sum not exceeding five hundred (\$500) and the players registration to play shall be cancelled until such time as a new application has been lodged and approved by the Board.
- f) The amount of the fine in each instance shall be determined by Football Operations, providing that the Board may, from time to time, upon application, approve reimbursement of expenses such as travelling, payment of an honorarium or otherwise.

8.2 Finance

This rule relates to the payment of affiliation fees and fines and establishes penalties where clubs are in default.

8.2.1 Affiliation Fees

All accounts must be paid in four instalments due on a date to be determined by the Board or in full prior to the commencement of the season. If payment is not received by the due date, a fine of 0.5% per day to a maximum of \$100 will be imposed.

8.2.2 Fines

- a) All fines incurred by any clubs, officials of clubs, or players, shall be paid into the funds of the WAWFL.
- b) A club or player shall be deemed to be in default if the fine is not paid within fourteen (14) days after notice that the fine has been incurred. A late fee will be determined by the Board and issued to the offending club or player/person.

8.2.3 Default of Clubs and Players

- a) If any club shall fail to pay any annual fees, contribution, call, fine or other payment for which the club is liable under these Rules within the time prescribed for such payment, or by the closure of the WAWFL's financial year, the club shall be deemed to be unfinancial and no nomination or re-nomination shall be accepted for the following season unless able to provide reasons as to why they should be eligible for re-nomination.
- b) Clubs who default in payment shall be deemed unfinancial and may not be permitted to participate in any further matches until the outstanding amount is paid. The team who the defaulting club is to play shall be awarded the match under the Laws of Australian Football.
- c) No club may participate in finals games if it has any invoice outstanding. Outstanding monies must be received in the WAWFL bank account before 5pm Thursday prior to the finals fixture game.
- d) An unfinancial club shall lose its representation to the WAFLW until they shall have made the payment.
- e) Any club expelled from the WAFLW shall lose and forfeit all interest and benefit of the club in the WAFLW and in funds and property of the WAFLW as from the date of expulsion.
- f) If any player shall fail to pay any fine incurred by him under these Rules, the player shall be disqualified from playing in any match until the fine has been paid.

9 ZONES

The geographic area of Western Australia will be divided into discrete areas and allocated to the WAFLW Clubs. Players who reside in these areas will be bound to the WAFLW Club in accordance with Rule 2.6 This is designed to give benefit to WAFLW Clubs who assist in the development of their Zoned Players.

9.1 WAFLW Club Districts / Zones

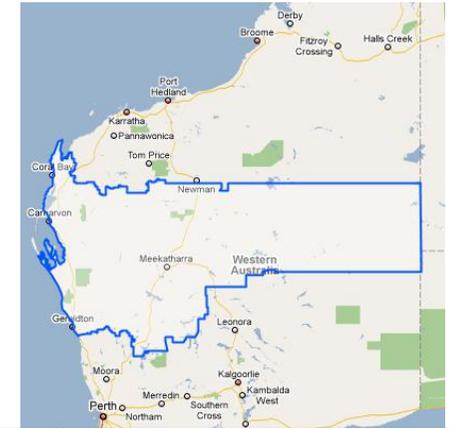
- a) The WAFC may, from time to time, as the circumstances shall require, define and delineate zones and the boundaries thereof and may alter or vary such zones or add new zones.

9.2 Country Zone Boundaries

Zone	Shires
CLAREMONT	
<p>Southern Zone</p>	<p>Shires of Cranbrook, Tambellup, Gnowangerup, Jerramungup, Kent, Lake Grace, Ravensthorpe, Plantagenet, Denmark, Albany plus the Town of Albany. The postcode of Walpole is also zoned to Claremont as they play in the Great Southern Football League.</p> 
<p>Kimberley Zone</p>	<p>Shires of Wyndham-East Kimberley, Ngaanyatjarraku, Derby-West Kimberley, Broome, and Halls Creek.</p> 

EAST FREMANTLE

Shires of Mullewa, Greenough (including the City of Geraldton), Chapman Valley, Shark Bay, Northampton, Murchison, Cue, Sandstone, Mt Magnet and Yalgoo.



EAST PERTH

Shires of Busselton, Boyup Brook, Bridgetown – Greenbushes, Manjimup, Nannup, Kojanup and Augusta – Margaret River. The postcode of Walpole is zoned to Claremont as they play in the Great Southern Football League. Kojonup is zoned to East Perth as they play in the Lower South West Football League.



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Eastern Zone

Shires of Boddington, Wandering, Brookton, Pingelly, Wickpin, Cuballing, Williams, West Arthur, Wagin, Narrogin, Dumbleyung, Katanning, Woodanilling and Broomehill plus the Town of Narrogin.



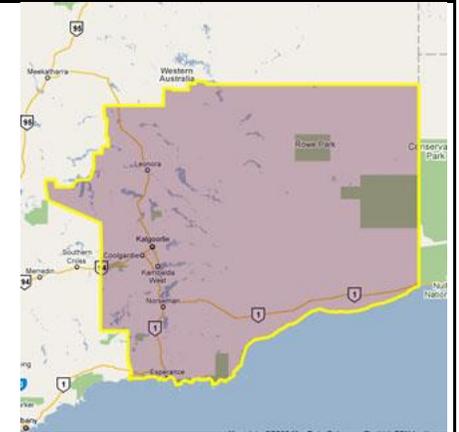
Gascoyne/Central Zone

The Shires of Exmouth, Carnarvon, Upper Gascoyne, Meekatharra, and Wiluna



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Shires of Esperance, Coolgardie, Dundas, Menzies, Leonora, Laverton and the City of Kalgoorlie/Boulder.



SWAN DISTRICTS

Southern Zone

City of Bunbury plus the localities of Gelorup and Dalyellup within the Shire of Capel.
The post code of Wundowie is also zoned to Swan Districts as they play in the Hills Football League.



Pilbara Zone

The Shires of Ashburton, Roebourne, Port Hedland and East Pilbara.



**WEST PERTH
FALCONS**

Shires of Mount Marshall, Koorda, Mukinbudin, Trayning, Nungarin, Westonia, Yilgarn, Merredin, Bruce Rock, Corrigin, Narembeen, Kondinin and Kulin.

The post code of Kalannie is also zoned to West Perth as they play in the Eastern Districts Football League.



9.3 Metropolitan District / Zone Boundaries

Zone	Boundaries	Map
CLAREMONT	<p>Western boundary: Indian Ocean Coastline from the westward extension of Tydeman Rd north to the northern boundary of the locality of North Beach near Hale St.</p> <p>Northern boundary: The northern and then eastern border of the locality of North Beach and then Trigg to its junction with Karrinyup Rd. The northern border follows Karrinyup Rd until its junction with the Mitchell Freeway.</p> <p>Eastern boundary: From the intersection of Karrinyup road south along the Mitchell freeway to the Narrows bridge.</p> <p>Southern boundary: Swan River from the Narrows Bridge to the eastern extension of John Street.</p>	
EAST FREMANTLE	<p>Western Boundary: North from the intersection of Rowley Road and Lyon Road continuing along the Western border of the locality of Banjup until the intersection of Armadale Road and Tapper Road. West along Armadale Road to the Kwinana Freeway then North to South Street. Then West along South Street to Murdoch Drive. North along Murdoch Drive and then West along Leach Highway excluding the localities of Kardinya and Winthrop. Follow the Western border of the locality of Winthrop South along North Lake Rd to its junction with Garling St.</p> <p>Follow Garling St West to Stock Rd. Then follow Stock Rd North to Sainsbury Rd, then West along Sainsbury Rd to its intersection with Carrington St. Follow Carrington St North to the intersection with High St, then West to the intersection with Stirling Highway. North along Stirling Highway to Marmion Street then continue West along Marmion following the Southern boundary of the locality of East Fremantle and then North along the same boundary following East Street to the Swan River.</p> <p>Northern Boundary: River from western boundary of the Town of East Fremantle to the juncture of the Canning River and the eastern border of the locality of Riverton.</p>	

Eastern Boundary: From the juncture of the Canning River and the Eastern border of the locality of Riverton South to the juncture of the localities of Riverton, Ferndale and High Road being the Northern border of the locality of Parkwood. Exclude the locality of Parkwood by following High Rd and Willeri Drive and then the Southern border of the locality of Parkwood, along the Roe highway, to its intersection with Nicholson Rd. Then South along Nicholson Road and its continuation to Garden Street to its intersection with Warton Rd.

Continue along the Eastern Border of the locality of Southern River until its intersection of Tonkin Hwy and Champion Drive. Continue South along Champion Drive until the intersection of Williams Road, being the Southern border of Seville Grove. Continue West along the Southern border of Seville Grove until the intersection of Armadale Road and Eighth Road. Then South along Eighth Road to the South Eastern corner of the locality of Brookdale at Harber Drive and Wungong Road.

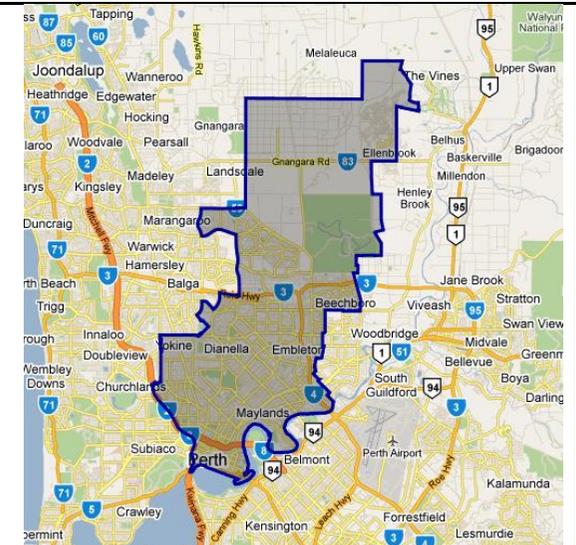
Southern Boundary: From the intersection at Harbour Drive and Wungong Road West along Wungong Road following the Southern borders of Brookdale, Hilbert, Forrestdale and Banjup to the intersection of Rowley Road and Lyon Road.

EAST PERTH

Western Boundary: Mitchell Freeway from the Swan River to Scarborough Beach Rd. East along Scarborough Beach Rd and Green Street to its junction with the locality of Joondanna. Follow the Western and then Northern aspects of the border of the locality of Joondanna to its intersection with Wanneroo Rd. Follow Wanneroo Road North to Morley Drive. The boundary then moves East along Morley drive to the junction of the Nollamara locality and then North along the common Nollamara and Dianella locality boundaries. Follow the Southern boundary of the locality of Mirrabooka along Reid highway to Alexander Drive then North to its intersection with Marangaroo Dve. Follow Marangaroo Dve West to Mirrabooka Ave, continue North to Hepburn Ave.

Northern Boundary: Follow Hepburn Ave East to the boundary of the locality of Cullacabardee. Follow the boundary of Cullacabardee North to the Northern boundary of the locality of Lexia. Continue North then East along the Northern boundary of Lexia to the boundary of the locality of Ellenbrook, follow this boundary North and then continue East along the Northern boundary of Ellenbrook.

Eastern Boundary: South along the Eastern boundary of the locality of Ellenbrook to Gnangara Rd, follow Gnangara road West to the intersection of Lord St at the Eastern border of the locality



Whiteman. Continue South along the Eastern border of Whiteman and the Eastern border of the locality of Beechboro to the intersection of Lord St and Benara Rd. Follow Benara Rd West to its intersection with the Eastern border of the city of Morley. Follow the Eastern border of Morley and Bayswater South to the Swan River.

Southern Boundary: Swan River west to the Narrows Bridge.

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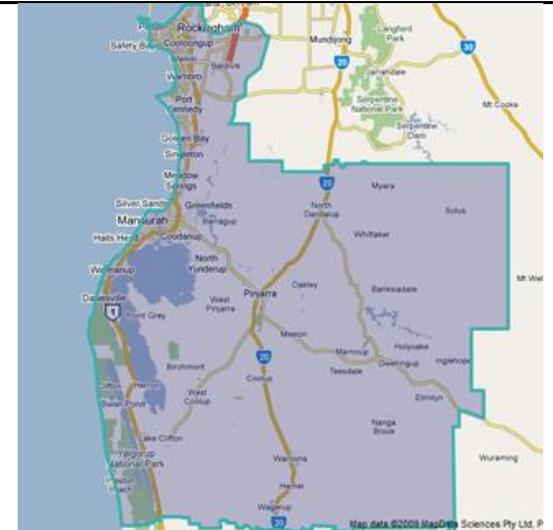
Western Boundary: Indian Ocean coastline from the northern boundary of the City of Bunbury to the southern boundary of the Town of Kwinana.

Northern Boundary: From the coast along the southern boundary of the Town of Kwinana to the juncture of the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale and the Town of Kwinana. South along the common border of the City of Rockingham and the shire of Serpentine/Jarrahdale and then east along the northern boundary of the Shire of Murray.

Eastern Boundary: South along the eastern border of the Shires of Murray, Waroona, Harvey, Collie and Donnybrook/Balingyup.

Southern Boundary: The southern boundary of the Shires of Collie, Donnybrook and Balingyup, Dardanup and Capel to the coast.

EXCLUSION: The City of Bunbury and the localities of Gelorup and Dalyellup are zoned to Swan Districts.



PERTH

Western Boundary: North East along Warton Road from its juncture with the City of Armadale to its intersection with Garden Street. North West along the southern border of Huntingdale along Garden Street and its continuation, Nicholson Road. From Nicholson Rd follow the southern border of the locality of Parkwood and then its western border following Willeri Drive. Continue along the northern border of the locality of Parkwood to the common border of the localities of Ferndale and Riverton. Follow this border north to the Canning River.

Northern Boundary: The southern bank of the Swan River between the Narrows Bridge and the north boundary of the City of Belmont.

Eastern Boundary: Follow the North East boundary of the City of Belmont and City of Canning south to its juncture with the City of Gosnells north east boundary. Continue south along this border to its juncture with the City of Armadale.

Southern Boundary: From the eastern juncture of the City of Gosnells and the City of Armadale, west along the southern boundary of the City of Gosnells until its juncture with Warton Road.



SOUTH FREMANTLE

Western Boundary: The Southern portion of the land North of the Swan River from the Western extension of Tydeman Rd and its Eastern continuation, John Street. On the South side of the Swan river the boundary follows the Indian Ocean Coastline from the Swan River junction with the City of Fremantle to the Southern border of the Town of Kwinana, East along the Southern border of the town of Kwinana and then South along the common border of the City of Rockingham and the shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale.

Northern Boundary: Along the Southern bank of the Swan River at Fremantle North East to the Eastern border of the City of Fremantle at East Street. South along this border following East Street to Marmion Street then West along Marmion Street following the Fremantle locality boundary to Stirling Highway. Follow Stirling Highway South to High street and then East along High street to Carrington Street. South on Carrington St to Sainsbury Rd, then East along Sainsbury St to Stock Rd. South on Stock Rd following the Western border of the locality of Willagee to Garling St, then East along Garling St following the Southern border of the locality of Willagee to North Lake Rd. Then follow the Willagee boundary North along North Lake Rd to Leach Highway. The boundary continues East along the Winthrop locality boundary first East and then South along Murdock



Drive. From Murdoch drive continue East along South Street to the Kwinana Freeway following the locality boundary of Murdoch to the Kwinana Freeway. Continue South along the Kwinana Freeway to its juncture with the Southern border of the locality of Jandakot at Armadale Rd. Continue East on Armadale Rd to the Northern border of the locality of Atwell at Tapper Rd, then follow Atwells Eastern boundary South and then the Eastern border of the locality of Aubin Grove and eventually Lyon Road to its Southern border at Rowley Rd.

Follow Rowley Road East along the Northern borders of the localities of Wandi, Oakford and Wungong to the intersection at Harber Drive and Wungong Road. Continue North along the boundary of the localities of Brookdale along Harber Drive, Tijuana Cres. and Eighth Rd to its intersection with Armadale Rd. Follow Armadale Rd East along the Southern border of the locality of Seville Grove following Braemore St and Williams Rd until Champion Dve, then North along Champion Dve still following the border of Seville Grove until the Champion Drive intersection with Tonkin Hwy. Follow the Tonkin Highway being the Northern Boundary of the Locality of Champion Lakes and then South along its Eastern border to the Northern border of the locality of Kelmscott. Follow the Northern border of Kelmscott and then Roleystone and Karragullen and then Leslie.

Eastern Boundary: The common boundaries of the Shires of Armadale/York, Armadale/Beverley, Armadale/Wandering and Serpentine-Jarrahdale/Wandering.

Southern Boundary: The southern border of the shire of Serpentine/Jarrahdale.

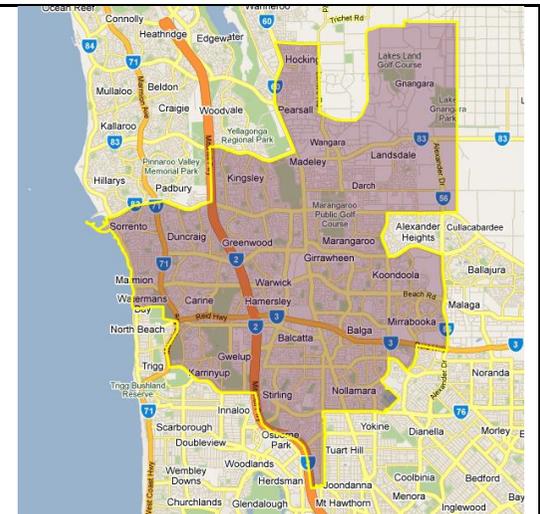
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Western Boundary: Indian Ocean Coastline from the Northern border of the locality of North Beach to the Western extension of Hepburn Avenue.

Northern Boundary: From the coast, East along Hepburn Ave to the Mitchell Freeway. North on the Mitchell Freeway to Whitfords Avenue and then East to Wanneroo Road. Follow Wanneroo Rd North around the localities of Pearsall and Hocking to the intersection of Lenore Rd and Ocean Reef Rd. Follow Ocean Reef Rd East to Badgerup Rd and the border of the locality of Gngangara, then North along the border of Gngangara.

Eastern Boundary: From the North Eastern corner of the locality of Gngangara South to the Southern border of the locality of Landsdale at Hepburn Ave. Follow Hepburn Ave West to Mirrabooka Ave, then South to Marangaroo Dve, then East to the intersection of Marangaroo Dve and Alexander Dve. Follow Alexander Dve South to Reid Hwy, then the Southern border of the locality of Mirrabooka to Morley Dve. The boundary then goes west along Morley Drive to Wanneroo Rd, then South to its junction with the locality boundary for Tuart Hill and Joondanna.

Southern Boundary: locality of Osborne Park. The boundary follows the Eastern and Southern aspects of this locality to its junction with the Mitchell Freeway. The Southern boundary then continues north along the Mitchell Freeway to its intersection with Karrinyup Rd and then West along Karrinyup Rd to Marmion Ave. The boundary continues north along Marmion Avenue and then follows the Southern aspect of the locality of Waterman's Bay to the coast.



SWAN DISTRICTS

Western Boundary: From the juncture of the City of Armadale and Gosnells and the Shire of Kalamunda, North West along the North Eastern border of the City of Gosnells. Further North West along the borders of the City of Canning and Belmont to the Swan River. The boundary continues to the Northern side of the Swan River then South West along the Swan River following the locality border of Bassendean and Ashfield. The boundary then moves North West following the Ashfield border and then the West side of the City of Bassendean, around the West boundary of the localities of Eden Hill and Kiara to Benara Rd. East along Benara Rd to Lord St and then North along the Western border of the localities of Caversham, West Swan and Henley Brook to Gnangara Rd. Continue East along Gnangara Rd following the Southern border of the locality of Ellenbrook, then follow the Eastern and Northern border of Ellenbrook to its intersection with the locality of Lexia. Follow the Northern border of Lexia West to its juncture with the West side of the City of Swan. The Western boundaries of the City of Swan and Chittering complete the Western boundary.

Northern Boundary: The boundary of the Shire of Chittering from its junction with the City of Wanneroo.

Eastern Boundary: The common boundary between the Shires of Chittering and Toodyay, the City of Swan and Toodyay, Mundaring and Northam and Mundaring and York to its junction with the City of Armadale.

Southern Boundary: Westward along the southern boundary of the Shire of Kalamunda from the point adjoining the Shire of York to the juncture of the Shires of Kalamunda, Gosnells and Armadale.



**WEST PERTH
FALCONS**

Western Boundary: Indian Ocean Coastline from Hepburn Avenue to the northern boundary of the City of Wanneroo.

Northern Boundary: From the coast along the Wanneroo - Gingin boundary to the Shire of Chittering boundary.

Eastern Boundary: South along the common boundary of the Shires of Wanneroo/Chittering and Wanneroo/Swan to the South East corner of the locality of Jandabup.

Southern Boundary: West from the juncture of the locality boundaries of Jandabup and Gnangara following the Northern boundary of Gnangara to its intersection with Ocean Reef Rd. Continue East along Ocean Reef Rd to the locality boundary of Pearsall at the intersection of Lenore Rd. Follow the boundary of the localities of Pearsall and Hocking until the intersection of Wanneroo Rd and Ocean Reef Rd. Continue South along Wanneroo Rd to Whitfords Avenue, then West along Whitfords Avenue to the Mitchell Freeway. South along the Mitchell Freeway to Hepburn Avenue. Continue West along Hepburn Avenue to the coast.



10 Rogers Cup Competition

The Rogers Cup Competition is an age restricted competition, that will foster the best players in aged in 15 – 18 in the current seasons calendar year. The WAFLW have adopted some specific competition rules to support the Female Football pathway that differ to the Senior Competitions.

The aim of the Rogers Cup Competition is to develop young footballers to the maximum of their ability.

To achieve their potential, Players are to be coached in such a way that develops:

- The skills, physical attributes and football knowledge, and the
- Personal characteristics and self-esteem of each Player.

The WAFLW believes that the above development can be maximised in an environment that:

- Emphasises individual player development rather than team success
- Emphasises individual contribution as an essential component in a team environment
- Considers the Players' long-term participation in football at a variety of levels
- Promotes a balanced approve to the Players' lifestyles.

The Rogers Cup competition aims to prepare Players for progression to senior WAFLW or AFLW football. Players are therefore to be coached in a manner that physically and mentally prepares all players to successfully make this transition.

The Rogers Cup competition via the conduct and coaching of the competition prepares and encourages Players not progressing to WAFLW Senior football to continue playing football at a level commensurate to players ability, i.e. Amateurs, Country Football etc.

10.1 Registration of Players

- a) To be registered to play in the Rogers Cup competition:
 - i. Any Player reaching fifteen (15) years of age during the current season's calendar year may apply to the WAFLW to register as a Player of the WAFLW; and
 - ii. Players must be a maximum of eighteen (18) years of age in the calendar year to play in the Rogers Cup competition.
 - iii. A Player registration will only be accepted by the WAFLW if the Player satisfies the minimum and maximum age criteria.
 - iv. Should a dispute arise under this rule between a Player's club and the WAFLW, the matter will be referred to the WAFLW Arbitrator for a final determination.

10.2 Rules Relating to the Rogers Cup Competition

- a) A penalty in the Rogers cup is 50m.
- b) Soccering is permitted.
- c) A player can take a maximum of two (2) bounces of the ball.
- d) Each club must include the names of all Roger Cup registered players on Rogers Cup List that comprises of no maximum number of Players.
- e) Clubs are only permitted to list a maximum of 35 (thirty-five) Rogers Cup players aged 17 years of age and 18 years of age in the current seasons calendar year on the Rogers Cup Protected List. All other players turning 18 years of age in the current season calendar year who are not listed on the Protected List will be automatically eligible for transfer unless stated in Rule 2.3
- f) All players included on the Rogers Cup List must satisfy the requirements of registration stipulated in Rule 2.6
- g) Players included on the Rogers Cup List who are regarded as listed players (17 & 18 years old) may not be approached by any WAFLW Club until the calendar year they turn 18 years of age or older or are no longer eligible for Rogers Cup.

10.3 Talent Development Philosophy

In order to enhance the development of youth Players within the Rogers Cup Competition it is imperative that the individual philosophies of the coaches are development focused. Whilst we need to allow for individual philosophies based on the WAFL Club's requirements and the coaches' experience and knowledge, the competition needs to ensure that there is a common set of agreed practices that will assist the individual Player and the competition to develop.

The following are therefore proposed in order to achieve the objective of enhanced Player and competition development and are aligned to the AFL National Talent Philosophy.

- To provide an environment that best develops and showcases each individual's talents regardless of shape or size
- To reduce the density of player numbers around the football in order to provide an opportunity for the less physically developed players to showcase their skill set.
- Eliminate any form of "Full Ground Press" which doesn't allow forwards & defenders (Tall, Medium or Small) to develop their craft of leading to or defending the ball coming Inside 50.
- To promote and teach the art of one on one football to all underage players
- To continue to promote and harbor learning environments which encourage players to develop and showcase their repeatable skills (kicking, hand passing, decision making, marking, speed, lateral movement, etc.) without relying on their physical size.

10.3.1 Anti-Density Rules

- a) The WAFLW Rogers Cup Coach and Players must abide by the following Anti-Density Rules at all times relating to b) and c).
- b) Centre Bounce Stoppage:
 - i. Six (6) forwards and six (6) defenders must start inside each 50m arc; and
 - ii. One (1) forward and one (1) defender must start inside each goal square; and
 - iii. Wings must start around either side of the centre square and teams aren't allowed to start both wings on same side. To aid with rotations the wing closest to interchange ideally is the last position filled.
 - iv. When a team that has 17 players or less, the 'line' in which the team drops a player (say to make it 6-5-6 or 6-6-5) will first be a player from the wing(s). For any variation of this both teams must agree on match day.
 - v. Should i) – iii) above not be adhered to the following in game penalties would apply:
 - a. One (1) warning per quarter and then a free kick will be given by the umpires if a team doesn't have six (6) players inside each forward 50, one (1) player inside each goal square and one (1) player on each wing unless as stated in iv. above.
 - b. The warning and free kick can be awarded concurrently.

- c) Around Ground Stoppages and Kick Ins:
 - i. Five (5) forwards (minimum) are to be inside their attacking half and two (2) forwards (minimum) are to be inside 50; and
 - ii. Defenders must abide by the above principles (Note: They don't have to play man on man but five (5) must start in their defensive half and two (2) must be inside their defensive 50); and
 - iii. Should i) – ii) above not be adhered to the following in game penalties would apply:
 - a. One (1) warning per quarter and then a free kick plus 50m will be given by the umpires if a team doesn't have five (5) players (minimum) showing genuine intent to reset inside each attacking half and two (2) players (minimum) inside each 50m.
 - b. The warning and free kick can be awarded concurrently.
 - c. Due to rule changes which allow quicker play on's Anti-Density rules will still apply for Kick Ins. However, if the ball is kicked in quickly the umpire will call play on and it will be considered general play.

10.3.2 Anti-Density Philosophy

- a) The WAFLW Rogers Cup Coach and Players must abide by the following Anti-Density Philosophy at all times relating to:
- b) Guiding Principles:
 - i. Teams are not permitted to have a 7th defender (including a Ruck) setting up behind the ball at Around Ground Stoppages with the only exception being Inside 50 stoppage (see below);
 - ii. At Inside 50 stoppages to reduce numbers around the stoppage, teams have the flexibility to pull players clear. Some examples of this would be a Ruck who sits behind the ball allowing a Tall Forward to take the ruck contest or Midfielders who come out to allow Forwards to go in.
 - iii. Sixth forward can be inside or outside stoppage but cannot set up behind ball. The defender playing on the 6th forward can make a decision on whether he follows this player or sets up elsewhere.
 - iv. No Midfielder (including wings) should roll off from the stoppage to provide an outnumber behind the ball. Players should be encouraged to get back by work rate rather than positioning.
 - v. Should i) – iv) above not be adhered to the following post game penalties would apply:
 - a) Should continual breaches in a match occur the WAFLW Rogers Cup Coach and Club may be subject to sanction under these Rules and Regulations and/or the AFL Codes of Conduct at the absolute discretion of the WAFLW

11 STATE TEAMS

11.1 State Coach

The positions of State Coach, coaching support staff (runners, team manager etc.) will be offered to the person or persons deemed to be most suitable by the WAFC.

11.2 State Jumper

The design of the jumper shall be gold and black with the design approved by the WAFC.

11.3 State Academy – National 19's Championships

11.3.1 WAFC Selection Committee

- a) An initial training squad will be selected by the WAFC Selection Committee with WAFLW clubs being consulted regarding the selection of players.
- b) The final decision in relation to selection will be made by the WAFC Selection Committee.
- c) The selection committee will:
 - i. select a squad for the commencement of the WAFC State program;
 - ii. adhere to the WAFC State Academy Selection Policy; and
 - iii. adhere to the AFL Talent Departments recommendations outlined in the AFLW U19 National Championship Rules and Regulations.

11.3.2 Selection of Players

- a) A WAFLW Club must ensure it adheres to and supports the selected Player's requirements in accordance with this Rule 11.3.2.
- b) All Players selected for the National 19's Championships are required to:
 - i. act in accordance with the WAFC State Athlete Agreement;
 - ii. train with the State Academy on the dates outlined in the program unless a Player has been selected for WAFLW League duties for the upcoming WAFLW round, in which she will be released from one State training session in that week;
 - iii. participate in all State Academy Trial and Championship matches as outlined in the program upon selection by the Selection Committee; and
 - iv. complete a Medical Screen by a General Practitioner in accordance with the AFL Screening Questionnaire.
- c) All Players selected in the National 19's Championships must complete:
 - i. the Athlete Agreement form;
 - ii. the Medical Screening; and
 - iii. an ECG Screening;

11.3.3 Selection of Players

- a) Players not selected in the final 24 named team during National 19's Championship rounds may be available for Club duties.
- b) Players not selected in the final 24 named squad FOR the National 19's Championship are able to attend training with the respective WAFLW Club on the selection night.
- c) During the preparations Players may be released back for Club training as of the Thursday of that week and will be available for Club selection, if approved by the WAFC Talent Manager.
- d) Notification in relation to release in accordance with d) will be distributed on Wednesday of that week by the WAFC State Academy.

11.3.4 State Players WAFLW League Commitment

- a) Players regularly involved in a WAFLW Club's League Team:
 - i. will be released from one State training session each week to train with their respective
 - ii. WAFLW Club outside the designated training preparation window; and
- b) Prior to any State 19's and State 17's National Championship game there will be a preparation window whereby the state program (including training sessions) will take priority over any WAFLW commitments.

11.3.5 Key dates & Program Overview

- a) All WAFLW Clubs must adhere to all aspects of the WAFC State Academy program.

11.3.6 Responsibilities of WAFLW Clubs

- a) An individual training and match program must be agreed to at the start of the program by the State Academy and regional Player in conjunction with their WAFLW Club.
- b) WAFLW Clubs must give consideration to a Player's level of State involvement and how it may affect their home life and school.
- c) WAFLW Club and State Academy medical staff will have the opportunity to meet and at the start and conclusion of the Academy program to discuss the management of individual Players and their availability to train and compete in Club home and away or championship fixtures, taking into consideration the Medical Policy.
- d) On request by the WAFC State Academy, WAFLW Clubs must allow State Players during all WAFLW Fixtures to be monitored with State GPS units.
- e) During WAFC State Academy Program WAFLW Clubs must:
 - i. disclose all personal information that may be relevant to Player participating in the WAFC State Academy Program;
- f) Following the conclusion of the National 19's Championship;
 - i. the WAFC State Academy must recommend a Player's availability based on medical advice, however it will be the WAFLW Clubs medical staff who will make the final call on a Player's availability for selection; and

- ii. WAFLW Clubs must release Players for a one on one meeting with the WAFC State Academy. Player reports to be sent to Clubs within 2 weeks.

11.3.7 Requirements

11.3.7.1 National Academy Players

- a) WAFLW Clubs must adhere to the implementation and management of the Individual Development Plan process developed by the AFLW for their respective Player(s).
- b) WAFLW Clubs must support and report in accordance with AFLW established individual development plans for National Academy Players, including coaching, welfare, game schedule and medical. If the plan is not adhered to, the AFLW and State have the authority to remove the Player from the National or State Academy.

11.3.7.2 WA AFL Academy Player

- a) Players selected in the State Academy Program will be required to participate in trial games and other various training sessions as proposed in the State Academy Program Schedule. Events in the State Academy Program will take precedence over all WAFLW commitments.

11.3.7.3 AFL Talent Database (Smarterbase)

- b) All State Players eligible for the AFLW National Draft in any given year are to be reported on in full at a date/s determined by the AFL on the relevant database completing all required fields outlined by the AFL Talent Department.

12 PENALTIES

12.1 General Obligations

- a) Penalties are imposed at the sole discretion of the WAFLW and penalty amounts may be amended from time to time at the discretion of the WAFLW.
- b) Each club shall submit to the WAFLW by a time set by the Board in each year, a list of office bearers for the ensuing season and any club failing to comply with this Rule shall be fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100).
- c) A fine not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) may be imposed upon clubs by the Board for any offence committed under the Rules in cases where specific penalties are not prescribed for such offence.
- d) The WAFLW may, by resolution from time to time, declare any acts or omissions by clubs, players or any person not specifically mentioned in these Rules, to be offences under these Rules and may also declare the penalty for any such offences.

12.1.1 Deregistration

Where a player whilst playing in the WAFLW has accumulated a combined total of 12 weeks suspension or been found guilty of a Reportable Offence on three separate occasions in any one year, that player shall have her registration cancelled.

12.1.2 Media Statements

- a) The President is the only person authorised to make any official statement to the press on behalf of the WAFLW unless otherwise agreed to from time to time by the Board.
- b) Any player or official who makes a comment to a member of the media on the decisions or actions of the Board, or Football Operations without prior approval by the WAFLW shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500).

12.1.3 Rules and Policy Breaches

Any Player, Club or a Club representative who acts inconsistently against these Rules or a Policy may be penalised by the Board, Football Operations or Tribunal as they determine appropriate, having regard to the nature of the breach.

12.2 Fines Table

The following Fines Table provides a summary of the main fines contained in these Rules for ease of reference.

Rule	Description of Rule	Penalty
1.3	Withdrawal of nominated teams	\$200
1.4	Any club who fails to provide a presentative at organised delegates meetings	\$50
1.4	Any club who fails to provide a quorum at an Annual/Special General Meeting	\$100
2.1	False declaration of registration form	\$500
2.3.7	Official or other person in breach of Notice of Player Discussion Rule	\$500
2.5	Any team that plays an unregistered, uncleared or ineligible player	\$100
3.1.6	Forfeiting of matches	\$100-\$600
3.2	Naming Players in the budget	\$100
3.3 (a-d)	Naming squad on WAFL Website	\$100
3.3 (e-f)	Naming squad on WAFL Website	\$100
3.4	Failure to provide official game day team sheet	\$20
3.4.1	WAFL Online Information not submitted by prescribed time	\$50
3.4.1	Failure to update Sports TG team sheet by prescribed time	\$50
3.4.3	Head Count found to be incorrect	\$50
3.7	Insufficient ground markings - as reported by umpires	\$50
3.7	The use of non-endorsed footballs for matches	\$50
3.7	First Aid Stretcher not supplied or not on boundary	\$100
3.7	Siren not supplied or not in working order	\$20
3.7	Failure of coach and club official to sign team sheet	\$50
3.7	Any team who fails to provide a time keeper	\$20
3.7	Any club who fails to display and/or provide goal post padding in accordance with the Brand Guidelines	\$200
3.9.1.1	Any team not ready to commence play within prescribed time	\$20
3.11	Failure to provide the correct runners uniform	\$30
3.12	Incorrect attire for Trainers, Water Carriers & Physios	\$20
4.7	Breach of Points Allocation	\$100
5.2	Behaviour detrimental to football	\$50-\$300
5.10	Fails in relation to their obligations before the Tribunal	\$500
8.1	Payments to players by clubs	\$10,000
8.1	Receiving payments by player	\$500
8.2.1	Affiliation Fees	\$100
8.2.2	Any Club who fails to pay a fine within fourteen (14) days from when the notification was received	\$50
12.1.2	Unauthorised Media Statements	\$100
Schedule 1	Uniform Policy	\$500
Schedule 6	Bleeding & Blood Bourne Infection Policy	\$200
	Any breach of a Rule or Schedule that is not stated as a penalty provision	at the absolute discretion of Football Operations

Schedule 1 Uniform Policy WAFLW teams

Application of Licence Agreement

- a) Nothing in this Uniform Policy shall in any way undermine the terms of the Licence Agreement as applied to the relevant WAFLW Club.
- b) The WAFLW Club must fulfil all obligations set out in the Licence Agreement so far as they apply, including but not limited to those obligations relating to sponsors and advertising when applying this Uniform Policy.

Club Jumper Design & Colours

- a) Every Club upon admission to the League by the WAFC shall apply for and obtain permission of the WAFC to use the colours, uniform and design in which the Club proposes to play. This uniform, when approved, shall be registered in the minutes of the WAFC Football Affairs meetings.
- b) Any Club desiring to vary or alter its colours, uniform or design shall first apply for and obtain the permission of the WAFC to make such variation or alteration and when approved the same shall be registered by the same process, provided always that notice of such change of colours or alteration of design is given to the League not later than the first day of December in the preceding year to that in which such change is to be effected.
- c) Registration of such colours, uniform and design by Clubs shall give such Clubs the exclusive right to such colours, uniform and design as against any other Club subsequently attempting to register the same colours, uniform and design.
- d) The materials used and the manufacturing process of Club uniforms must be approved by the WAFC, who will have regard to the product license agreements from time to time in force. Any variation to the approved material or manufacturing process must be approved by the WAFC.
- e) All jumpers must adhere to the agreed WAFLW Jumper template. (see below).
- f) The WAFC may involve a competition apparel sponsor. If so then all Clubs must comply with the sponsorship requirements.
- g) The WAFC may also, on behalf of the Clubs and to be agreed by the Clubs, sell advertising on the jumpers, shorts or socks. All Clubs must comply with correct competition sponsors badges on their uniform.
- h) All sponsorships and apparel advertising must be agreed to by the WAFC. The WAFC may make decisions in this regard on behalf of the Clubs.
- i) The following guidelines cover advertising space on jumpers. Clubs must also obtain approval for the type of sponsor from the WAFC prior to any new sponsors' logos being displayed on Club Uniform.
- j) Any breach of this Uniform Policy may be penalised in accordance with Rule 12.

Club Shorts

- a) Players are permitted to wear their Club uniform coloured shorts at all games except where there is deemed to be a clash of colours. In such situations, the "home" team will wear its Club uniform coloured shorts and the "away" team will wear white shorts.
- b) Home shorts colours are:
 - Claremont – Navy
 - East Fremantle – Blue
 - East Perth – Blue
 - Peel Thunder – Navy
 - South Fremantle – Red
 - Subiaco – Maroon
 - Swan Districts – Black
 - West Perth – Blue
- c) Any Club whose Players to take the field in a uniform which does not comply with these requirements commits an offence in each match in which such uniform is worn.
- d) Any coloured under-short or bicycle short, other than 'flesh' coloured, is deemed to be a clash of colours for the purpose of this rule. Note that 'flesh' is a colour and does not mean skin colour.
- e) Approval for all short logos must be sought from the WAFC.

Club Football Boots

- a) Football Boots must be worn when playing in the WAFLW and form a part of the official uniform.

Club Socks

- a) Players must wear their Clubs agreed coloured socks. These socks may have a sponsor's badge/logo on them. All changes to sock designs and or sponsor logos must be approved by the WAFC.
- b) Players socks must be the minimum approved length as determined by the WAFC.

Club Sock Advertising Space

- a) No restriction on Logo size and can be placed anywhere but must be endorsed by the WAFLW Management Committee.
- b) Clubs may utilise the opportunity of using body transfers to promote sponsors. Transfers must be no larger than 5cm x 5cm (or equivalent) and are subject to approval by the WAFLW Management Committee.

On field Apparel Guidelines



2021 ON FIELD APPAREL GUIDELINES

KEY	PROPERTY	ASSET OWNER	DIMENSIONS
GUERNSEY			
a	Manufacturer mark	Apparel manufacturer (if not used by manufacturer this property cannot be used by a commercial partner)	Max width 5cm, max 15cm ²
b	Competition naming rights sponsor	WAFC Men's & Women's League/Reserves: Optus Colts: Simply Energy Roger's Cup: Simply Energy	Max width 11cm
Number	Front playing number	WAFC	8cm height
WAFI	Competition logo	WAFC	4cm width
c, d & e	Club chest partner logos	WAFI Club (c, d & e on all competitions except WAFI League whereby club obtains e only) WAFI League (asset d): Fremantle Dockers WAFI League (asset c): West Coast Eagles	Max 3 logos Max width 11cm per logo Max 210cm ² for all three combined (70cm ² max per partner). *If a club opts to utilise less than 3 logos, it may increase logo's c and/or d to a max of 90cm ² so long as maximum width remains at 11cm.
f	Club front of Guernsey partner	WAFI Club	1 x Partner Max 375cm ² Max Height 15cm Recommended use 30cm x 12.5cm or 25cm x 15cm
g, h & i	Manufacturer "Authentic mark" g = club logo h = WAFI logo i = manufacturer logo	WAFC, Club and Apparel manufacturer	9cm x 5cm total space g + h = 3cm width i = 6cm width
j	Club upper back of Guernsey partner	WAFI Club	1 x Partner Max 8cm height up to shoulder width
k	Lower back of Guernsey partner	Men's League/Reserves: WAFI Club Colts: Simply Energy Women's League & Reserves: Carlton Draught Women's Roger's Cup: Simply Energy	1 x Partner Max 25cm height Simply Energy 34cm x 8.4cm Carlton Draught 27cm x 12.25cm
Number	Back playing number	WAFC	27cm Height. Top of number to be placed 10cm below neck seam
Number logo	Back playing number	WAFC (Men's: WAFI logo, Women's: WAWFL logo)	2.6cm height to be placed inside number/s at bottom
SHORTS			
Front left	Clubs shorts partner 1	WAFI Club	Max width 12cm, max 70cm ²
Front right	Competition shorts partner 1	Men's & Women's League/Reserves: (TBC) Colts: WAFC asset (TBC) Rogers Cup: WAFC asset (TBC)	Max width 12cm, max 70cm ²
Back left	Club shorts partner 2	WAFI Club	Max width 12cm, max 70cm ²
Back right	Competition shorts partner 2	Men's & Women's League / Reserves: (TBC) Colts: SKG Rogers Cup: TBC	Max width 12cm, max 70cm ²



2021 EXAMPLE

New apparel property in 2019 as part of revised ISC/ Sekem agreements.

Sample only, WAFL Naming Rights Partner Optus.

Increased width of WAFL competition logo from 3.5cm to 4cm to better represent rich history of competition.

Size of number on front reduced from 10cm height to 8cm height to provide more balance to commercial assets on Guernsey.



Sizing recommended will allow for all clubs to continue delivering front stomach property in same format as they currently do.

Increased size of "authentic tag" to deliver in same format as AFL with Club and Competition logo to be represented alongside apparel manufacturer.



Maximum height of 8cm introduced to ensure all numbers on Guernsey back start from the same position (10cm below neck seam).

Number dimensions do not change (27cm height) however introduction of maximum height to upper back property will ensure number is consistently in the same place across the competition (10cm below neck seam)

Sizing recommended will allow for all clubs to continue delivering lower back property in same format as they currently do.

2021 SHORTS BRANDING



Left leg = club partner leg



Right leg = competition partner leg

*Introduction of back of leg sponsorship properties across clubs and competition in 2020

WAFL & WAFL WOMEN'S CLUB APPAREL MANUFACTURERS 2019 - 2021

CLUB	EXCLUSIVE ON AND OFF-FIELD APPAREL MANUFACTURER
Claremont Football Club	Burley Sekem
Claremont Women's Football Club	Burley Sekem
East Fremantle Football Club	Burley Sekem
East Fremantle Women's Football Club	Burley Sekem
East Perth Football Club (inclusive of all men's and women's teams)	ISC
Peel Thunder Football Club (inclusive of all men's and women's teams)	ISC
Perth Football Club	Burley Sekem
South Fremantle Football Club (inclusive of all men's and women's teams)	ISC
Subiaco Football Club	ISC
Subiaco Women's Football Club	ISC
Swan Districts Football Club (inclusive of all men's and women's teams)	Burley Sekem
West Perth Football Club (inclusive of all men's and women's teams)	ISC
West Coast Eagles WAFL Reserves	TBC

*Note all WAFL Talent programs exclusive on and off-field apparel manufacturer deals are aligned to the their WAFL Clubs (I.e. if South Fremantle is an ISC Club, the South Fremantle talent program is with ISC)

Schedule 2 Heat Policy

Heat-related stress can lead to impaired player performance (eg dizziness, headaches, collapse and illness). In its extreme form, heat can be life threatening. Preventing heat stress and injury maintains optimum performance and improves recovery. To prevent heat stress, careful planning and preparation is required in accordance with this schedule 2.

Overarching message of Strip/ Soak/ Fan any person suspected of any heat stress and where possible Immerse/ Cover and Call an ambulance if no improvement after 2 mins.

The WAFC will monitor weather conditions in the lead up to each Match. Where the Bureau of Meteorology forecast is for excessive heat (wet bulb reading 28 or higher) or with an ambient temperature between 32-37 degrees and humidity that exceeds 50% the WAFC will implement the Heat Policy. The WAFC may postpone or cancel matches if the ambient temperature is 38 degrees or higher and the humidity that exceeds 30% or higher, the heat policy may be enacted.

The WAFC will contact the Clubs concerned in the lead up to the match to ensure there is adequate preparation for match day.

The WAFC will make this decision prior to 5pm on the Thursday before the match utilizing the BOM 3-day forecast. This may be adjusted up until match day. Should the Heat Policy be enacted, it will remain in place should the temperature forecast be adjusted.

Should a match be postponed, the competition will reschedule the matches during the bye weekends. Should a match not be able to be postponed or played at a later date, it will be declared a draw. Should a club abstain from playing in a sanctioned match it will be deemed a forfeit.

It will be the Home Team's responsibility for the following should The Heat Policy be implemented:

- Supply a minimum of 1 x bags of ice per team at all times. Should clubs require more, please liaise with the home club or make other arrangements.
- Provide at a 2 x minimum pedestal fans for each team
- Ensure complete shade in for the bench.

Players / Umpires

Players have a responsibility to ensure that the impact of environmental factors such as extreme heat is not exacerbated by their own conduct. Accordingly, the following general guidelines should be followed:

- Ensure adequate fluid intake prior to game and during game (500-700mls per quarter);
- monitor hydration;
- notify medical and coaching staffs when effected by heat or when performance is noticeably effected;
- Use water and electrolyte drinks;

- use pre-game, game and post-game cooling strategies;
- do not play in the heat with an illness; and
- Apply 50+ sunscreen in sunny conditions.

Clubs Responsibility

All Clubs competing in a competition administered by the Football Body should monitor environmental factors such as extreme heat both in Matches and at any Australian Football training session administered by the Club. The Club should assess the heat stress risk by reviewing information provided by the Bureau of Meteorology. Heat stress management strategies should also be applied at all training sessions administered by the Club.

The following general guidelines should be followed:

- Use cooling aids – ice vests, spray bottles, sponges, fans (in rooms and on interchange bench) and shade;
- Mandatory reporting of incidents of heat stress illness in all players to the Football Body;
- use a Club official to be delegated the primary responsibility of monitoring and manage players for heat stress issues as they arise during a Match;
- Provide adequate fluids in appropriate bottles;
- Ensure trainers are fit enough to access as many Players as possible during the game;
- provide facilities for player cooling – shade, air conditioning, sprays and fans whether training or playing;
- coordinate training times outside extreme conditions;
- Include an additional one (1) extra Player to the squad (Approval by the WAFC);

Coaches

- Rotate Players regularly, especially running Players, through interchange bench

Medical

- Identify “at risk” players and monitor their core temperatures, physical and mental performance and hydration state;
- Medical advice is that it is unusual for heat stress illness to occur if exposed to exercise of 18 minutes or less. Clubs must be mindful of ensuring all Players are provided adequate rest during the match.
- Do not play Players suffering from a febrile illness, vomiting or diarrhea;
- Weigh Players before the game, half time and at the end of the game to identify fluid replacement requirements;
- Avoid adrenaline-like medication;
- If playing in potentially difficult circumstances delegate management of heat stress and illness to one (1) responsible medical officer;
- Have adequate medical equipment available for managing heat stress conditions;
- Provide player education on the issue and how the club will manage such circumstances.

Overarching message of Strip/ Soak/ Fan any person suspected of any heat stress and where possible Immerse/ Cover and Call an ambulance if no improvement after 2 mins.

WAFC

Where possible, the WAFC should schedule Matches as much to avoid extremes of heat and allow for increased recovery from those conditions.

- Schedule games to avoid hot conditions where possible (e.g. night or twilight or early morning) particularly night games.
- Ensure venues provide change rooms with cooling facilities e.g. Fans, air conditioning.
- Increase the number of water runners to run fluids in high risk conditions (up to an extra three water runners per side)
- Increase the length of intervals to enable teams to leave the field for the shade of the rooms at each change in high risk conditions i.e. An additional 5 minutes for ½ time and/or additional (two) 2 minutes for ¼ and ¾ time.
- Provide extra field and boundary Umpires for February and March games in high to extreme risk conditions.
- Consider postponing or rescheduling games in extreme risk conditions.

Additional Resources for Clubs

Sports Medicine Australia: <https://sma.org.au/sma-site-content/uploads/2017/08/beat-the-heat-2011.pdf>

Sports Medicine Australia: <https://sma.org.au/sma-site-content/uploads/2017/08/hot-weather-guidelines-web-download-doc-2007.pdf>

Schedule 3 Racial & Religious Inappropriate Conduct Policy

- a) No Player in their capacity as a Player of a WAFLW Club or, in the course of carrying out their duties or functions as or incidental to a Player of a WAFLW Club or any Director, Officer, Servant or agent of a WAFLW Club (including without limitation any coach, assistant coach, trainer, medical officer, runner or person entitled to enter the arena during the course of or prior to or during a break in play in any match) shall act towards or speak to any other person in a manner, or engage in any other conduct which threatens, disparages, vilifies or insults another person (“the person vilified”) on the basis of that person’s race, religion, colour descent or national or ethnic origin, sexual preference, orientation or identity, special ability or disability. The scope of this rule does not exclude incidents off the playing arena.
- b) In the event that it is alleged that a person has contravened Schedule 3 a WAFLW Umpire, WAFLW Club or WAFLW Player may, by 5.00 pm on the first working day following the day on which the contravention is alleged to have occurred, lodge a complaint in writing to the WAFC.
- c) The WAFC will put in place a conciliation meeting and all WAFLW Clubs and individuals concerned must attend. This process must be private and no public statement is allowed by the WAFLW Clubs, Players or any representative of the WAFLW Club(s) involved and must be within three (3) working days of the incident.
- d) The Tribunal will hear the evidence at the conciliation meeting and can:
 - i. Determine that there is no case to answer.
 - ii. Mediate and assist in resolving the issue.
 - iii. Refer the case to the Tribunal

If the matter is referred to the Tribunal and found guilty the following guidelines are used for penalty:

1st Offence	Player to be suspended for a minimum of three (3) playing dates.
2nd Offence	Player to be suspended for a minimum of six (6) playing dates.
3rd Offence	Player to have his registration revoked to play in the WAFLW competition as determined by the WAFC and must make written application to the WAFC to have his registration re-instated.

Schedule 4 Working with Children Policy

The Working with Children Policy sets out the screening process for people in the WAFL who work, coach, supervise or have regular unsupervised contact with people under the age of 18 years. In accordance with the *Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004*, WAFLW Clubs must ensure that any person in child-related work have an Assessment Notice in the form of a WWC Card following completion of a Working with Children Check.

Purpose of Working with Children Check

The Working with Children Check (WWC Check) is a compulsory and rigorous criminal record check for certain people who carry out 'child-related work' in WA. A person is in 'child-related work' if the usual duties of their work involves, or is likely to involve contact with a child in connection with specified categories of work (see the website below for further details) It includes child-related work carried out by paid employees, volunteers, unpaid people and the self-employed.

Parents volunteering in connection with their child's activity are exempt (although this does not apply to overnight camps); however, they should still be required to complete the non-WWC Check screening process. There are other exemptions, for example volunteers under 18 years old. Further details about exemptions can be found on the website www.checkwwc.wa.gov.au. Only those in child-related work under the Act may apply.

Applicants will be issued with either:

- An Assessment Notice in the form of a WWC Card enabling them to be in all types of child-related work for three years unless there are new offences of concern.
- An Interim Negative Notice, which prohibits them from child-related work until a final decision is made on their application.
- A Negative Notice, which prohibits them from child-related work.

There are set obligations and strong penalties for non-compliance including for WAFL Clubs, whether they be an employer or volunteer co-coordinator of those people who are working with children.

WAFLW Club obligations

Every WAFLW Club is required to:

- a) Identify positions that involve working, coaching, supervising or regular unsupervised contact with people under the age of 18 years.
- b) Obtain a completed Member Protection Declaration (MPD) (available via WAFL Online) from all people who are identified in the above step and keep it in a secure place.
- c) Provide an opportunity for a person to give an explanation if a MPD isn't provided or it

reveals that the person doesn't satisfactorily meet any of the clauses in the MPD. The WAFC will then make an assessment as to whether the person may be unsuitable to work with people under the age of 18 years. If unsatisfied the WAFC will not permit the appointment of that person to the role/position.

- d) Where possible, check a person's referees (verbal or written) about his/her suitability for the role.
- e) Ask the people identified in step 1 to sign a consent form for a national police check.
- f) Possibly request (or ask the person to request) a national 'Part Exclusion' police check from Western Australia police. This check excludes irrelevant records. If the police check indicates a relevant offence, the WAFC will provide an opportunity for the person to give an explanation, and then the WAFC will make an assessment as to whether the person may pose a risk to or be unsuitable to work with people under the age of 18 years. If unsatisfied the WAFC will not will not permit the appointment of that person to the role/position.
- g) Make an assessment as to whether the person may be unsuitable to work with people under the age of 18 years if the person does not agree to a national police check after explaining why it is a requirement under our policy. If unsatisfied, the WAFC will not will not permit the appointment of that person to the role/position.
- h) Decide whether to offer the person the position taking into account the result of the police check and any other information the Club has available to it. Where it is not practical to complete the police check prior to the person commencing in the position, WAFL Clubs must arrange for the check to be completed as soon as possible, and if necessary, act immediately on the outcome.
- i) Protect the privacy of any person who is checked and maintain confidentiality of any information obtained through the checking process.

Return information collected during screening (such as a completed MPD form, police records and referee reports) to the relevant person if that person is not appointed to the position, or otherwise be destroyed within twenty-eight (28) days of the date of the decision or the expiry of any appeal period, unless within that time the person requests that the documents be returned to them. For appointed persons, information will be kept on file in a secure location.

Schedule 5 Concussion Policy (AFL will update a State League policy by April 2021)

Below is an excerpt from the AFL and AFLW Concussion Guidelines which the WAFLW will adopt.

Purpose:

1. To protect the acute and long-term welfare of all players.
2. To provide best practice guidelines for the diagnosis and management of concussion

Head impacts can be associated with serious and potentially fatal brain injuries.

In the early stages of injury, it is often not clear whether you are dealing with a concussion or there is a more severe underlying structural head injury. For this reason, the most important steps in initial management include:

1. Recognising a suspected concussion;
2. Removing the player from the game; and
3. Referring the player to a medical doctor for assessment.

Any player who has suffered a concussion or is suspected of having a concussion must be medically assessed as soon as possible after the injury and must **NOT** be allowed to return to play in the same game/practice session.

There should be an accredited first aider at every game and the basic rules of first aid should be used when dealing with any player who is unconscious or injured.

Any concussed player must not be allowed to return to school or return to sport before having a medical clearance.

- a) A Player suspected of having suffered a head injury/concussion or is knocked unconscious shall:
 - i. Be assessed by any member of the team's support personnel using the Concussion Recognition Tool (CRT5), preferably within 10 minutes of the incident.
- b) Any Player who is considered to have a suspected concussion or FAILS the CRT5 assessment:
 - i. Is not permitted to return to the playing surface.
 - ii. Shall have their details submitted to the WAFLW operations.
- c) A Player whose name is submitted to the WAFLW as having FAILED the CRT5 is NOT permitted to play in the WAFLW until her Club receives a Medical Certification clearing her to play.
- d) In following the AFL and AFLW guidelines, the earliest that a player can return to play after a concussion is on the 12th day after the day on which the concussion was suffered.
- e) A Player who suffers a concussion should on the day of the match:
 - i. NOT consume alcohol and keep well hydrated.
 - ii. NOT drive a motor vehicle.
 - iii. NOT be left alone, and be woken every 2-3 hours during the night to ensure they are well.
 - iv. Seek IMMEDIATE medical attention if they:
 - a. Are unconscious for more than 5 minutes.
 - b. Develop visual disturbance.
 - c. Are confused.

- d. Develop nausea/vomiting.
- e. Have a headache not responding to Paracetamol or Ibuprofen.

At all times, clubs must refer to the 2021 AFL and AFLW Competition Concussion Guidelines

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Head impacts can be associated with serious and potentially fatal brain injuries. The Concussion Recognition Tool 5 (CRT5) is to be used for the identification of suspected concussion. It is not designed to diagnose concussion.

STEP 1: RED FLAGS – CALL AN AMBULANCE

If there is concern after an injury, including whether ANY of the following signs are observed or complaints are reported, then the player should be safely and immediately removed from play/game/activity. If no licensed healthcare professional is available, call an ambulance for urgent medical assessment:

- Neck pain or tenderness
- Loss of consciousness
- Double vision
- Deteriorating conscious state
- Weakness or tingling/burning in arms or legs
- Vomiting
- Severe or increasing headache
- Increasingly restless, agitated or combative
- Seizure or convulsion

Remember:

- In all cases, the basic principles of first aid (danger, response, airway, breathing, circulation) should be followed.
- Assessment for a spinal cord injury is critical.
- Do not attempt to move the player (other than required for airway support) unless trained to do so.
- Do not remove a helmet or any other equipment unless trained to do so safely.

If there are no Red Flags, identification of possible concussion should proceed to the following steps:

STEP 2: OBSERVABLE SIGNS

Visual clues that suggest possible concussion include:

- Lying motionless on the playing surface
- Slow to get up after a direct or indirect hit to the head
- Disorientation or confusion, or inability to respond appropriately to questions
- Blank or vacant look
- Balance, gait difficulties, motor incoordination, stumbling, slow laboured movements
- Facial injury after head trauma

STEP 3: SYMPTOMS

- Headache
- "Pressure in head"
- Balance problems
- Nausea or vomiting
- Drowsiness
- Dizziness
- Blurred vision
- Sensitivity to light
- Sensitivity to noise
- Fatigue or low energy
- "Don't feel right"
- More emotional
- More irritable
- Sadness
- Nervous or anxious
- Neck pain
- Difficulty concentrating
- Difficulty remembering
- Feeling slowed down
- Feeling like "in a fog"

STEP 4: MEMORY ASSESSMENT (IN ATHLETES OLDER THAN 12 YEARS)

Failure to answer any of these questions (modified appropriately for each sport) correctly may suggest a concussion:

- "What venue are we at today?"
- "Which half is it now?"
- "Who scored last in this game?"
- "What team did you play last week/game?"
- "Did your team win the last game?"

Athletes with suspected concussion should:

- Not be left alone initially (at least for the first 1-2 hours).
- Not drink alcohol.
- Not use recreational/prescription drugs.
- Not be sent home by themselves. They need to be with a responsible adult.
- Not drive a motor vehicle until cleared to do so by a healthcare professional.

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ANY ATHLETE WITH A SUSPECTED CONCUSSION SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM PRACTICE OR PLAY AND SHOULD NOT RETURN TO ACTIVITY UNTIL ASSESSED MEDICALLY, EVEN IF THE SYMPTOMS RESOLVE

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Schedule 6 Bleeding & Blood Borne Infection Policy

- a) The WAFLW follows the AFL policy in this area.
- b) Any Club not adhering to the policy set out in the Laws of Australian Football may be fined in accordance with Rule 12.

Schedule 7 WAFL Social Networking Policy

- a) Any Person who is found to have engaged in, or is suspected of engaging in the unacceptable use of Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram or any other social networking site, including blogs, in connection with the game of Australian Football in any way, may be dealt with by the WAFLW as it deems fit, notwithstanding the behaviour did not occur on the playing field.
- b) Without limiting the operation of this Rule, unacceptable use may involve the Person:
 - i. Criticising Umpires, Players or any other person involved in Australian Football;
 - ii. Engaging in bullying behaviour including but not limited to name-calling or making condescending, offensive (including racist or sexist) or abusive remarks about any person; or
 - iii. Engaging in any other behaviour which the WAFLW reasonably determines, in its absolute discretion, to have breached this policy.
- c) It is not relevant that the person making the remarks was not aware that the content could or would be made publicly available.
- d) This Schedule 7 is to be interpreted and applied broadly.

Schedule 8 Protective Equipment Policy

- a) For the purposes of this Policy, Protective Equipment includes but is not limited to:
 - i. helmets;
 - ii. knee braces;
 - iii. arm guards;
 - iv. shoulder pads;
 - v. back supports;
 - vi. finger braces; and
 - vii. any other item from time to time designated as such by the WAFC.
- b) Before any protective gear may be worn in a match it must be:
 - i. Approved by the Players Club Doctor; and
 - ii. Details of that written approval must be lodged with the Football Operations wafwoperations@wafc.com.au 24 hours before the first game in which the Player is to participate wearing the protective gear. It is the team managers responsibility to keep a copy of the letter on hand to present to the umpire on upon request.
 - iii. Umpires have the power to examine any dressing and if necessary, check with the Head Trainer or Physiotherapist of the Club concerned. Umpires may prevent game participation if they consider the protective gear to be dangerous to other Players.
- c) A Player who desires to wear protective headgear during a match must wear a Sports Physician or Doctor approved headgear.
- d) Where a Player is aware that she has an actual or potential disability or medical condition which could result in injury respect of which she is required or a certificate from a medical practitioner certifying that the Player will, in the view of the medical Practitioner, receive adequate protection in respect of such potential injury from the protective headgear. The necessary forms are available from the WAFL.
- e) Forms are available from the WAFL, which requires a parent or guardian for those under 18 to state that a Player does not suffer from any known disability or medical condition, which would be affected if injuries are received to the head whilst wearing the said protective headgear.
- f) The WAFLW form approving the wearing of the headgear may be requested to be shown to the Umpire prior to play commencing.
- g) The WAFL strongly advocates the wearing of protective mouth guards by all Players in all matches.
- h) Players are not permitted to wear a Plaster Cast during the course of a game.
- i) Players wishing to wear spectacles during matches and training must wear spectacles with plastic frames and plastic lenses and must be held on securely by a band.
- j) Players, Runners, Water Carriers and Trainers / Medical are not to wear jewellery including wrist bracelets. Medical bracelets are permitted however they must be taped and marked 'MEDIC'.
- k) It will be left up to the discretion of the WAFLW to allow or disallow the use of any other protective gear not addressed in these by laws.

Schedule 9 Lightning Policy

1. AS1768-2007 – Lightning Protection

The Football Body should comply with AS1768-2007, entitled The Lightning Protection Standard, published on 10 January 2007 (Lightning Standard). While the Lightning Standard will not necessarily prevent damage or personal injury due to lightning, it will reduce the probability of such damage or injury occurring.

2. 30/30 Safety Guideline

In the absence of specific information from weather radar, a lightning location system, or a specialised warning device then the 30/30 Safety Guideline should be used.

According to the 30/30 Safety Guideline, when lightning is considered to be a possible or actual threat to an Australian Football Match the following procedures are applicable:

- a) The observation of approaching storm clouds, the first flash of lightning or clap of thunder, no matter how far away should heighten lightning awareness. The level of risk depends on one's location (direction and distance) relative to the storm cell and the direction in which the storm system is traveling.
- b) A simple method of determining the distance to the storm cell is to measure the time elapsed from when the lightning flash is observed and when the associated clap of thunder is heard.
- c) Light travels faster than sound. Assuming that the light from the flash reaches the observer instantaneously, and knowing that sound takes approximately three (3) seconds to travel one (1) kilometre, the distance can be determined by using the following rule:
 - i. $\text{Distance (in Km)} = \text{Time from observing the flash to hearing thunder (in 3 seconds)}$
- d) It is important to remember that lightning may be obscured by clouds so it must be assumed that when thunder is heard, lightning is in the vicinity. In such cases, careful judgment must be used to determine whether a threat exists
- e) The first part of the "30/30" rule is a guide to the postponement or suspension of activities. Most experts agree that the accepted "safe" distance from lightning is greater than 10km. This means that as the time interval between observing the flash and hearing the thunder approaches 30 seconds, all those in exposed areas should be seeking or already inside safe shelters. A storm cell with lightning activity within 10km constitutes a threat.
- f) The second part of the 30/30 rule provides the criteria for the resumption of activity which is applicable to decisions made with BOM access as well. Here, it is recommended that people wait a minimum of 30 minutes after the last sighting of lightning or sound of thunder. This figure is based on the observation that the typical storm moves at about 40km/h. Thus, waiting 30 minutes allows the thunderstorm to be about 20km away, minimising the likelihood of a nearby lightning strike.
- g) It is important to emphasise that blue skies and lack of rainfall are not adequate reasons to breach the 30-minute minimum return-to-activity rule.

3. General Lightning Safety Guideline

a) Prior to Match Day

- i. where weather forecasts provide important warning of possible thunderstorm activity the Football Body should monitor weather forecasts commencing Tuesday prior to scheduled Matches using the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) website. Note should be taken off any warnings posted;
- ii. The Football Body should continue to monitor the BOM site in the days leading up to the match.

b) Match Day

- i. Increased awareness of lightning risk should continue on the Match day until the activity has finished.
- ii. Teams and officials should proceed to the venue unless otherwise directed.
- iii. If lightning is predicted within no less than 10km of the match venue at the scheduled starting time the game commencement time may be delayed by up to 60 minutes.
- iv. This decision to delay or suspend play as well as resume play will be made by the Umpire based on information obtained from the BOM and discussions with the Clubs.

4. Club Responsibility

All Clubs competing in a competition administered by the Football Body should monitor environmental factors such as lightning both in Matches and at any Australian Football training session administered by the Club. The Club should assess the lightning risk by reviewing information provided by the BOM.

a) The following general guidelines should also be followed:

- i. If a lightning threat emerges, the nominated Club Official must contact all relevant coaching, rehabilitation and training staff and provide updates on a regular basis.
- ii. A decision to delay, suspend or resume training should be made in consultation with relevant coaching and administration staff.
- iii. If players are training when the lightning threat becomes real then they should leave the training venue immediately and take shelter inside a building or metal framed car. They should not shelter under or near trees.
- iv. Once the storm's path has been reassessed, there must be a minimum of 30 minutes elapsed before returning to training.
- v. When there is no access to the BOM, the "30/30" rule serves as a guide for the suspension and subsequent resumption of activities.

Schedule 10 COVID-19

A Player/Official must not join in at training, attend the Club or a competitive match if in the last 14 days they have been unwell, or had contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19. If a Player/Official has arrived at training or competition, or has reported to be feeling unwell following training or competition, the following steps should apply.

The below process is to be followed if there is a suspected COVID-19 case.



Schedule 11 PREGNANCY POLICY

- a) The WAFLW follows the AFLW Policy in this area.
- b) The AFLW Policy can be found here [AFLW Community Football Female Policy](#)

Schedule 12 GENDER DIVERSITY POLICY

- a) The WAFLW follows the AFL National Diversity Policy in this area.
- b) The Policy can be found here [National Gender Diversity Policy](#)