

Exert from WAAFL By-laws.

PART 6: APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (NEW CLUBS)

BY-LAW 1 PROBATIONARY CLUB

- 1.1 Subject to the WAAFL Rules and these by-laws, a Probationary Club is considered a member club as defined in Rule 5.4 of the Constitution of the WAAFL.
- 1.2 A club seeking to apply as a member club of the WAAFL must first be accepted as a Probationary Club.
- 1.3 Applications for Probationary Club status may be accepted or rejected by the Board.
- 1.4 A Probationary Club shall all rights afforded to it as a member club, except it shall:
 - a) Not have voting entitlements at a general meeting of the WAAFL.
 - b) Not be entitled to property, grants, funds and sponsorships offered by the WAAFL.
- 1.5 A probationary membership may be up to two years to ensure the club is viable and can field senior teams before its membership will be considered by the Board for a member club as defined in Rule 5.1 of the Constitution of the WAAFL.
- 1.6 Where a Probationary Club does not field a team in the year, its probationary status will lapse, and the club will lose and forfeit all interest and benefit of the club in the WAAFL.
- 1.7 The Board can terminate the membership of a Probationary Club at any time.

BY-LAW 2 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (NEW CLUB)

- 2.1 Applications from a club for admission to the WAAFL shall be in writing, accompanied by a \$2000 entrance fee and an additional \$500 per team to be nominated which shall be refunded should the club not be granted probationary membership.
- 2.2 The final date for application for membership shall be 1 September each year.
- 2.3 The application shall include:
 - a) The name of the incorporated body (club).
 - b) The names, addresses and contact details of the club office bearers.
 - c) The names, addresses and contact details of the club coaches.
 - d) A list of intended players stating their age and known club.
 - e) The proposed playing uniform of the club.
 - f) 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.

- g) The number of teams from the club desiring to compete in the WAAFL.
 - h) Copy of its financial plan and budget for the nominated year of entry.
 - i) Copy of the most recent year's financial audit.
 - j) Any other relevant information including history, financial reports and tribunal matters.
 - k) Letter of support from the WAFC District.
 - l) Letter of support from the Local Government Authority confirming ground and facility access for training and fixtures.
 - m) Evidence the club has completed the Bronze Level of the AFL Quality Club Program.
 - n) Letter of support from relevant junior club(s) – if nominating a colts team
- 2.4 Before an application for membership is considered by the Board, existing member clubs which may be affected by the applicant's admission will be invited to comment on the application.
- 2.5 The Board has the authority to place conditions on a new club entering the competition e.g. restriction on the number of teams the club can nominate; restrictions on the number of players that can be cleared from other WAAFL clubs.
- 2.6 For the purpose of considering an application for membership, the Board may prior to determining whether such club should be admitted to the WAAFL 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.
- 2.7 If a member club wishes to change their home ground from that which has been previously approved, they must obtain permission from the General Manager.
- 2.8 The Board shall determine the club's uniform including its away match uniform, and any other matter relevant to the club's competition.
- 2.9 In the event of more than one club desiring the same uniform and colours the Board shall determine the uniform and colour in accordance with the following priorities:-
- (a) The club who's uniform was approved by the WAAFL first.
 - (b) Time of application for admission.
- Upon the Board determining the uniform of the club, such uniform shall be deemed to be the registered uniform of that member club.
- 2.10 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 players, officials and members shall in all respects be bound by and conform to the by-laws and policies of the WAAFL.