

WAFC POL.17: Primary Registration Policy

POLICY BACKGROUND

This policy is developed to provide clubs with clarity over where players are to be primary registered with an overall goal to increase transparency and communication between Clubs across different competitions.

Any player who is a member of a WAFL talent program may register to their WAFL club if their Junior Community Club is not set up to receive registrations by the time the National Registration Window opens on February 1.

1	<p>WAFL / WAFLW Players</p> <p>Players turning 18 years of age in the calendar year and who are likely to play the majority of matches with the WAFL / WAFLW competition will be primary registered with their zoned WAFL Club. WAFL Clubs will communicate with their relevant local Junior Club as to who is on these lists. Players can permit back to their Community Club of Origin for the entirety of the Community season.</p> <p>All players who do not fall into the above category are to be primary registered with a Junior Club. Players can be permitted to their zoned WAFL Club for the entirety of the season.</p>
2	<p>Community Juniors</p> <p>All players turning 18 after July 1 in the current season who are not listed in a category above are to be primary registered with a Junior Club or a club that have teams registered in a Junior competition. Players can be permitted to Senior competitions as rules permit.</p>
3	<p>Community Seniors</p> <p>All players turning 18 before June 30 or older in the current season who are not listed in a category above are to be primary registered with a Senior Club.</p>
4	<p>Club of Origin</p> <p>Players transferring or permitting from a WAFL Club are to be permitted or transferred to the club in which they were registered with prior to transferring to the WAFL Club. If a player is no longer eligible to play for their Club of Origin (i.e. Junior Club) the player shall choose their preferred club.</p>
5	<p>Player Fees</p> <p>In acknowledging players play between multiple competitions, clubs should work together to assess how fees can be paid equitably across two clubs based on the number of games played without costing the player any more than a player who plays for one club.</p>

The current changes made to the Primary Registration Policy will have a trial period in place for 2023 and reviewed accordingly.