

CIRCULAR



Subject: Summary of Club Feedback 2020 Season

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<p>Summary: A series of Skype meetings were conducted last week with Club Presidents and Senior Coaches on a proposed shortened season.</p> <p>A summary of those discussions is provided in this circular and will be considered by the Board within the next two weeks.</p> <p>All recommendations for 2020 remain subject to WA Government approval, final team nominations and Board approval.</p>	<p>Action: Close of team nominations: Sunday 14th June 2020.</p> <p>Team nomination circular to be sent requesting team nominations.</p>
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Season structure

Proposed season start

4th July 2020 Mens B-E Grade, Women A-D Grades, All Abilities

11th July 2020 Mens A-Grade (no byes)

Grand Finals

12th Sept 2020 (Womens all grades)

19th Sept 2020 (Mens B to E grades, All Abilities)

26th Sept 2020 (Mens A-Grade)

Some grades may have their season start later and Grand Finals played earlier due to team nominations and the number of teams in each grade.

No fixture requests will be considered.

The League will be working to release fixtures as soon as possible. Delays will occur where clubs withdraw teams.

Team nominations - Sunday 14th June 2020

Due to strong feedback from clubs to conduct finals over three weeks, the season start date and team nomination deadline presented in the Skype meetings has been moved forward. Therefore, to prepare and publish fixtures to assist clubs planning, close of team nominations is now Sunday 14th June 2020.

Affiliation Fees

Club affiliation fees for 2020 is proposed at \$500 per team. (Board approval required)

Clubs will have three payment options:

Option 1: 100% upfront before season start (Pay total fees by 1 July 2020, receive 3.5% discount)

Option 2: Three equal monthly instalments

- 1 July 2020
- 1 August 2020
- 1 September 2020

Option 3: 100% paid by 1 October 2020

The League will not call on outstanding club invoices for playing jumpers/shorts till early 2021.

All other payments such as fines, support personnel apparel and new footballs orders will be subject to the League's normal trading terms.

Club Alcohol Management Policy

Some grades requested the League defer the Complimentary Drink Voucher System for 2020 due to the financial burden it may put on clubs.

The Complimentary Drink Voucher System is to:-

- Make sure visiting clubs do not bring their own alcohol to matches.
- Ensure both clubs do not consume alcohol in change rooms.
- Ensure both clubs comply with the League's CUB sponsorship.

The Board will review club feedback and make a decision.

Grand Final Venues

Grand Final venues were not discussed in the Skype meetings but had been raised by some clubs with the League offline. Normally, Grand Finals are hosted at gated neutral venues with an admission fee charged. This admission fee generally covers umpire payments across all finals.

The League is proposing that no admission fee be charged for 2020 Grand Finals meaning gated venues will not be required for Grand Finals.

It is being considered that where ground availability allows, Grand Finals be hosted by the highest ranked League team in each respective grade.

Proposed 2020 By-law Amendments

By-law	Proposed Amendment
Transfers	Player transfer applications may be lodged via Footyweb between 15 th May 2020 and 8pm (WST) on the 30 th June 2020.
Covid-19 Type 2 Local Interchange Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Noting the player transfer window and the viability of teams across community football, players from other competitions such as country and other Perth Football League clubs whose regular team is not nominated by his or her club to play in 2020, can play with a Perth Football League club using a Type 2 Local Interchange Permit.– Requires General Manager approval.– A player who uses this provision is not permitted to play at his primary registered club till the 1st November 2020.
Forfeits	No change.

By-law	Proposed Amendment
Finals	<p>Top 4 teams in the grade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Semi Final 2 (1v2), Semi Final 1 (3v4) - Preliminary Final (Loser SF2 v Winner SF1) - Grand Final (Winner SF2 v Winner PF) <p><u>Player's eligibility</u> Senior mens, colts - 4 qualifying matches required to play finals. Senior womens - 3 qualifying matches required to play finals.</p>
Footballs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To reduce affiliation fees, new footballs will not be distributed as part of affiliation fees. - Clubs can purchase new footballs from the League at a discounted price of \$90 (incl. GST) - All grades are to commence the season with a new football. - Teams can use a football for 2-3 matches if the football remains in excellent condition.
Panel umpire payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The League will provide a recommended schedule for umpire rates for panel appointed and club umpire appointed. - Payment of panel appointed umpires (including pooled umpires) to remain the home team's responsibility.
Relegation/Promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Over 60% of clubs surveyed did not support promotion/relegation for 2020.
Player Points System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PPS will apply in accordance with the current by-laws. However, due to a shortened season, to be granted a Season of Service for 2020 a player is only required to play 4 matches not 5 matches.
Runners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 runner permitted per team.
Waters Carriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 water carriers permitted per team.
Match Playing Times	<p>To provide additional time between matches to manage patrons arriving and leaving the ground, shorter time for matches and breaks are being considered for mens grades only.</p> <p><u>Men grades only</u> League 4 x 22mins (Breaks 5min-12min-5min) Reserves, Colts, C5, E 4 x 18mins (Breaks 5min-12min-5min)</p> <p>No change - Womens and All Abilities.</p>
Premierships and awards	<p>All of the League's standing awards such as Fairest and Best, Grand Final BOG, Premiership Flags and Player Medallions, and Champion Club are to be awarded.</p>
All Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 qualifying matches required to play finals. - Out of bounds – last possession to be introduced. - Mercy Rule to be introduced.
Trainer accreditation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Club feedback indicated that due to COVID-19 only the online component of the Level 1 Sports Trainer accreditation was available. The practical face-to-face course component remained suspended. - 43% of clubs surveyed indicated they would have some or extreme difficulty finding a Trainer for 2020. - A Trainer will still be required for each match. - A suggestion was that the minimum requirement for a Trainer be to successfully complete at least the online component of the Sports Medicine Australia Level 1 Sports Trainer Course or equivalent.