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PERTH FOOTBALL
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Subject: F-Grade Expression of Interest

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Summary:

The Perth Football League is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) for a proposed F-Grade male competition to meet the changing needs of the football playing community.

Action:

Express your club's interest for an F-Grade competition through the provided link by no later than Monday 11th December 2023.

Background

Feedback has been received from a number of clubs around the introduction of an F-Grade competition to meet the changing needs of the football playing community. This is your opportunity for your club to express your interest in being a part of this new competition. Please note that this is not the formal team nomination. This will be done at the conclusion of this EOI period.

Expression of Interest

Please follow the below link to express your interest in participating in the F-Grade competition by no later than Close of Business Monday 11th December 2023.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdilsay9T0CYu4O6MyvBMYIEbq9kFEr9LQI5wgCWp9YNGbjjA/viewform>

- There is opportunity to provide comments in support of your expression of interest.
- Feedback as to why you won't be expressing an interest is welcome.
- We are also seeking feedback around the proposed structure as well as preferred playing days.

Proposed Fixturing:

The following is subject to team nominations and is provided as a guide.

Scenario 1		Scenario 2	
Saturday	F-Grade	Saturday	F-Grade
06-Apr-24	1	06-Apr-24	1
13-Apr-24	2	13-Apr-24	BYE
20-Apr-24	3	20-Apr-24	2
27-Apr-24	BYE	27-Apr-24	BYE
04-May-24	4	04-May-24	3
11-May-24	5	11-May-24	BYE
18-May-24	6	18-May-24	4
25-May-24	7	25-May-24	BYE
01-June-24	BYE	01-June-24	BYE
08-June-24	8	08-June-24	5

15-June-24	9	15-June-24	BYE
22-June-24	10	22-June-24	6
29-June-24	BYE	29-June-24	BYE
6-July-24	11	6-July-24	7
13-July-24	12	13-July-24	BYE
20-July-24	13	20-July-24	Final 1 (2 nd vs 3 rd)
27-July-24	Grand Final (1 st vs 2 nd)	27-July-24	Grand Final (1 st vs winner Final 1)

Summary of F-Grade rules

	Conditions
<i>Age</i>	28+
<i>Players</i>	16-a-side (Maximum 22 players)
<i>Playing times</i>	4 x 15 mins (No time on)
<i>Breaks</i>	5/10/5 mins
<i>Out of bounds</i>	Last possession rule
<i>Umpires (min)</i>	Each club to supply: 1 Field, 1 Goal. (No boundary required)
<i>Runners</i>	Max 1 per team
<i>Water</i>	Max 4 per team
<i>Trainer</i>	Mandatory
<i>Fixtures</i>	Games can be played Thursday/Friday Nights or Saturday
<i>Finals</i>	A Player shall play 3 qualifying matches over 3 Rounds of fixtures for their club in the current year to qualify for Grand Final. (Please note F grade games played will not count for higher grade final qualifications)
<i>Other</i>	High graded senior team required to nominate

Team composition

1. F-Grade is a restricted age competition. Player shall have attained the minimum age of 28 to play F-Grade.
2. To restrict clubs 'stacking' higher graded players in F-Grade, a player who plays two or more higher grade matches during the F-Grade season will not be permitted to play F-Grade for the remainder of the F-Grade season. Note: the F-Grade season is planned to be completed by 28th July 2024. At the completion of the F-Grade season, F-Grade players are encouraged to continue to play in other grades of the club.

Cost

Due to a planned shortened season, F-Grade team affiliation fees will be discounted. Affiliation fees will be applied to ground hire, Personal Accident Insurance and Finals (Umpires, Footballs, Premiership Flag and Medals).