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Subject: DRAFT AMENDMENTS - PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM (PPS)

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<p>Summary: Following the Board's review of club feedback and data from the 2019 PPS, the Board provide the following draft recommendations to amend the PPS for club feedback.</p>	<p>Action: Clubs are invited to provide feedback by COB Friday 22nd November 2019.</p>
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APPLICABLE GRADES

Current by-law	Workshop Feedback	Board recommendation
PPS applicable to A-B-C1-C2-C3-C4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining PPS to A-B-C1-C2-C3-C4. Only apply PPS to A and B Grades. 	No change - PPS to A-B-C1-C2-C3-C4.

TOTAL TEAM POINTS

Current by-law	Workshop Feedback	Board recommendation
<p>A team must have a minimum 14 players and a maximum 22 players to play in each match.</p> <p>Total team points cap calculated on the players listed on the team sheet.</p> <p>A player needs to be at the match and ready to play to be listed on the team sheet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some clubs played with less than 22 players in a match to be under the 43-points team cap. This may be a consequence of retrospective implementation. The long-term goal is for clubs to change recruiting behaviour. WA Country Football require teams to list 22 players as they believe it reflects the true value and intention of the PPS. If implemented, some clubs indicated they would work around this by having players sit on the bench but not play to meet the requirement. Though it is not a practice to be encouraged. 	No change - however implementing a mandatory 22 playing list be further considered next season.

HIGHEST LEVEL DEFINITION

Current by-law	Workshop Feedback	Board recommendation
<p>Look back Player point categories 1 to 4 requires the highest-level be determined on a combined total of five or more matches in the current or previous three seasons.</p> <p>Category 5 (AFL), is one or more AFL match in the current or previous three seasons.</p> <p>A three season look back is consistent with the WAFC State-wide PPS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highest level should be determined on "regular" players at that respective level of football. Players who were generally considered "top up" or "fill in" players, play 1 to 3 matches a season were unfairly captured in the current criteria. Five or more matches in a season represents a greater degree of talent and/or commitment to be a 	<p>No change for Category 5 (AFL) 1+ match.</p> <p>Amend player point categories 1 to 4 that a player's highest-level be where a player has played five or more matches in a season in the current or previous three seasons.</p>

<p>Framework to reduce players not being unfairly categorised higher when they may “top up” or “fill in” a team.</p>	<p>“regular” player at that level of football.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a “top up” player is good enough to play in a club’s best 22 players, then they are a player of some quality and the criteria should remain as is. 	
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PLAYER POINTS CATEGORIES

Current by-law	Workshop Feedback	Board recommendation
<p>Colts aged players relocating from country/interstate There is no points dispensation for colts aged players who relocate from the country/interstate for work, family or university.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country colts aged players are disadvantaged when moving to Perth due to work, family or university as they are categorised as 2 or 3 points when selected to play A-B-C1-C2-C3-C4. • Some WA country competitions only have league grades and colts aged player are subject to 3 points. • If a country colts aged player is good enough to play in a club’s best 22 players, then they are a player of some quality and the player point category should remain as is. 	<p>No change - no dispensation for colts aged players who relocate from the country/interstate for work, family or university.</p>
<p>WAFL colts WAFL colts are categorised at 3 points.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WAFL colts categorised at 3 points is too high, especially if they are playing on a Type 2 in A-B-C1-C2-C3-C4. • Younger players shouldn’t be disadvantaged for playing at higher levels of football. • If a WAFL colt is good enough to play in the club’s best 22 players, then they are a player of some quality and the player point category should remain at 3 points. 	<p>Amend WAFL colts points category from 3 points to 2 points.</p> <p>Therefore, all non-local colts aged players have a player points allocation of 2 points if they play A-B-C1-C2-C3-C4.</p>
<p>Players returning from country/interstate There is no points dispensation for players returning to the Perth Football League from the country/interstate due to work, family or university. Your loyalty points are lost on returning.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be some points dispensation when a player transfers between country/interstate leagues and his Perth Football League club due to work, family or university. • If you leave you are not loyal and there should be no dispensation. • Allowing dispensation lacks transparency in decision making. • There are many reasons why players leave, so rather than assess reasons, recognise the seasons a player had at his Perth Football League club. 	<p>Introduce Local Player recognition; i.e. players who were 1-point players returning to their Perth Football League club from another senior community league (i.e. country/interstate).</p> <p>A Club of Origin elite player remains subject to Club of Origin conditions and therefore cannot be recognised as a Local Player.</p> <p>Players who are more than 1-point when they leave the Perth Football League and then return are subject to full PPS.</p> <p>A Local Player who transfers to another Perth Football League club forfeits their Local Player recognition forever and is subject to full PPS.</p> <p>Players who are 2 points or more and transfer to another senior community league (i.e. country/interstate) and return will be subject to player point categories as they were not 1-point player when they left the Perth Football League.</p>

Current by-law	Workshop Feedback	Board recommendation
<p>“Elite” players in WAFL A WAFL league player is 4 points.</p> <p>There is no points loading for players who have played state football or won a league F&B.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A WAFL league or equivalent interstate player who has played a state representative match or achieved a league fairest and best top finish should attract higher points – 5 points. • This criterion was discussed last year but not supported. 	<p>No change - as this criterion was discussed last year and not supported due to the subjectiveness of state team selections and F&B awards. These types of recognition should not be a disincentive.</p>
<p>Vic Premier Div 1 (League) 3 points The current categorisation Vic Premier Div 1 (League) aligns with AFL Victoria’s PPS.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing Vic Premier Div 1 as 3-point category as the standard in these leagues is higher than WAFL Reserves/Colts. • Re-categorising WAFL colts from 3 points to 2 points may address this. • This criteria was discussed last year but not supported. 	<p>No change - maintain Vic Premier Div 1 as 3-point category.</p> <p>Re-categorising WAFL colts from 3 points to 2 points may address this.</p>
<p>WAFL League players are 4 points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on player points data, 23% of players are 3 pointers. • Re-categorising WAFL League players from 4 to 5 points reflects the higher level of footballer. • Re-categorising WAFL League players from 4 to 5 points needs to be considered with the loyalty reduction periods. 	<p>Amend by re-categorising WAFL league players from 4 to 5 points and AFL players from 5 to 6 points.</p> <p>A premise of the PPS categories was that WAFL league players are more likely to play for payment and there should be greater restrictions on these players per team.</p> <p>23% of players are 3 pointers and the points between these players and WAFL league needs to be greater to achieve the premise.</p>

CLUB OF ORIGIN

Current by-law	Workshop Feedback	Board recommendation
<p>Type 2 LIP players To gain Club of Origin dispensation a player’s primary registration must be with the Perth Football League when they play their first ever senior football match. Currently, the player cannot gain COO if he plays this first match on permit as a Type 2 LIP player.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players shouldn’t be disadvantaged when playing on a Type 2 LIP. 	<p>Amend - a player can gain Club of Origin when playing on a Type 2 LIP.</p>
<p>Club of Origin – Country/Interstate Club of Origin only applies and remains valid where players move (Transfer/Type 2) between the Perth Football League and elite levels of football.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extending Club of Origin to include <u>other</u> community football leagues such as country and interstate. • Players move to the country or interstate for many reasons. This was seen as “club hopping”. • Players should not lose their Club of Origin status having gone to play country or interstate due to extenuating circumstances, e.g. work. • Club of Origin should be lost if the player plays at another Perth Football League club. 	<p>No change - current Club of Origin definition applies to elite players only.</p>

LOYALTY POINTS REDUCTION

Current by-law	Workshop Feedback	Board recommendation
<p>Type 2 LIP players To gain loyalty points reductions a player's primary registration must be with the Perth Football League when they play their Seasons of Service. Currently, the player cannot gain Seasons of Service if he plays these matches as Type 2 LIP player.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players shouldn't be disadvantaged when playing on a Type 2 LIP. 	<p>Amend - a player be recognised with Seasons of Service when playing on a Type 2 LIP.</p>
<p>Seasons of Service years A player may commence reducing his points value by 1 point after completing his 2nd Season of Service till he reaches 1 point. Consistent with the WAFC State-wide PPS Framework.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easier to understand by reducing points value by 1 point after completing 1st Season of Service • Players will reduce their points quicker. 	<p>No change - a player still commences reducing his points value by 1 point after completing his 2nd Season of Service till he reaches 1 point. No change - aligns with the recognition of becoming a "local player".</p>
<p>Seasons of Service 5 matches 5 matches must be <u>played</u> for a Season of Service to be recognised.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A player who plays <u>less than 5 matches</u> in a season due to injury and who does not play for another club should still be recognised loyal and gain the 1-point reduction. • It would require a level of administration; medical certificates to be lodged with League. • Reduces transparency to other clubs where players don't play and gain point reductions. • Teams could place injured player on the team sheet and bench to gain 5 matches. • Why should someone be rewarded with 1 less point for not playing. 	<p>No change - 5 matches must be <u>played</u> for a Season of Service to be recognised. Based on the similar rationale as finals eligibility in that you have to <u>play</u> to qualify.</p>
<p>Losing loyalty recognition A player loses any loyalty gained if he leaves his Perth Football League club.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players move to the country or interstate for many reasons. This was seen as "club hopping". • Unfair that loyalty points are lost when players move to the country or interstate for work, university or extenuating circumstances. • Clubs are not able to stop players leaving the Perth Football League but there should be no penalty when that player wishes to return to his original Perth Football League club. • Recognition should be given where a player has been loyal or extended service at his club. 	<p>A player loses any loyalty gained if he leaves his Perth Football League club, except those players now deemed as "local players" or Club of Origin.</p>

OTHER

Current by-law	Feedback	Board recommendation
Compliance Player category determined prior to their first League match.	Timing of determining player category.	Determine and record a player's points category on <u>registration</u> (transfer/Type 2) with his respective club rather than <u>prior to his first League match</u> .
Review CIO has no discretionary powers.	Mixed feedback on discretionary provisions provided on a player's circumstances.	No change - CIO has no discretionary powers.
Finalisation of PPS for a season Not detailed within the by-laws.		All player points allocated will be deemed as final once the transfer window closes (June 30 th). Any allocation to stand for the remainder of that season.
New players within the retrospective period The Board resolved at its 11 th March 2019 meeting that players who are new to football and joined the Perth Football League in 2016, 2017 or 2018 be categorised as 1 point. The resolution was made as a result of an anomaly with the retrospective implementation of the by-laws.		This resolution remain in place for the start of the 2022 season.

BY-LAW AMENDMENTS INCORPORATING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - SCHEDULE B3

1. APPLICABLE GRADES

The PPS is only applicable to the following PFL mens League grades; A, B, C1, C2, C3 and C4.

2. TOTAL TEAM POINTS

- a) Total Team Points are not to exceed 43 points per team per match.
- b) Total Team Points shall be calculated on the total player points allocated to each player per match.
- c) Total Team Points are to be visible on the respective team sheets prior to the commencement of each match.
- d) Each player listed on the team sheet shall be allocated player point(s) in accordance with this schedule.

3. PLAYER POINTS CATEGORIES

- a) All players (including playing coaches) ~~registered or on a Type 2 Local Interchange permit in the PFL~~ shall receive a player points allocation of 1 point, unless determined otherwise in accordance with the Player Points Categories.
- b) A player is deemed to have 'played' when he is listed on the team sheet, is at his respective match, dressed in his playing uniform and ready to play.
- c) Where a player plays in a competition predominantly conducted during March to October who, in the same or following year, plays in a competition predominantly conducted during November to February ('the Summer Competition'), the Summer Competition shall be disregarded for the purposes of determining the player's points category attributable to that player upon a subsequent transfer or permit.
- d) A player who does not meet any of the Player Points Categories shall apply to the General Manager who shall determine the player's points category.

~~e) All player points allocated will be deemed final for the season on the 30th June and shall stand for the remainder of that season.~~

Table 1: Summary Player Points Categories

Allocation	Category	Competitions	Qualification
6 points	AFL	AFL	1+ match in the current or previous 3 seasons
5 points	AFL/WAFL (League)	AFL/WAFL, SANFL, VFL, NEAFL, TSL, NTFL	5+ matches in a season in the current or previous 3 seasons
4 points	WAFL (League)	WAFL, SANFL, VFL, NEAFL, TSL, NTFL	5+ matches in the current or previous 3 seasons
3 points	WAFL (Reserves/ Colts)	WAFL, SANFL, TSL, NTFL, Vic Premier 1 Div, TAC Cup	5+ matches in a season in the current or previous 3 seasons
	Senior Community (League)	WAAFL, WACFL, MFL, interstate competitions	
2 points	WAFL (Colts)	WAFL, TAC Cup	5+ matches in a season in the current or previous 3 seasons
	Senior Community (Reserves/Colts)	WAAFL, WACFL, MFL, interstate competitions	5+ matches in a season in the current or previous 3 seasons
1 point	Club of Origin	WAAFL	As per definition
	Transferring junior	Junior club competitions	Transfer direct from junior club
	Not played competitive football in the current or previous 3 seasons		

CLUB OF ORIGIN (1 point)

A player's Club of Origin is ~~the first WAFL club the player played at prior to playing at another senior football club~~ the club where the player made his senior football club debut.

Club of Origin points dispensation is conditional ~~to upon the players;~~

- ~~1. Registered (not Type 2 Local Interchange Permit) with the PFL club at the time of playing his first PFL colts or senior match.~~
- ~~2. R returning directly from AFL or WAFL (League/Reserves/Colts and interstate equivalents) by way of transfer or Type 2 Local Interchange Permit to their first PFL club.~~ to his Club of Origin.

For the avoidance of doubt, Club of Origin points dispensation cannot be applied where;

- a player progresses directly from junior football and plays AFL or WAFL (League/Reserves/Colts or interstate equivalents) without playing in the PFL.
- a player plays AFL or WAFL (League/Reserves/Colts or interstate equivalents) and returns to the PFL after playing in another senior community competition.
- ~~a player was on a Type 2 Local Interchange Permit when he played his first PFL club match.~~

A player returning to his Club of Origin shall have a player points allocation of 1 point.

Where a player is not eligible as a Club of Origin player, a player's points category will be determined on the highest level of football the player has played in any of the current or previous three seasons as follows:

CATEGORY 56: AFL (5-6 points)

A player who has played one or more AFL matches in the current or previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 5 points.

CATEGORY 45: WAFL League, interstate equivalents (4-5 points)

A player who has played ~~a combined total of~~ five or more League matches in WAFL or interstate equivalent in a season in the current or previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 4 points.

CATEGORY 4: AFL (4 points)

No competitions.

CATEGORY 3: (3 points)

a) WAFL Reserves/Colts, interstate equivalents

A player who has played ~~a combined total of~~ five or more Reserves ~~and/or Colts~~ matches in WAFL or interstate equivalent, including Victorian Premier Division 1, in a season in the current or previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 3 points.

Victorian Premier 1 Divisions: AFL Yarra Ranges Div1, Eastern FL Div1, EDFL Premier Div, NFL Div1, SFNL Div1, WRFL Div1, Ballarat FNL, Bendigo FNL, Geelong FNL, Gippsland FL, GVFL, Hampden FNL, Murray FL, OMFNL, MPNFL Div1, SEFNL.

b) Senior Community – League

A player who has played ~~a combined total of~~ five or more League matches in PFL, WACFL, MFL or interstate senior community competition in a season in the current or previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 3 points.

League mean the club's league, first or highest graded team within a senior competition.

CATEGORY 2: ~~Senior Community – Reserves/Colts~~ (2 points)

a) WAFL Colts, interstate equivalents

~~A player who has played five or more Colts matches in WAFL or interstate equivalent in a season in the current or previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 2 points.~~

b) Senior Community – Reserves/Colts

A player who has played ~~a combined total of~~ five or more Reserves and/or Colts matches in PFL, WACFL, MFL or interstate senior community competition in a season in the current or previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 2 points.

Reserves means any team which is not the club's league or first team such as the Reserves, thirds, fourths or fifth teams within a senior competition.

CATEGORY 1: (1 point)

a) Transferring junior ~~(1 point)~~

A player transferring directly from junior club football to a PFL club shall have a player points allocation of 1 point.

b) Not played competitive football ~~(1 point)~~

A player who has not played competitive club football in any of the current or previous three seasons shall have a player points allocation of 1 point.

Competitive club football means any formally organised football competition conducted by a recognised league or competition excluding AFL9s and school football competitions.

4. LOYALTY POINTS REDUCTION SEASONS OF SERVICE

- a) A ~~registered~~ player, who is categorised at more than 1 point and whilst remaining at his PFL club, may commence reducing his points value by 1 point after completing his second 'Season of Service' till he reaches 1 point.

A 'Season of Service' means 5 or more PFL matches played per-in a season with his respective PFL club. These seasons do not have to be consecutive seasons nor all matches in the one grade for his PFL club. However, if this player transfers to another club, all ~~loyalty~~ points applied will be forfeited and the player subject to the highest level of football he has played in any of the current or previous three seasons in accordance with the Player Points Categories if he returns to this respective PFL club.

~~A 'Season of Service' is not applicable to Type 2 Local Interchange Permit players. Type 2 Local Interchange Permit players are not registered PFL players. These players are registered with a non-PFL club in another competition but allowed to play in the PFL under permit arrangements.~~

Example 1:

1st season: 4 point player, plays 5+ matches
2nd season: 4 point player, plays 5+ matches
3rd season: Reduce to a 3 point player, plays 5+ matches
4th season: Reduce to a 2 point player, plays 5+ matches
5th season: Reduce to a 1 point player

Example 2:

1st season: 4 point player, plays 5+ matches
2nd season: 4 point player, plays only 2 matches
3rd season: 4 point player, plays 5+ matches
4th season: Reduce to a 3 point player, plays 5+ matches
5th season: Reduce to a 2 point player, does not play
6th season: 2 point player, plays 5+ matches
7th season: 1 point player

- b) Before the commencement of each season, each club is to ~~review and where applicable, lodge with the PFL~~ apply a 1 point reduction to those players who are subject to a 1 point reduction in accordance with each 'Seasons of Service'.

c) Local Player

A player with a points allocation of 1 point may be recognised as a Local Player of his respective club.

Recognition as a Local Player is conditional on the following:

- Local Player recognition can only be attributed to the first club where the player gained his player points allocation of 1 point.
- Local Player recognition is forfeited and the player subject to the highest level of football in accordance with the Player Points Categories if the player plays with another PFL club.
- A Club of Origin player remains subject to Club of Origin conditions and therefore cannot be recognised within the Local Player definition.

A Local Player returning (i.e. WAFL/country/interstate) to his club shall retain his player points allocation of 1 point.

5. COMPLIANCE

- a) The General Manager shall determine and record a player's points category in Footyweb ~~prior to the player's first League match for on registration (transfer/permit) with~~ his respective club. Clubs seeking a player's points category shall lodge its request with the PFL no later than 10am Friday preceding the respective League match.
- b) A player without a player points category shall not be permitted to play a League match. A club which plays an uncategorised player in a League match shall lose the match and be penalised as playing an ineligible player in accordance with By-law A2.6.2.
- c) A team which exceeds the Total Team Points cap shall lose the match and be penalised as playing an ineligible player in accordance with By-law A2.6.2.
- d) A club which makes a false or provides incorrect information regarding a player's football playing history shall lose the match and be penalised as playing an ineligible player in accordance with By-law A2.6.2.

6. REVIEW

- a) Where a club disputes a player's points category, the Club President may request the Competition Integrity Officer review the determination before 30th June of the current season. The request shall be;
 - i. Lodged with the Competition Integrity Officer together with the player's football playing history no later than 10am Friday preceding the match.
 - ii. Accompanied by a \$200 bond which shall be refunded if the decision is upheld.
- b) Any decision of the Competition Integrity Officer may be subject to appeal in accordance with By-law A2.29.9(f).