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National Premier League Western Australia – Women’s (NPLWA)

For the avoidance of doubt, all references to the NPLWA in this document refer to the National Premier League Western Australia – Women’s unless explicitly stated otherwise.

Support for an NPLWA

Support for an NPLWA has been consistent throughout Football West’s organisational change process and is highlighted as a key activity in the Female Football Plan.

An NPLWA will align with Football Federation Australia’s (FFA) national competition framework to create a consistent second tier competition across Australia.

Several open comments from the Insights Surveys supported the introduction of an NPLWA. Additionally, the majority of NPLWA Review survey respondents supported an NPLWA, with stronger support from younger respondents. Factors for support are outlined in the table below and a consultation summary is contained in Appendix A.

Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a high quality playing and training environment that is challenging for elite players and coaches. • Create an environment where the best are playing against the best to ensure the highest standard of competition is achieved. • Establish promotion and relegation in the senior pathway to ensure that the best performing clubs are competing at the highest level. • Deliver an extended competition with more teams.
Development Pathway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate a high-quality development pathway that provides the highest possible standard for developing players to fulfil their potential. • Provide a pathway for the development of players from juniors through to the senior team. • Create the highest quality playing and training environment in order to assist those aspiring to play W-League. • Establish club Technical Directors to improve coaching standards by providing leadership and mentoring to club coaches. • Establish a regulated development environment through which best practice coaching and the FFA curriculum can be delivered. • Ensure that Coaches are accredited to an appropriate standard in order to ensure high quality player development. • Protect junior development pathways from relegation/promotion of senior teams. • Provide an environment that ensures that highly talented junior players can achieve their goals to reach the W-League and Australian representation by remaining in Western Australia.
Standards of Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise standards in the clubs, with a focus on quality of coaching. • Enact a player roster and points system as the mechanism to ensure clubs invest in development of junior pathways and retaining older and experienced players.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage playing squad stability through the use of the player points system.
Referees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide referees, in particular females, with high quality games to continue their development.
Club Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a structure to ensure clubs provide the best environment possible for their club members. This includes, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coaching ○ Appropriate resources available for players ○ Creating a positive culture at the clubs • Provide a platform for Football West and FFA to enact changes across the league to ensure clubs are embracing best practices. • Establish clear guidelines and requirements for developing clubs to achieve in: Teams, Youth Development, Coaching, Finance, Facilities, Governance and Medical.
Promote the Game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a competition that is a focal point for the game in Western Australia. • Establish a competition that can be used as a vehicle to market the game within the sport to female players. • Develop a high-level competition that can be marketed in local and social media. • Establish a competition that competes with other elite state competitions such as AFL (WAFLW), Hockey (Premier League) & Netball.

NPLWA Phase-In Process

This is applicable to any club wishing to participate in senior female elite competitions in Western Australia.

In order to participate in the NPLWA, a club must meet standard minimum criteria.

Initial changes will commence for the 2020 season.

The minimum standards required to enter or remain in the competitions will increase over time.

The areas covered in the criteria are listed below. Compliance with the criteria would be the primary responsibility of Football West with oversight on some matters provided by FFA.

The NPLWA Implementation Timeline is contained in Appendix B.

Criteria

A summary of the criteria for 2020 and future criteria 2021 onwards is provided below:

NPLWA Criteria

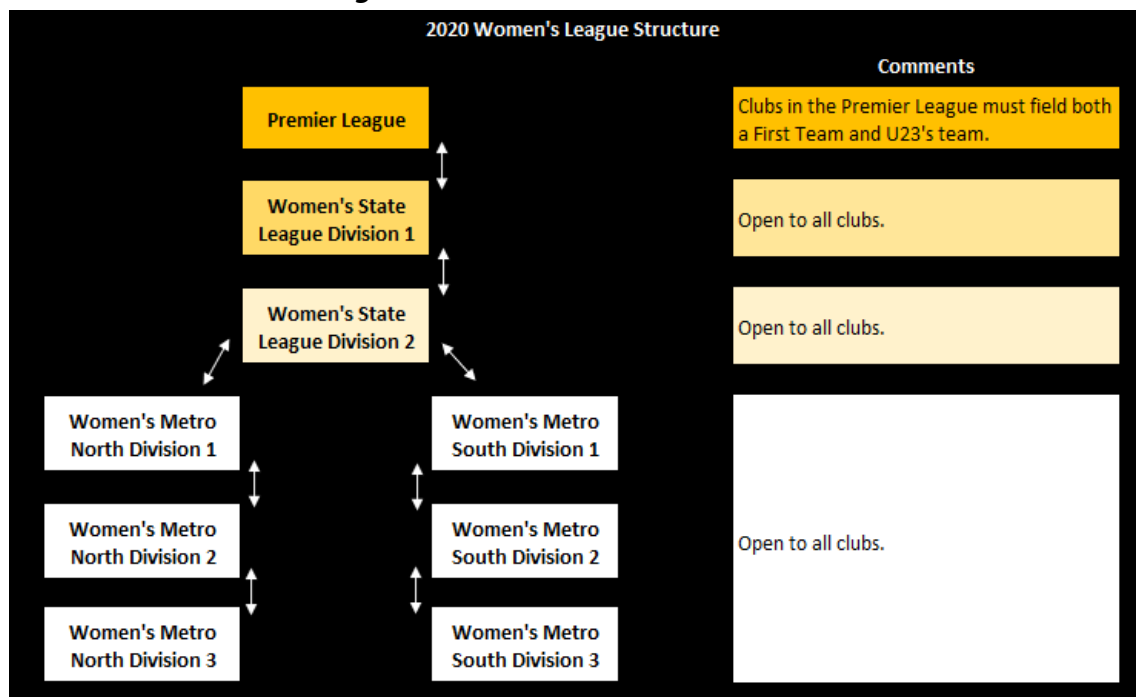
Area	Criteria 2020	Proposed Additional Criteria 2021 onwards
Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Team and U23s. One junior female team (excluding MiniRoos) Clubs must submit player roster for First Team in line with Competition Rules. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of an additional age group U17-18 in the NPLWA. Girls Only MiniRoos program. Player Points System.
Coaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Coach to have an FFA C Licence (or recognised equivalent) or be enrolled in a C Licence Course. Senior Assistant Coach and U23 Head Coach to have minimum of a Game Training Certificate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Coach to have an FFA B Licence (or recognised equivalent) or enrolled in a B Licence Course. U23s Coach to have an FFA C Licence (or recognised equivalent) or enrolled in a C Licence Course.
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documented organisational structure with minimum club roles. Compliant with the Associations Act. Must adhere to the FFA Member Protection Policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club board to have a minimum 30% female representation.
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must maintain financial records as prescribed in law. Must submit audited financial statements to Football West each year. Must provide any financial information requested by Football West in 3 working days. Must report to Football West on participation fees breakdown. 	
Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must meet Minimum NPLWA Facilities Criteria as per Appendix C. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NPLWA Facilities Criteria to be increased in future to B Class venue.
Medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level One Sports Trainer available at Senior games. Treatment table under cover at Senior games. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of an Accredited physiotherapist required as Head of Medical.
Youth Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical Director with minimum of an FFA 'C' Licence (or recognised equivalent). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical Director with minimum of an FFA 'C' Licence (or recognised equivalent).

NPLWA Amended Player Criteria 2020 to 2021

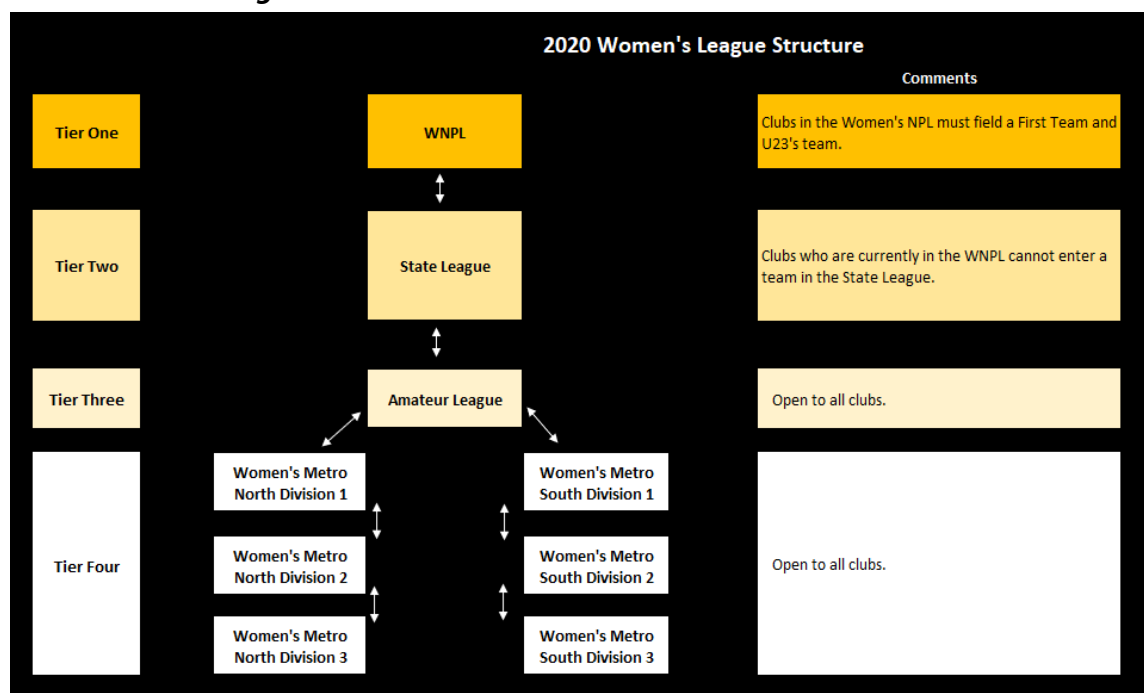
Area	2020	2021
Player Roster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit a Player Roster Composition (PRC) to Football West for First Team with a minimum 18 players and maximum 23 players (Appendix D). • Player Point System completed and submitted to Football West as preparation for 2021. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player Points System enacted with proposed 220-point limit (Appendix E).

League Structure

Current 2019 Women's League Structure



2020 Women's League Structure



Finances

The entry fee for the NPLWA 2020 is to be \$5000 plus GST. This will cover entry for both the First Team and U23s. As NPLWA Girls Junior Leagues are introduced the entry fee will be reviewed in line with the increased demand on resources of those competitions.

The increased costs to Football West from the introduction of the NPLWA will include:

- Increased requirements for competition administration
- Development of a marketing and promotion plan
- Assistance with Club Development
- Compliance audits

In addition to the entry fee clubs also need to consider the following:

- Increased referee payments
- Player payments
- Engagement and retention of qualified coaches and technical directors
- Upgrades to existing club facilities

Appendix A – Consultation Summary

Consultation Methods and Parties
<p><i>Surveys</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open from September 16 to September 30. • 161 responses received from across the female football community. • Questions covered respondent demographics, participant views on the restructure proposed by Football West, teams, promotion and relegation, coaching criteria, facilities and amenities. <p><i>Internal Discussions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External (Women's Standing Committee) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conrad McKelvie ○ Cassandra Greenwell ○ Tim Hodgson ○ Greg Farrell ○ Janine Waltman ○ Rachel Corner ○ Emily Twigger • Internal (Football West) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jamie Harnwell ○ Alex Novatsis ○ Angela Murphy ○ Trent Barron ○ Annie Leyland <p><i>Feedback Forum</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 attendees expressed interest in attending the forum • 36 people attended the forum <p><i>FFA and Other Member Federations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFA – Dylan Potter • Football Queensland - Conner Ellis • Football Queensland – Pye Augustine • Football NSW – Debbie Abboud • Football NSW – Troy McColl
Surveys
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 93.17% agree with the proposed restructure in principle. ○ 86.34% believe the proposed Women's NPLWA would be an improvement.

- 78.88% believe the new State League structure would be an improvement.
- Over 70% of respondents believed:
 - The proposed structure provides an appropriate female pathway.
 - WNPL clubs should have junior teams.
 - There should be a temporary moratorium on the WNPL.
 - WNPL clubs should have a Technical Director by 2020.
 - The Head Coach should have a C Licence by 2020.
 - Clubs should provide a breakdown of participant fees.
 - Clubs should have a Level One Sport Trainer by 2020.
 - Clubs should have a functional scoreboard.
 - Clubs should have fenced-in field.
 - WNPL clubs should have a player points system.
 - This points system should include roster requirements.
- Less than 50% of respondents believed
 - WNPL clubs should have an U20 team.
 - WNPL clubs should charge entry fees.
 - There should be a moratorium on promotion and relegation in the Women's State League.

Preliminary Feedback

- Require one junior team in 2020, increase by two over next two years.
- Player Points System with roster requirements should be introduced.
- Requirement to have junior teams should be 2021, starting with Reserves.
- Age groups would ideally be U14, U15 and U17.
- Facilities should be Class C in 2020, move to Class B by 2023.
- State League to stay as is in 2020.
- Coaching requirements considered essential.
- Other suggestions for promotion: Online match cards and statistics, dedicated women's section on website and WNPL Facebook group.
- Women's Cup and Top Four Cup should be on same day.

Feedback Forum

- Competition should have 8 teams.
- WNPL clubs should not compete in State League.
- Junior NPLWA should be phased in.
- No Reserves in State League.
- Should incentivise WNPL clubs to meet criteria.
- Application process should not be rushed, need to ensure new teams are sustainable.
- Clubs should be assessed on mandatory weighted criteria.
- Proximity to another WNPL club should be a criteria.

- PPS should be submitted but not enforced in 2020.
- Professional, higher quality expectation on criteria to improve the women's game
- Achievable and gradual increases in club requirements over time is required
- Cost for WNPL teams to be determined according to increase in requirements.
- Must have more promotion opportunities.

Feedback from FFA and Other Member Federations

11/07/19	Dylan Potter Football Federation Australia FFA Cup / NPL Operations Manager	Discussion and information given to Football West on NPL Compliance Regulations. Football West received NPL Women's Club Licencing Criteria.
15/07/19	Dylan Potter	History of WNPL in Australia, changes, adaptations, constraints. Discussion around WA climate and considerations.
13/08/19	Dylan Potter	Guidance and assistance on NPL implementation in WA. Football West received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 Player Point System criteria • NPL Venue and facility requirements
06/09/19	NSW, Capital Football, Queensland, Victoria	Football West received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football Queensland WNPL Competition Regulations • Capital Football Competition Regulations • NSW WNPL Competition Rules • Victoria WNPL Competition Rules
19/09/19	Connor Ellis Football Queensland Leagues Manager	Discussion on Queensland WNPL competition and implementation, criteria and Queensland application processes. Football West received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WNPL Expansion Information • Application Process • Licence agreement • Competition Rules • Venue Standards
20/09/19	Conner Ellis	History of WNPL in Queensland, changes, adaptations, constraints. Discussion around WA climate and considerations.

	<p>Pye Augustine Queensland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational Manager, Technical Director – Western Pride WNPL • Council Member – Ipswich Queensland • Former Football Queensland Employee 	<p>Processes of club applications to WNPL, feedback on application processes implemented by Football Queensland. History of WNPL for Western Pride, ramifications when Club lost licence in 2018. Process undertaken by club to be reconsidered by Football Queensland and reobtain licence.</p>
09/10/19	<p>Debbie Abboud Football NSW Competition Coordinator</p> <p>Troy McColl Football NSW Head of Competitions</p>	<p>Application process for WNPL NSW.</p>

Appendix B – NPLWA Implementation Timeline

Structure/ Criteria Consultation		
Date	Task	Competition
2/09/19	Consultation with Women's Standing Committee regarding draft competition structure and WNPL criteria.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6/09/19	Football West – Internal Review and consultation.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13/09/19	Website/ Social Announcement of review of senior female competition structure s. Consultation forum details released	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13/9/19	Survey distributed to all clubs and stakeholders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
23/09/19	Consultation Forum with all stakeholders to discuss draft competition structure and WNPL criteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2/10/19	Consolidation of all documents and surveys and recommendation formed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9/10/19	Recommendation and supporting documents submitted for Football West Board Pack.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
23/10/19	Board Meeting - Submission of proposed changes to board members.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
24/10/19	Release final competition structure and applicant criteria	<input type="checkbox"/>
1/12/19	Release revised competition rules.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expression of Interest Process		
24/10/19	Expression of interest process released.	<input type="checkbox"/>
15/11/19	Expressions of Interest close.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assessment		
24/10/19	Football West to appoint and approve key personnel for Assessment panel, including external consultants.	<input type="checkbox"/>
20/11/19	Assessment Panel meet to discuss EOI's.	<input type="checkbox"/>
25/11/19	Assessment Panel present final recommendations to Football West for the successful clubs.	<input type="checkbox"/>
29/11/19	Football West approval of recommendations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2/12/19	Clubs notified of decision. Public announcement of competition by Football West.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Appendix C – NPLWA Facilities 2020

NPLWA STANDARDS		MANDATORY	'TICK' IF MET	WORKING TOWARDS
FIELD OF PLAY				
1.1	The Pitch / Technical Areas / FOP Equipment			
1.1.1	Dimensions must fall within FIFA recommended brackets for international matches: Length: 100m – 110m and Width: 64m – 75m.	✓		
1.1.2	Preferred field of play dimensions of L105m x W68m for Seniors			
1.1.3	The main pitch is fully fenced for the 1st Team and U23s matches. Pitches to be fenced or for a barrier between spectators and the field of play, with the spectators at least 3 meters from the sideline.			
1.1.4	A safe and reasonable distance from the arena perimeter fence to the side of the field of play, allowing for any potential field of play signage installation.	✓		
1.1.5	Safe playing surface	✓		
1.1.6	All line markings should be marked heavily in white paint and must be 12cm in width	✓		
1.1.7	Each technical area must have direct access to the pitch and shall be located equidistant from the halfway line.	✓		
1.1.8	Technical area must be clearly marked with a dotted line and no closer to the touch line than 1 meter	✓		
1.1.9	Both team benches/seating should be equidistant from the touchline and the half way line			
1.1.10	Benches/seating should be at ground level and be of minimal viewing obstruction to spectators			
1.1.11	Must be able to provide the following minimum FOP Equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2x goal posts • 2x goal nets, 2x spare • 4x corner flag posts, 4 x spare • 2x substitution benches each accommodating 10 persons each Seniors matches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1x stretcher (not spinal boards). 	✓		
1.1.12	Goals must be anchored securely to the ground and must not be dangerous to players.	✓		
1.2	Lighting			
1.2.1	Lighting with a minimum of 200 EV (lux) average.			
1.2.2	Lighting must cover every area of the FOP uniformly including the corners.			
VENUE FACILITIES				
2.1	Venue Specifications			
2.1.1	Fully enclosed and secure venue			
2.1.2	Ability to provide a clean venue, i.e. free from competing commercial partner signage	✓		
2.1.3	Entry points that can facilitate ticket sales and bag checks			
2.1.4	Corporate hospitality facilities available			

2.1.5	Each club must provide details of the nearest hospital/s that has an Accident & Emergency Department. These details should include contact numbers and address of Hospital. The ground official should have these details readily available.			
2.1.6	Selling points for food and beverages should be available, easily accessible, and clean and tidy at all times.	✓		
2.1.5	Each club shall provide clean and hygienic toilet and washing facilities for male and female spectators and for disabled spectators in accordance with legislation and government standards. These amenities should include adequate washing facilities with soap, hot and cold water and a continuous supply of towels and/or hand dryers and should be kept in that condition throughout the day.	✓		
2.1.7	Operational parking spaces			
2.1.8	Undercover seating for a minimum of 50 people.			
2.2	Operational Spaces			
2.2.1	Home Team Dressing Room	✓		
2.2.2	Away Team Dressing Room	✓		
2.2.3	Match Officials Room	✓		
2.2.4	Elevated camera position available for Football West cameras			
2.3	Team Dressing Rooms			
2.3.1	The dressing rooms - each able to accommodate 16 persons (ideally each room should be equal in size, style and level of comfort) for both Senior Women and U23s.	✓		
2.3.2	Provide direct access to the FOP and be inaccessible to the public and media.			
2.3.3	Well ventilated; easily cleanable floors; walls of hygienic material, non-slip floors; securable.			
2.3.4	A massage table			
2.3.5	Bench seating for at least 16 persons	✓		
2.3.6	Clothes hanging facilities or lockers for 16 persons	✓		
2.3.7	Refrigerator			
2.3.8	Whiteboard			
2.3.9	Toilet and sanitary facilities immediately adjacent to the dressing rooms	✓		
2.3.10	Showers	✓		
2.3.11	Washbasins	✓		
2.3.12	2 x WCs	✓		
2.3.13	2 x Power Points			
2.4	Match Officials Dressing Rooms			
2.4.1	Separate from, but close to team dressing rooms, have direct access to the FOP and be inaccessible to the public and media.	✓		
2.4.2	Well ventilated; easily cleanable floors; walls of hygienic material, non-slip floors; securable.			
2.4.3	4 x chairs	✓		
2.4.5	1 x table and 1 x chair	✓		
2.4.6	Clothes hanging facilities or lockers	✓		
2.4.7	Refrigerator			
2.4.8	Toilet and sanitary facilities immediately adjacent to the dressing rooms			
2.4.9	1 x shower	✓		
2.4.10	1 x washbasin	✓		
2.4.11	1 x WC	✓		

2.4.12	1 x urinal			
2.4.13	1 x power point			
SPORTS PRESENTATION				
3.1.1	Scoreboard that can display team name v team name or abbreviations and match score.	✓		
3.1.2	Elapsed time clock			
3.1.3	Ability to provide audio at a reasonable level for all spectators throughout the venue.			

Appendix D – Player Roster Composition (PRC)

Player Roster Composition	
Youth Players	Each Team is permitted to have no more than 6 players on their player roster under the age of 17 in any one season (16 years of age or younger on 31st December in that competition season);
Matildas	Each Team is permitted to have no more than 2 current FFA contracted Matildas on their player roster in any one season;
W-League Players	Each Team is permitted to have no more than 3 W-League Players on their player roster in any one season;
Visa Players	Each Team is permitted to have no more than 3 Visa Players on their roster in any one season.

NPLWA Club First Team PRC Requirements

- At all times during the season, a NPLWA Club must include a minimum of 18 Players on its First Team Player Roster and may include a maximum of 23 Players on its First Team Player Roster.
- A NPLWA Club may promote a Player from its NPL U23s to play for its First Team for up to a maximum of 8 matches throughout the NPLWA season without being required to include that Player on the First Team Player Roster. In order for that Player to be eligible to play in more than 8 First Team matches in that NPLWA season, the Player must be included on the NPLWA Club's First Team Player Roster.
- Any player who on the NPLWA Player Roster of a club cannot play in a competition outside of the NPLWA for that club.
- Clubs will have a pre-season and mid-season window to withdraw players from the roster. Outside of those windows players may only be removed from the roster due to injury or extenuating personal circumstances.
- Once a player has played in 8 NPLWA matches (First Team or U23s), they cannot return to their original competition for that club.
- For the purpose of the PRC, W-League and U19 NTC graduates (within 1 year) need to be listed on the NPLWA First Team player roster.
- Playing in a match is defined as taking the field of play (i.e. in the starting 11 or entering the field as a substitute). For the avoidance of doubt, it will not constitute playing a match if the Player remains as a substitute and does not enter the field of play.

Notes and Definitions:

Characteristics:

- A player may fulfil multiple categories simultaneously. I.e. A player may be classified as a Matilda and a W-League Player on a Player Roster. Clubs must take this into consideration when constructing their Player Roster.

Age:

- A players age is based on their age as at 31st December in that NPLWA competition season.
- All Players on the Player Roster and competing in the NPLWA competition must as a minimum turn 15 years of age by 31 December in that competition season.

W-League Players:

- For the purpose of the PRC, a player coming directly from the W-League (her last club immediately prior to registering with the NPL club) will be classified as a W-League Player.
- For the purpose of the PRC a current W-League player is a player who was in the starting team or who took the field as a substitute in 5 or more W-League fixtures in the most recent W-League completed.

Visa Players:

- Any player who is not an Australian Citizen or does not have Permanent Residency status is considered a Visa Player. This is consistent with the definition in the NPLWA – Men's.

Appendix E – Player Points System (PPS)

The following model will be further developed to be introduced in 2021.

Player Points System Cap

The PPS cap will apply to each WNPLWA Club's First Team Player Roster and this is required to remain within the Points Cap at all times.

The Points Cap for the 2021 season will be set by Football West, in consultation with FFA, up to a maximum of **220 points**.

Each Player is, as a starting point, attributed a points value of 10 points, after which her points value is adjusted depending on certain characteristics. These result in points being added to or deducted from the Player's points value. A Player's points value cannot be less than 0 points.

Category	Points Adjustment	Criteria
Youth Player	-1 for each year the Player is under 23 years of age	A Youth Player is 23 years of age or younger as at 31 December of the current NPL season. In relation to a Player's age, one (1) point is deducted from the Player's points value for each year the Player is under 23 years of age. The maximum adjustment to a Player's points value under this category is minus five (5) points.
Visa Player	+10	A Visa Player is any Player who is not an Australian Player. Ten (10) points is added to a Player's points value if that Player is a Visa Player. A Visa Player will only incur a maximum of 20 points on a First Team Player Roster and will not otherwise be subject to the Switching Player category. A Visa Player may still benefit from the other categories of the PPS (e.g. Youth Player). A NPLWA Club can have a maximum of three (3) Visa Players on their First Team Player Roster at any one time.
Homegrown Player	1 for each season registered with the NPL Club	A Homegrown Player is a Player that has been registered for any period during a season with her NPL Club's Age-Eligible Teams. One (1) point is deducted from the Player's points value for each season the Player was registered with her NPL Club's Age-Eligible Teams. The maximum adjustment to a Player's points value under this category is minus five (5) points
Loyalty Player	-1 for each continuous season with the NPL Club's First Team (after 5 th season)	A Loyalty Player is a Player that has registered for her NPLWA Club's First Team for five (5) continuous seasons. One (1) point is deducted from a Player's points value for each season, starting from her sixth continuous season, in which the Player is registered for the NPLWA Club's First Team.
Switching Player	+5	Five (5) points is added to a Player's points value if: she was registered as a professional with her previous Club (this does not apply to Westfield W-League players returning to their

		NPLWA club after the W-League season or the nominated Australian Marquee Player); or she was registered in the NPL as an amateur with her previous NPL Club and she played ten (10) or more games in that NPL Club's First Team in the most recent NPL season (unless the Player's last registration was with a National Elite Pathway Team).
	+3	Three (3) points is added to a Player's points value if she was registered in the NPL as an amateur with her previous NPL Club and played in less than ten (10) games in that NPL Club's First Team in the most recent NPL season (unless the Player's last registration was with a National Elite Pathway Team).
	+2	Two (2) points is added to a Player's points value if she is an Australian Player and her last registration was as an amateur with an overseas Club.
	+2	Two (2) point is added to a Player's points value if the Player was last registered as an amateur with a National Elite Pathway Team and registers for an NPLWA Club other than their NPLWA Club of origin (i.e. the NPLWA Club she was registered with prior to that National Elite Pathway Team).
Pathway Player	0	No points are added to, or deducted from, a Player's points value only by virtue of that Player having left a NPLWA Club to join a National Elite Pathway Team and having returned to the same NPLWA Club.
Westfield W-League Player	+5	For the purpose of the PPS, Five (5) points is added for any player who played (in the starting team or who took the field as a substitute) in 5 or more W-League fixtures in any of the most recent three (3) W-League seasons. (Eligible for other reductions)
Australian Marquee Player	0	A player who has played for the Matilda's or has been registered as a professional player in an overseas league in the last three seasons. The Australian Marquee Player will only incur a maximum of ten (10) points on a First Team Player Roster and will not otherwise be subject to the Switching Player category. The Player can benefit from the other categories of the PPS (i.e. Homegrown Player). An NPL Club can have one (1) Player on its First Team Player Roster nominated as its Australian Marquee Player and that player can only be used for 1 season, in their first season, within the league.

Points Deductions

Category	Points Bonus	Criteria
Youth Player Advancement	-3 per Player	Three (3) points may be deducted from a NPLWA Club's Points Total for each registered Player that is signed by a National Elite Pathway Team from the NPLWA Club's Age-Eligible Teams. The points deduction will only apply for one (1) NPL season, which must be applied in either the NPLWA season that the relevant Player moves to the National Elite Pathway Team, or the next NPLWA season.

First Team Player Advancement	-8 per Player	Eight (8) points may be deducted from a NPLWA Club's Points Total for each registered Player that is signed by a National Elite Pathway Team from the NPLWA Club's First Team Player Roster. The points deduction will only apply for one (1) NPLWA season, which must be applied in either the NPLWA season that the relevant Player moves to the National Elite Pathway Team, or the next NPLWA season.
Promoted Club	-20 per Club	A Promoted Club will receive a deduction of 20 points from their Points Total. This points deduction only applies for the Promoted Club's first season following promotion into the WNPLWA.
Promoted Club	-10 per Club	A Promoted Club will receive a deduction of 10 points from their Points Total. This points deduction only applies for the Promoted Club's second season following promotion into, or being granted a licence to participate in, the NPLWA.
Regional Concession	-20 per Club	A Regional Club as determined by Football West will receive a deduction of 20 points from their Points Total.