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2019 WA NETBALL LEAGUE – COMPETITION INFORMATION

BACKGROUND TO THE WA NETBALL LEAGUE

After 30 years of the WA Netball League (WANL) under a regional structure, WANL will undergo significant changes in 2019. This is the result of the need to re-establish the footprint of this competition to play a pivotal role in the development of our high-performance players, coaches, umpires and officials, meeting the Netball WA High Performance Plan outcomes.

This elite training and competition structure provides the best opportunities for players, coaches, umpires and officials to develop and maximise their abilities. WANL also serves as the primary pathway to the West Coast Fever Netball Club and Suncorp Super Netball Competition.

WANL Objectives are:

- To produce Australian Diamond, West Coast Fever and Suncorp Super Netball athletes;
- To provide an elite competition for state team athletes;
- To be the preeminent High-Performance competition in Australia that provides the best pathway development opportunities for our participants (athletes, coaches, umpires and bench officials);
- To formalise partnerships between WANL Clubs underpinned by various partnerships to ensure longevity of each WANL Club;
- To develop and implement financially sustainable clubs and a competition that will increase commercial and sponsorship opportunities for the sport, competition and teams;
- To raise and enhance the profile of netball in Western Australia.

In 2018, seven new clubs were granted a license by NWA to participate in the re-structured WANL competition. Four of the seven clubs will field a team in the Mens division following the successful pilot season in 2018 to continue to grow and develop the game at this level.

Why are changes being made to WANL?

WANL is being restructured in an effort to improve the quality and development of players, coaches and umpires. Over the last few seasons, many states have been reviewing and changing their local state league in an effort to best serve netball in their state.

What will the new structure of WANL be?

The competition will consist of a maximum of eight (8) clubs and three (3) divisions:

Women:	Open	(7 Teams for 2019 – expanding to 8 in 2020)
	20 and Under (20U)	(7 Teams for 2019 – expanding to 8 in 2020)

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Men: Open (4 Teams for 2019)

Which clubs will be participating in WANL?

The following clubs have been granted a license for the 2019 – 2021 WANL seasons.

Demons Netball Club	(Open, 20U & Mens)
East Freo Sharks Netball Club	(Open & 20U)
Hamersley-Curtin Netball Club	(Open, 20U & Mens)
Perth Lions Netball	(Open, 20U & Mens)
Rangers Netball Club	(Open & 20U)
Souwest Jets Netball Club	(Open & 20U)
West Coast Warriors Netball Club	(Open, 20U & Mens)

At the end of 2018, Netball WA will be sending out Expression of Interests for an 8th club to join WANL for 2020 – 2021. The Expression of Interest selection process will occur between February and May with the 8th club to be announced by 31 May 2019.

Do I have to play for a club in my Region?

No. NWA rules state that a player can play for any WANL club.

When will WANL be played?

Matches will be held on Friday nights between May and September, with the exception of some club home games.

Season timing may be impacted year to year by Netball Australia competitions, namely Suncorp Super Netball (SSN) and Australian Netball League (ANL).

All teams will play each other a minimum of twice throughout the season. Matches will be played at a central venue with some games played at home venues. The number of home games will be at the sole discretion of NWA.

WANL Final Series will run across a 3-week period – Semi-Finals (week 1), Preliminary Final (week 2) and Grand Final (week 3).

What is the format for 2019?

Games will consist of 4 x 15 minute quarters. Breaks will be 3-5-3.

Game times are likely to be 6:30pm and 8:15pm.

INF Rules 2018 will be used so there are no tactical timeouts

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How many players are in each division?

All divisions will field teams of 12 players.

What is the WANL Participation Agreement?

Moving forward in 2019, players, coaches, umpires, team officials and bench officials will be requested to sign a WANL Participation Agreement when signing with a WANL club. This agreement is between the participant and Netball WA and has been adapted from the same agreement used at ANL.

The agreement declares that a person is fit to participate, grants permission to use images, acknowledges the risks involved in playing netball and agrees to follow the rules and conditions set out by Netball WA.

What is in place to stop one club recruiting all the best players?

For the Women's Open Division there will be a Player Points System (PPS).

The purpose of the PPS is to:

- Support equalisation of the WANL Women's Open Division competition;
- Ensure teams fielded in this competition are strong and as equally matched as possible;
- Provide the best opportunity for athletes to develop and display their skills;
- Provide opportunity to compete within a high-performance system that is orderly and fair;
- Provide a more attractive competition for sponsors and spectators.

It is important to have a competition where the talented is distributed evenly amongst the club. We want this competition to have the best players play against each other. Representative netball (i.e. Western Sting) is where we want the best players to play alongside each other.

Please note that the PPS will not apply to the Women's 20U division. However a player who plays up in the Open division will have points applied to them.

A PPS for the Men's division is still to be determined. A decision will be made following a Mens WANL working group meeting to be held 15 November 2018.

How does the PPS work?

All players are designated a number of points representing their level of playing experience. Clubs are to set their 12 player team list for the Women's Open division within the points limit set by Netball WA before the start of each season.

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What happens when a player is unavailable?

Clubs are able to apply for a temporary or permanent replacement player (similar to ANL). Any player coming into the 12 player Women's Open team will have points allocated to them, even if brought up from the club's 20U team. Clubs cannot include any player that pushes their club's list over the PPS limit.

What would happen if a club exceeded the PPS?

Fines, suspensions and/or exclusion from the competition. It is important for players to be open and honest about their playing history to work out the correct amount of points that they are worth, so that it does not adversely affect their club's overall total player points.

How many points am I worth?

Points are worked out based on level of experience. For 2019, if a player has played a minimum of one game at ANL during any of the 2016, 2017 or 2018 ANL seasons they are worth 15 points. If a player is selected for ANL in 2019, that will not affect their points in 2019 as Netball WA wants to encourage all players to play at Representative level without fear of pushing a club's PPS over the limit.

Players will be classified at the highest level i.e. a player who is a WA resident and has played 65 WANL games (Category 5) and has held a permanent SSN contract anytime within the previous 3 seasons (Category 2) will be classified as Category 2.

Category 1 (30 points)

- A player (not playing netball in WA at age 14) who is currently under contract or has at any stage within the last 3 seasons been permanently contracted to a NNL (Australia, New Zealand, England or South Africa) team.

Category 2 (20 points)

- A player (who played netball in WA at age 14) who is currently under contract or has at any stage within the last 3 seasons been permanently contracted to a NNL (Australia, New Zealand, England or South Africa) team.

Category 3 (15 points)

- A player who has played a minimum of 12 quarters at ANL level in any one season within the previous 3 seasons.

Category 4 (12 points)

- A player who has played 200 or more WANL matches in the top division.

Category 5 (10 points)

- A player who has played 100 to 199 WANL matches in the top division.

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- A player who has previously played 18U & above in another State League competition.*
- A player from overseas who is in Australia on a visa for study/work/netball.*

Category 6 (8 points)

- A player who has played 50 to 99 WANL matches in the top division.

Category 7 (5 points)

- A player who has played 25 to 49 WANL matches in the top division.
- A player who has played in the 17U &/or 19U National Netball Championships within the previous 3 seasons

Category 8 (2 points)

- A player who has played 0 to 24 WANL matches in the top division.

* A player who has become a permanent resident of Western Australia and played for 3 consecutive seasons in the WANL will be classed as a local player and classified as such.

It is the club's and players responsibility in the first instance to work out the players points. Please be open and honest with your netball history so that you can be allocated the correct points value and avoid any punishment for providing misleading information.

Will the PPS limit change?

The PPS limit will be reviewed annually. While it is designed to have the best players in the state compete against one another, over time the PPS will be adjusted to include junior development and representative netball to allow players to continue playing with their original club.

How does the PPS affect West Coast Fever players?

Contracted West Coast Fever players will be allocated to WANL clubs. These players will sit outside the PPS and not be part of the club's 12 players. Given that the SSN season is likely to begin in April it is not likely that Fever players will be available to participate in WANL.

How do I become a player at one of the new WANL clubs?

All clubs will be holding trials. Club trials have been organised so that players may trial for as many clubs as possible. Trials will be held in 2 stages.

The trial periods are as follows;

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1st Stage Trials: 2 -16 December 2018
Clubs offers to players: 18 December 2018
Offers Accepted by: 11 January 2019

2nd Stage Trials: 20 – 31 January 2019 (if required)
Clubs offers to players: 4 February 2019
Offers Accepted by: 7 February 2019
All club trial dates will be published on the NWA website on the WANL page.

What happens if I miss out?

For players not participating in WANL, Metro League or a Regional Competition (i.e. South West Football Netball League) are the competitions that will underpin WANL. Metro League will be held on Friday nights with the occasional Saturday match against teams from Regional Associations. All matches will be played at the State Netball Centre/Perth Netball Association. The Metro League season begins 8 February and runs for 9 weeks. Players will represent their local Associations in the following age groups – Opens, 18U, 16U & 14U. Trials for Metro League are likely to be held in November. Metro League matches are 4 x 15-minute quarters, played with 10 per team. Please note that some country Associations may also be participating in this competition. For Regional Competition, please check with the Regional Competition organisers for 2019 competition start dates.

Metro League is for players who do not get selected in to a WANL squad. If a player is selected in both Metro and WANL, they will be withdrawn from the Metro League team.

The 2019 Metro League season is a pilot season. The competition will be reviewed following its completion. 2020 will see the introduction of men into the Metro League competition.

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