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The following document are discussion points provided by members of the Women's Standing Committee to Football West for consideration in the review of the senior female football competition structure in WA.

Teams WNPL

- Required 1 junior team from 2020, 2 for 2021, 3 from 2022 (not MiniRoos)
 - Age specific U13/15/17 or 14/15/17
 - Needs to be mandated
- Player Point System (PPC) introduced in 2020 with no penalty in year one
 - PPS to be submitted before first game of season
- Player Roster Composition PRC starting 2020
- Promote teams to make an 8-team competition – 3 rounds of 7 games
- Players who play WNPL or 23's should not be able to play Metro Leagues again and have to be removed from PRC to play state league (cannot be removed and re-added)
- Acceptance to league by application
- Maximum of 3 current National Training Centre (NTC) graduates (full time programs only) on their player roster in any one season;

Teams U23's NPL

- Player roster requirements in 2020
 - Not subject to PPS
 - Minimum of 16 players and maximum 23
 - Viewable online
- Players must be on player roster or PPS to play WNPL
- Reducing U23's to U21's +4 overage + GK in 2020
 - Commencing 2021 – announcement with WNPL

Tier Two

- Clubs to have requirements to have junior team in 2021
- Reserves team to start open age
- Reserves age reduce to U23's in 2022
- Exemption to regional football clubs for junior requirements
- Have a PPS or PRC

Tier Three

- Consider having multiple divisions (Div1 & Div 2)

Youth Development

- U14, U15, U17
- Oldest group for girls U17
- Decoupling of Juniors to seniors regarding promotion and relegation

Facilities

- Class C facilities in 2020
- Move to Class B facilities 2023

League Structure

Discussion points to consider;

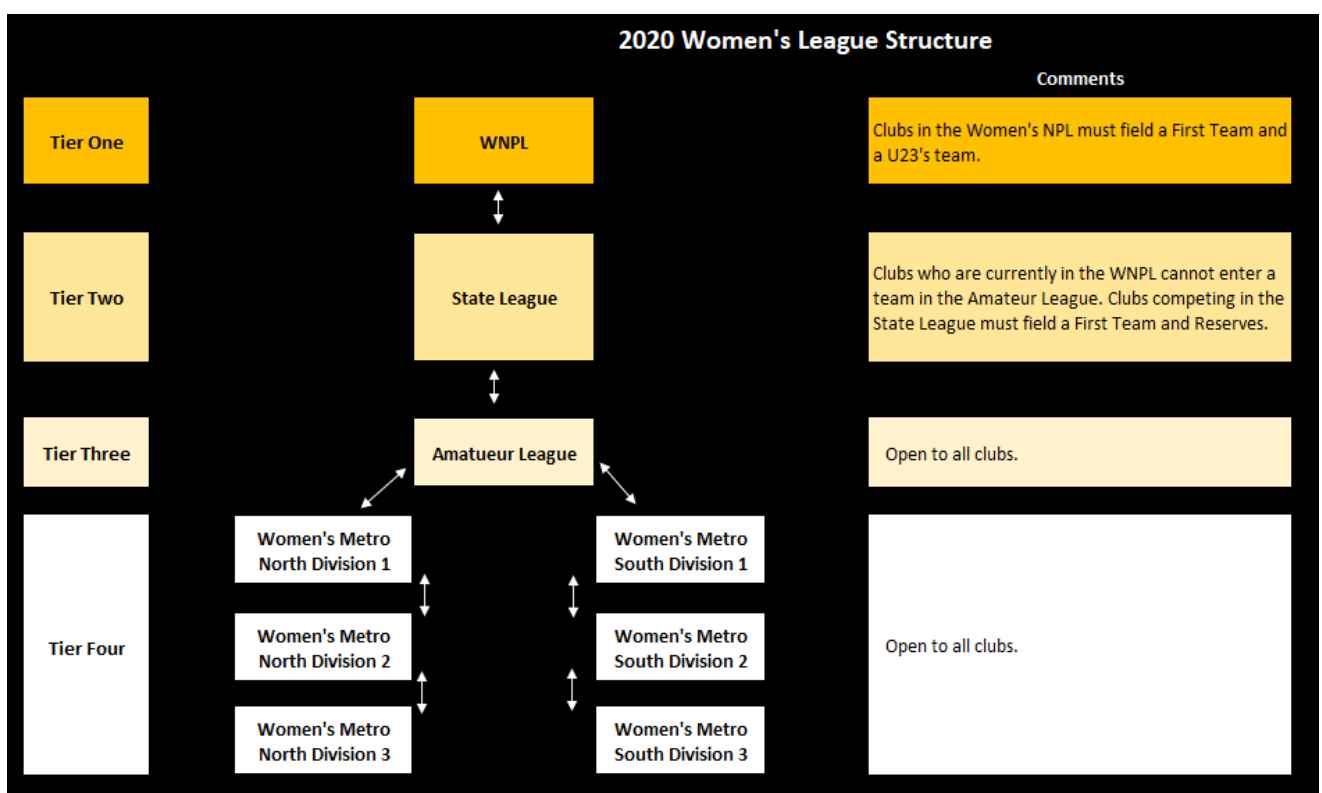
- Tier 2 clubs to have first and reserves teams
- Tier 2 clubs not having reserves in year one
- State League staying as is in 2020

Name changes:

- Premier League should be called NPL2

- League Names: NPL- State League – Central 1 and 2 – Metro North and South
- League Names: WNPL- State League – Amateur League- Metro League

Figure 1 Image created from recommendations above and adapted from the Female Football Competition Structure, Discussion document.



Coaching

- Coach requirements are essential
- Women's Coaching Coordinator in 2020 – TD in 2021
- TD required to attend FW workshops in 2020

- 2020, head coach to be C licence, 2021 head coach working towards B licence, assistant coach to have C, 2022 head coach to have B, Assistant and 21 coach to have C, all other coaches to be working towards C.

Player Roster

- Overage requirement is necessary
- Requirement to restrict number of non-homegrown NTC graduates (year after graduating)
 - No more than 2
 - Only restriction on non-homegrown players

Player Point System

- Home grown rules must be in place and clear
 - For W-League or NTC graduates leaving a club to go to NTC or W-League once complete should be able to return to home club with no penalty
- PPS total for 2021 to be set and announcement to be made of WNPL

Promotion of the Game

- **Online Sports Management**
 - Online match cards
 - Online access to statistics (all games statistics such as goal scorers, substitutes etc should be recorded as they are on the eastern states NPL sites via Sports TG)
- **Women's section of the website**
 - links to fixtures and results
 - links to video highlights
 - links to articles (round previews, match reports)
- **Social Media**
 - WA WNPL Facebook Group
 - Video highlights
 - Full match replays
 - Live streamed games
 - Advertising for upcoming games

- Results and league table graphics
- Match reports and previews (linking to women's pages on FW site)

Finance

- Costings given to clubs as early as possible

Competition Discussion Points

- Season Length
 - Later start to the season
 - Season to finish in last week of September
- Top 4 Finals
 - Top 4 finals for, state and metro league
- Night Series
 - Start later (February is too early; players are starting training in first week of Jan)
 - For the night series, Friday - Wednesday - Sunday fixturing for the round matches. "Plate"
Semis and Semi-Finals are then held on the Wednesday, and the finals on the Sunday. Done
and dusted in 16 days. At the end of February, season starts 2nd week of March.
- Cup Competition
 - WNPL clubs should only be allowed to play U23s in the cup. Any player who has taken part in (sub or start) 40% or more WNPL games should be ineligible to play.
- Finals Days
 - Currently we have cup final day (5 games) and top 4 final day (4 games)
 - No other women's games on that day.
 - One venue for all finals
 - Venue should have multiple pitches (so that games can be played side by side)
 - Lock in the venue at the start of the season.
 - Venue should be central and have proper seats and be completely shield patrons from the elements.
 - Schedule matches so that people (juniors) can stay behind for the showcase game
- Other Items
 - League games on Friday nights