



PEEL FOOTBALL AND NETBALL LEAGUE INC.

**WOMEN'S FOOTBALL
PFNLW Rules and
Regulations (BY-LAWS)**

2024



RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PLAYING OF FOOTBALL IN THE PEEL WOMEN'S FOOTBALL COMPETITION

The Rules and Regulations (by-laws) that have been approved for the Peel Football Competition will generally apply to the Women's Football Competition, with the following exceptions:

1. **AGE**

- 1.1 This is covered in Country Football WA (CFWA) Rules and Regulations.
- 1.2 No female will be permitted to play in any male competition.

2. **PERMISSION**

- 2.1 All official registrations, transfers, permits, for any player under the age of 18 years must be countersigned by a parent/legal guardian.

3. **PLAYING NUMBERS**

- 3.1 Each team shall be allowed to have a maximum of 24 players listed on the Players' Team Sheet for each game. On-field numbers will be 16 with a maximum of 8 players on the interchange bench. If both teams have sufficient numbers on game day (prior to the commencement of the match) they can agree with playing a full complement of 18 on the field with a maximum of 6 players on the interchange bench.
- 3.2 Each team will have a minimum of 14 players before the match can proceed. In cases where a team has less than the required 16 on-field players, the "even up rule" will apply to all games except those in final round matches.
- 3.3 Both teams will field the same number of players on the playing field. No game shall commence until both sides have an equal number of players on-field including after quarter time breaks, except if a **Red Card** has been issued.
- 3.4 In the event that a player is removed from the field through injury or a yellow card infringement, the "evening up" rule still applies. The balancing of players will be affected at the next scheduled quarter-time break.
- 3.5 **Red Card** infringement: The Team with the infringement plays short one (1) player for 15 minutes.
- 3.6 Players cannot play for the PFNL and the WAFL/WAFLW Competition in the same weekend (includes Monday public holidays).

4. **PLAYING TIME**

4.1 Teams will play 18 - minute quarters. There will be no “time on.”

4.2 Quarter time breaks will be:

- 5 minutes for the first and third quarter; and
- 15 minutes for half time.

5. **OUT OF BOUNDS**

5.1 PFNLW with No Boundaries: Last disposal between the arcs: If the ball goes out of bounds between the forward and defensive 50 arcs as a result of a kick or handball, the opposing team will receive a free kick where the ball crossed the line. If it is not clear who touched the ball last, it is thrown up. If there is ‘Boundary Umpires’ thrown in. Note: If the ball goes out of bounds inside 50 then unless the ball is deemed by the field umpire to be forced out deliberately the field umpire will bring the ball in 10m and throw it up.

6. **TACKLING (i.e. SLINGING)**

6.1 As per the Laws of Australian Rules Football 2023.

7. **SOCCERING**

7.1 Soccering the ball is allowed, normal rules as per the Laws of Australian Rules Football 2021.

8. **QUALIFICATIONS FOR FINALS**

8.1 There will be five (5) qualifying games as the number of games to be played for primary registered players to qualify for final round matches.

8.2 Players that are on permit or registered to a State **WAFLW** League Team must play at least five (5) games **on or before Round 12 of that year to be** qualified to play in final round matches **of the PFNL. Games after Round 12 do not qualify WAFLW League Players for finals.** Note: They cannot play for the PFNL and the WAFL/WAFLW Competition in the same weekend (includes Monday public holidays).

Note: The PFNL Football Rules and Regulations, CFWA Rules and Regulations and the Laws of Australian Rules Football edition 2024 to be used to cover all other areas.