

# Memorandum



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<b>To :</b>	Potential Women's League division 1 Clubs		
<b>Date :</b>	7 November 2011	<b>No :</b>	C-11-082
<b>From :</b>	General Manager, Competitions & Operations		
<b>Subject :</b>	Changes to the Women's League - 2012		

As you are hopefully aware, Football West, in conjunction with the Women's Standing Committee has been conducting a review of the structure of the Senior Women's Competition in an effort to increase the quality and sustainability of the women's game in WA.

After considerable effort on behalf of all parties – and our thanks go out to those who have contributed their time and effort to this process – it has been decided that the women's competition will be split into a competitive competition and a more social and 'participative' competition from next year.

The competitive competition will consist of a Premier Division and Division One and clubs in these divisions will be required to field both a first and a reserves team. A club may enter only one first and reserves playing group in the competitive stream. In other words, a club with a presence in the Premier Division may not enter a team into Division One and vice versa.

Expressions of interest for entry into Division One were sought by Football West in mid September and as at the closing date on 14 October, there was a healthy interest of at least ten clubs suggesting to us that there is both strong interest and merit. An analysis of the applications will now be conducted and a recommendation made to the Football West Board.

The main principles of the Competition Rules will remain unchanged, but there will be a tighter control of the use of the NTC players in an agreement worked out between Football West and the Standing Committee. This agreement will be documented and distributed to all clubs.

At this point let me also say that whilst we are undertaking further analysis of the participation numbers and trends of girls in the 14-18 years of age bracket, it is foreseen that for the 2012 season, the 17s Girls competition will remain as is. As I'm sure you'll agree, this is a critical age and we want to ensure that young players of any level are supported during this period and in their transition from girls to women's football.

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As a club which has expressed an interest in the new Division 1, we now invite you to complete the Offer and Acceptance Form which is attached, by **5:00pm on Wednesday 16 November 2011**. You will note that the Offer and Acceptance contains some key points of which the club must be aware in competing in this competition. Should your club believe that you are unable to commit to these points, then you should discuss the matter with Football West before accepting the offer. Once the club has completed the form, we shall be in a position to move to the next step in structuring the competition.

Finally, I would like to stress that as we further fine tune the framework for the women's competition we shall keep you all abreast of the developments. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Tanya Oxtoby, Manager Women's Football, should you wish to discuss any aspect of the restructure.

Yours faithfully,



Keith Wood  
**General Manager, Competition & Operations**

# Women's State League

## Acceptance of Offer

We, the undersigned, being authorised office bearers of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Club*

accept the offer of entry into the Women's State League in 2012.

In accepting this offer, the club understands that:

- it is required to field a first team and a reserves team;
- if insufficient players are available for a State League fixture, the State League team takes precedence over any Metropolitan League teams the club has (i.e. Metropolitan League players are to be moved into the State League squads);
- by accepting a position in the new Division 1, it forfeits its highest placed team in the current structure;
- a player may not play in the State League and the Metropolitan League on the same day;
- a player may not play in the Metropolitan League once she has played 9 times in the State League;
- participation in the Night Series is compulsory for ALL State League clubs;
- Kick-off times will be standardised at 12:45pm for Reserves and 3:00pm for the First Team;
- promotion and relegation between the Premier Division and Division 1 is automatic and compulsory;
- if it chooses to withdraw from the State League, it may only re-enter the Women's Metropolitan League in a division in which there is a vacancy; and
- if it fails to fulfil any of these requirements or any other requirements of the competition, it may be removed from the competition at the discretion of Football West.

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*President*

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*Secretary*

**Please return this form by 5:00pm Wednesday 16 November 2011.**



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