



**WAFCC**  
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN  
FEMALE CRICKET COUNCIL (INC.)

# Female Premier Cricket

## Competition Entry Criteria

Before a Premier Club considers nominating a team in the WAFCC A and/or B Grade competition, it is essential for that Club to engage with the WAFCC so that the strategic objectives of the latter are understood. Although a Club may meet all the criteria required, the WAFCC will work with relevant WACA Staff to consider all other relevant factors, such as geographical position, projected growth and existing relationships that the Premier Club may/may not have with feeder clubs.

Prospective applicants for participation will need to submit a nomination form, by NO LATER than 15 JULY prior to the upcoming season, detailing the reasons why the applicant shall be admitted into the specific Grade. See below two components of key criteria that clubs are expected to demonstrate their understanding in the application. The application and nomination letter shall be addressed to the WAFCC and may require a presentation by the Club.

### PART 1: KEY CRITERIA

The checklist below outlines key criteria that clubs are expected to demonstrate their eligibility for a team to nominate in the WAFCC A and/or B Grade Female Premier Cricket Competition.

	CRITERIA	B GRADE	A GRADE
1	<b>Detailed list of Playing Squad</b> <i>D.O.B, address, current playing club, previous club (if applicable), playing experience</i>	30 ELIGIBLE players (exc. contracted players)	40 REGISTERED players (exc. contracted players)
2	<b>Team Establishment</b>	Mandatory to have a Youth League Team	Mandatory to have a Youth League & B Grade Team
3	<b>CA Accredited Coach/es</b>	B Grade & Youth League Accredited Head Coaches	A Grade, B Grade and Youth League Accredited Head Coaches
4	<b>Premier Cricket Development Plan</b> <i>Including Volunteer Management Plan &amp; Strategic Plan</i>	Score greater than 80%	Score greater than 85%
5	<b>Grounds &amp; Facilities</b>	Detail availability of turf pitches (min. 2 grounds), turf nets, appropriate changing rooms, clubrooms etc.	
6	<b>Written acknowledgement</b>	Signed statement by at least two office bearers of the club (being two from the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Club)	
7	<b>Junior Community Cricket Club Links</b>	Evidence of a minimum of two formal/mature links	
8	<b>Senior Community Cricket Club Links</b>	Evidence of a minimum of one formal/mature link	

## PART 2: CLUB OF ORIGIN

**CLUB OF ORIGIN:** In order to help Clubs build their A and B Grade equivalent playing numbers, players who were formerly registered with a Club (known as their Club of Origin) who left to pursue other opportunities, may be cleared back to the newly admitted Club (to a maximum of 6 players). This applies for a period of up to 3 years before the Club enters a higher Grade.

**RECRUITMENT FOR B GRADE:** The Club that wishes to enter a team in B Grade, can only recruit a maximum of **8 players** from within the list of current Premier Cricket Competition registered players (and who have played during the previous 12 months) from other Clubs, with this limited to 2 players per Club (except if approved as a Club of Origin player). This is to prevent an existing Club losing too many players.

**RECRUITMENT FOR A GRADE:** The Club that wishes to enter a team in A Grade, can only recruit a maximum of **5 players** from within the list of current Premier Cricket Competition registered players (and who have played during the previous 12 months) from other Clubs, with this limited to 2 players per Club (except if approved as a Club of Origin player). This is to prevent an existing Club losing too many players.

The Club of Origin rule also applies to Youth League Female Premier Cricket players. Existing Clubs need to acknowledge that they may lose players who wish to return to their Club of Origin (presuming normal clearance rules apply i.e. players are financial).

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## GUIDELINES

In conjunction with above criteria, guidelines have been established to assist in the growth of a sustainable Female Premier Cricket competition over the immediate future (3-5 years).

1. Annual statistics and data are gathered by WACA staff to allow for the analysis of the current participation and growth numbers of Premier and Community Cricket players and competitions.
  2. The Female Premier Cricket Expansion plan will guide the future growth of the competition. Current data suggests we currently only have sufficient player numbers to sustain a 4 team A Grade competition and a 6 team B Grade Competition.
  3. Geography needs to be a strong consideration in terms of accepting new A Grade & B Grade Clubs into the competition.
  4. Consideration will only be made to Clubs that grow from the base up (i.e. YL → B → A).
  5. Impact of WNCL and WBBL fixtures on:
    - standard of A Grade competition (needs to be sufficiently high to support the development of WA Women & Scorchers players)
    - player numbers
    - availability of contracted players
  6. Premier Clubs willing to work collaboratively to enter teams in the competition will be positively considered.
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In assessing a Club's application, the WAFCC must be satisfied that ALL criteria have been met.

If successful, the WAFCC will monitor and review a Club's performance midway through the season (no later than 31 December), and/or by request from the Cricket Operations Unit. Performance will be reviewed around "sustainability" e.g. ability to complete required administrative tasks, forfeiting of matches and grounds & facilities. Win/loss ratio will not be used as a measure.

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