



**Northern Tasmanian Football Association  
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## 1. OBJECTIVES

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The NTFA Player Points System Policy delivers equalisation of community football competition which is vital for the growth and development of community football.

Even and fair competitions lead to interest, which leads to bigger crowds, which leads to stronger clubs and competitions. Even competitions allow supporters and club volunteers the chance to turn up on any given match day with the knowledge that the outcome of the game is uncertain, and that their team is a chance of winning. This mindset motivates people to become and remain engaged with their community club and provides rewards and recognition to all those that assist in putting a team out on the field.

The philosophy of competition equalisation is accepted in sports all around the world. Professional sporting bodies have accepted practices such as drafts, salary caps, FIFA Fair Play, and the like, to help competition's, ensure competitiveness and club sustainability.

### **The objectives of the NTFA PPS Policy are as follows, to:**

- a) support equalization of community football Competitions.
- b) ensure teams fielded in the Competitions are strong and as equally matched as possible.
- c) provide the best opportunities for players to develop and display their skills.
- d) provide opportunities to compete at a community level within an orderly and fair system.
- e) enable team spirit and public support.
- f) encourage community and corporate sponsorships of Community Clubs.
- g) reduce the inflationary nature of player payments to assist clubs survive financially and reduce financial burden/stress on Clubs.
- h) promote player loyalty and junior development.
- i) support the role volunteers undertake in managing their Clubs by
  - I. minimising the need to fundraise for player payments.
  - II. providing a more competitive environment on field, that encourages more volunteers to support at Club level.
  - III. providing incentive to spend more time and effort in the development of football, a welcoming Club environment and growing the game within the local community.

This PPS Policy sets out a framework of rules and guiding principles in relation to a player points system to achieve the above objectives.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

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**AFL** – Australian Football League.

**Category** – means the player points category which determines the base allocation of the Player Points Allocation for a player.

**Club** – means an Australian football club which participates within a community football competition that does not include State Leagues (i.e. the TSL, VFL etc).

**Colts** – means an Under 18 or Under 19 Competition

**Competition** – an Australian football competition in which the Community Clubs participate in official fixtured matches.

**Competitive Football** – means any formally organised football competition excluding AFL 9s, school football.

**First Home and Away Match** – means the first official competition match for the home and away season of a Competition.

**Play HQ** The online competition management system implemented by football competitions across Australia. (Play HQ) Northern Tasmanian Football Association.

**Competition Manager** – means the person responsible for the administration of the football competition.

**NTFAPPS** – means the Northern Tasmanian Football Association Player Points System

**National Player Transfer Regulations** – means the AFL’s national policy for player transfers as updated by the AFL from time to time.

**NEAFL** – means North-East Australia Football League.

**NTFL** – means Northern Territory Football League.

**Player membership details** – means a player’s individual details provided for on the PlayHQ System.

**Player Points Allocation** – means the total number of points allocated to an individual player in the NTFA Senior Men’s or Women’s Team taking into consideration the Player Points Category that applies to each player and any additional points or deducted points in accordance with this PPS Policy.

**PPS Policy** - means the player points policy as amended by the NTFA from time to time.

**PPSC** – means Player Points System Committee

**QAFL** – means Queensland Football League

**SANFL** – means the South Australian National Football League.

**Season** – means Community Football season between 1 March and 30 September each year (or such other agreed dates).

**Season of Service** – means a Season where a player has played a minimum of five (5) Senior, Reserves & Colts games in one Season for a particular Community Club. A player who has completed a Season of Service is eligible for a reduction of one point should they play for the same Community Club in the following year in accordance with this PPS Policy.

**Senior Competition** – means the senior or highest grade of Competition within any division of the NTFA.

**Senior Team** – means the team of players that participate in a Community Club’s 1<sup>st</sup> grade team.

**NTFA Premier League** - means the highest tier of competition of the NTFA.

**NTFA Community Leagues** – means Division 1 and Division 2 competitions within the NTFA.

**TSL** – means the Tasmanian State League.

**Total Team Points** – means the total number of points allocated to a specific Senior or Colts Team by the NTFA for each Season in accordance with this PPS Policy.

**VFL** – means the Victorian Football League.

**WAFL** – means the Western Australia Football League.

### **3. INTERPRETATION**

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A reference to:

“**Aligned Junior Club**” is where seniors and juniors exist under the same constitution, or where there is a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in place between standalone senior and junior clubs that is approved by the NTFA Executive. To be considered an ‘Aligned Junior Club’ and MoU must be approved by the NTFA Executive to ensure an appropriate player pathway exists. Junior Clubs may be aligned to multiple Senior Clubs.

“**Transferred**” refers to the formal transfer authorised under the National Player Transfer Regulations.

“**Unique local conditions**” refers to the conditions, environment or circumstances which are unique to a Community Club or a region of Community Clubs which may give grounds for a reassessment of a Club’s Total Team Points as determined by the relevant NTFA PPS Committee.

#### 4. TOTAL TEAM POINTS

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a) The Total Team Points allocation for will be;

(1) Premier League Seniors (finishing position after finals in the previous season)

Men	Women
38 Points – Premiers	- 37 Points
39 Points – Runner Up	- 38 Points
40 Points – Third Place	- 39 Points
41 Points – Fourth Place	- 40 Points
42 Points – Fifth Place	- 41 Points
43 Points – Sixth Place	- 42 Points

(2) Community League Seniors (Division 1 & 2) (finishing position after finals in the previous season)

Men	Women
34 Points – Premiers	- 31 Points
35 Points – Runner Up	- 32 Points
36 Points – Third Place	- 33 Points
37 Points – Fourth Place	- 34 Points
38 Points – Fifth Place	- 35 Points
39 Points – Sixth Place	- 36 Points
40 Points – Seventh Place	- 37 Points
41 Points – Eighth Place	
42 Points – Ninth Place	
43 Points – Tenth Place	

(3) On game day Senior Men's teams must select 22 players and not exceed the allocated team cap.

(4) On game day Senior Women teams must select 21 players (Premier League) 20 Players (Division 1) and not exceed the allocated team cap.

- If a Senior Women's team selects less than 21 players (Premier League) 20 Players (Division 1) then 2 points shall be added to the team for every player not selected. Note: Clubs are responsible to calculate pre-game to ensure the total player points (players selected plus the additional allocated points) do not exceed the cap.

Any failure to observe in this requirement will result in penalties to be applied as outlined in this document (REF – 9.3).

b) The PPSC will consider all applications from Clubs for the allocation of additional Total Team Points in accordance with this PPS Policy (i.e. applications based on unique local circumstances)

c) The PPSC may allocate additional points or apply deductions to Total Team Points to specific Clubs in accordance with this PPS Policy to manage unique local conditions and meet the needs of local Clubs and the relevant senior Competitions.

d) Additional total team points may be allocated if a Club;

- I. has finished in the last three positions on the ladder for two consecutive seasons
- II. is in a region with a low population base
- III. endures significant hardship, lack of success, is coming out of recess, or is a recently merged or restructured entity.

IV. can prove special dispensation to the League on a case by case basis.

e) If any team has received a variance to the Total Team Points, points will be reduced at the end of each season by the following means.

- I. A deduction of one point per year until the team reaches the Total Team Points allocation as described in 4.a
- II. If a team makes finals, a deduction of two points will be deducted from the Total Team Points allocation until it reaches the allocation as described in 4.a
- III. If a team which has received additional team points finishes in last position on the ladder in that first year the team points variance will remain the same for the following year.
- IV. Additional total team points may be allocated if a Club endures significant hardship, lack of success, is coming out of recess, or is a recently merged or restructured entity.

f) Any decision to alter the Total Team Points cap must be approved by the PPSC to ensure the evenness and equalisation objectives of this PPS Policy is achieved.

## **5 PLAYER POINT ALLOCATION**

The NTFA will liaise with NTFA Premier League and Community League Clubs to ensure Player Point Allocations are entered via the PlayHQ System prior to any player's first Home and Away Match of each Season.

A player's Category and the subsequent Player Points Allocation will be determined by that player's playing history and achievements. Each player will be allocated a category and a Player Points Allocation as per Appendix A.

A player's Player Points Allocation remains that player's Player Point Allocation for the duration of their tenure at that club. Clause 8.1 – Reduction of one Point, applies to the players Player Point Allocation.

A players Player Points Allocation will be reviewed in accordance with clause 7.1, and amended, when that player moves clubs. This is to promote player retention and loyalty.

The NTFA Competition Manager will determine each player's Player Points Allocation. This determination may include any additions or deductions applicable to each player in accordance with this PPS Policy.

The NTFA Competition Manager will enter Player Points Allocations into each relevant player's PlayHQ identity prior to the relevant Community Club's First Home and Away Match of each Season.

Clubs may need to consult with the Competition Manager to ensure player point allocations have been completed as allocations cannot be updated until players have completed online registration for the season. Players that have transferred clubs must have completed the online registration via the email link generated through PlayHQ transfer approval process.

Where Clubs do not follow this procedure and decide to play a player in a match, who has not had their Player Points Allocation allocated in PlayHQ, that Club accepts the risk of any subsequent enforcement penalty as determined by the NTFA Executive in accordance with this PPS Policy.

## 6 JUNIOR CLUB ALIGNMENT

Clubs may have one (or more) junior football clubs recognised as their “aligned junior club” (Refer Section 3 - Interpretations).

Applications for approval of Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) between senior and junior clubs must be submitted to the NTFA by 1<sup>st</sup> March annually. Existing agreement do not require reapproval whilst remaining in current but require MOU's to be resubmitted each year for NTFA records.

It is intended MoU's will only be approved where a geographical alignment exists between the clubs, and where the MoU provides for a genuine partnership with benefits to both clubs.

Senior Club	Aligned Junior Club
Bracknell	
Bridgenorth	
Bridport	
Deloraine	Deloraine JFC
East Coast	East Coast JFC
Evandale	Evandale JFC
George Town	George Town JFC
Hillwood	
Launceston	Launceston JFC
Lilydale	
Longford	Longford JFC
Meander Valley	
North L'Ton	North L'Ton JFC
Old Scotch	East L'Ton JFC
OLFC	
Perth	
Rocherlea	
Scottsdale	Scottsdale JFC
South L'Ton	South L'Ton JFC
St Patricks	Prospect Hawks JFC
UTAS	

## **7 ADDITIONAL PLAYER POINT ALLOCATIONS**

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7.1. If a player has transferred to three (3) or more different Clubs across the previous 36 months, one additional point will be applied to that player's Player Points Allocation. For the avoidance of doubt, player movements under an arrangement e.g. permits to a State League, Coates League, under local interchange agreements, where their home club is classified as a NTFA Club, will not be penalised under this clause.

7.2. If transferring from another club and will be competing against their immediate former club an additional point will be applied to that player's Player Points Allocation. (does not include Category 3 Premier League Reserves Development Player, Category 3 Colts Player & Category 2 Community Reserves player)

7.3. If a player is transferred from Premier League to Division 1 then the following shall apply:

- If the player is 23 years of age or over on January 1 preceding the season no additional points will be applied to that player's Player Points Allocation.
- If the player is under 23 years of age on January 1 preceding the season one additional point will be applied to that player's Player Points Allocation.

7.4 If a player is transferred from Premier League to Division 2 then the following shall apply:

- If the player is 23 years of age or over on January 1 preceding the season one additional point will be applied to that player's Player Points Allocation.
- If the player is under 23 years of age on January 1 preceding the season two additional points will be applied to that player's Player Points Allocation.

7.5. If a player is transferred from Division 1 to Division 2 then the following shall apply:

- If the player is 23 years of age or over on January 1 preceding the season no additional points will be applied to that player's Player Points Allocation.
- If the player is under 23 years of age on January 1 preceding the season one additional point will be applied to that player's Player Points Allocation.

7.6. An NTFA Club may make an application for a re-assessment under clause 5 to NTFA PPSC in relation to a player's additional point allocation.

## **8 DEDUCTIONS TO PLAYER POINT ALLOCATIONS**

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8.1. Once a player's Player Points Allocation has been determined, a reduction of one point will apply for each 'Season of Service' to that player's Club (minimum 5 Senior or Reserves or Colts games per Season), even if not in consecutive years, until the player reaches not less than 1 point. (This is the minimum number of points a player can have unless a veteran player). For the avoidance of doubt if a player is eligible for underage football at his Club, underage, reserve, and senior level appearances all qualify towards the players 5 games for the NTFA club per year.

8.2. NTFA PPSC may, acting reasonably, reassess an individual player's Player Points Allocation where it is deemed inappropriate based on playing history and circumstances.

Clubs will need to make an application detailing relevant evidence regarding the reassessment of a player to the NTFA PPSC. The application for reassessment may be based upon one or more of the following:

- (a) The age of the player especially if the player is looking to play at a higher level
- (b) The injury history of the player
- (c) The recent playing history of the player
- (d) The living, schooling, and work arrangements of the player; or
- (e) Any other relevant consideration.

8.3. Subject to the considerations which the NTFA PPSC should consider under clause 9.2, the determination of an application for reassessment will be at the discretion of the NTFA PPSC.

#### 8.4. Family Connection

A player's points allocation shall be reduced to one (1) point if the player's parents or grandparents have played 100 or more senior/reserves men's or women's games for the Premier League or Community League club.

### 9 ENFORCEMENT

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9.1. Given Player Points Allocations are managed via the PlayHQ System, if correct procedure is applied, being Players Points Allocations entered into the system prior to the start of the Season, it is envisaged there will be minimal issues in the management of the Player Points Allocations. Errors are less likely given that PlayHQ will not permit a club to complete a Senior Team into an electronic team sheet that has a combined Total Team Points allocation of more than that Club's permitted points cap.

9.2. It will be at the discretion of NTFA PPSC as to the enforcement provisions they apply to affiliate Clubs, should any Club knowingly make a false or incorrect declaration regarding Player Points Allocations, the Club may be penalised in line with the penalties set out in clause 9.3.

9.3. Penalties may include (without limitation):

- (a) Club fines
- (b) Loss of premiership points – current season and in the future
- (c) Suspension from finals – current season and in the future
- (d) Player / Official suspensions – for those players/ officials that knowingly provide false information to the Club or the NTFA PPSC.
- (e) Any other penalty determined by the NTFA PPS committee such as a reduction in total Team Player Points

### 10 APPEAL AND REVIEW

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10.1. Where a Club is of the view that a player's Player Points Allocation is incorrect under this PPS Policy, any appeal against that Player Points Allocation must be heard by the NTFA PPSC. An appeal against a Player Point Allocation should be made no later than **5 business days** after the player has been rated.

10.2. Where a Club is of the view that the Total Team Cap allocation is incorrect under this PPS Policy, any appeal against that Total Team Points allocation must be heard by the NTFA PPSC.

10.3. An appeal against a decision to enforce an enforcement provision under this PPS Policy should be made via the NTFA PPS Committee.

10.4. The PPS committee may review the PPS Policy throughout the season and amendments and variations may be made by the PPS committee from time to time.

## 11. Appendix A

PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM – CATEGORIES AND DEFINITIONS			
<b>Category 6</b>	<b>6 points</b>	<b>AFL Player</b>	Minimum 1 AFL game in any season of any of the last 3 seasons (unless eligible as a home player)
<b>Category 5</b>	<b>5 points</b>	<b>Tier 1 - VFL, WAFL, SANFL Player</b>	Minimum 5 Senior games in the current season or any of the previous three seasons (unless eligible as a home player).
<b>Category 5</b>	<b>5 points</b>	<b>Best &amp; Fairest Premier League Player</b>	Premier League Player who has achieved a Tasmanian Premier League competition Best & Fairest top 3 in the preceding season.
<b>Category 4</b>	<b>4 points</b>	<b>Premier League Player</b>	A player recruited from a Premier League club where the player has played more senior games than reserves games in any of the current or previous three (3) seasons in the Tasmanian Premier Leagues.
<b>Category 4</b>	<b>4 points</b>	<b>Coates League U18 or Tier 1 Reserves Development Player</b>	A player recruited from a Tier 1 club where the player has played more reserves games than senior games in any of the current or previous three (3) seasons or a player who has played at least 5 Coates League games in any of the current or previous three (3) seasons. (unless eligible as a home player)
<b>Category 3</b>	<b>3 points</b>	<b>Premier League Reserves Development Player</b>	A player recruited from a Premier League club and has played more reserves games than senior games in any of the current or previous three (3) seasons in the Tasmanian Premier Leagues. (unless eligible as a home player)
<b>Category 3</b>	<b>3 points</b>	<b>Senior Community Player</b>	A player from a Tier 2 Community League (including interstate and excluding Tasmanian Premier Leagues) who has played 5 or more senior games in any of the current or previous 3 seasons.
<b>Category 3</b>	<b>3 points</b>	<b>Colts or Transferred Junior player</b>	A player recruited from an U19's or younger competition and does not meet the Category 1 home club definition
<b>Category 2</b>	<b>2 points</b>	<b>Promotional Player</b>	A player that is classified as a Promotional Player in accordance with the AFL Tasmania Club Sustainability Model.
<b>Category 2</b>	<b>2 points</b>	<b>Reserves Community Player</b>	A player from a Tier 2 Community League (including interstate and excluding Tasmanian Premier Leagues) who has played more reserves games than senior games in total over the current or previous three (3) seasons.
<b>Category 2</b>	<b>1 point</b>	<b>Returning Player</b>	A player that has not participated with any club in the past 36 months.
<b>Category 1</b>	<b>1 point</b>	<b>Home Player / New Player</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A player who has played only at that club or aligned junior club and for no other Community Club (including players returning from interstate).</li> <li>2. A player who has played 40 or more games for an aligned junior club as outlined section 6.</li> <li>3. Player who has only played at that club or has reduced their points by being there for a period of years.</li> <li>4. Player new to the game.</li> <li>5. Family Connection (Refer 8.4)</li> </ol>
<b>Category 0</b>	<b>0 points</b>	<b>Veteran Player</b>	A player that is classified as a Veteran player in accordance with the AFL Tasmania Club Sustainability Model. To be eligible for the veteran category a player must have turned 28 years of age prior to January 1st that year and have played not less than 150 senior games with that club at the conclusion of the preceding season.

Where a player meets more than one category, the higher category applies, excluding home, veteran and promotional players where that category applies.