

APPROVED PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM ("APPS")

1. Basis of the APPS

The basis of the APPS is as follows:

- 1.1 An Affiliated League Club must not field players in its Senior (A Grade) Team in any game which exceed the total points which have been allocated to that Club under the Total Points Rating. (Refer clause 2.1 below).
- 1.2 The APPS will only apply to Senior (A grade) Teams.
- 1.3 "Junior Football" means a competition in which players must be under the age of 18 years on a prescribed date in the calendar year in which that competition is conducted.
- 1.4 "Junior Player" means a player under the age of 18 years who has played a minimum of 25 games from the year in which he turns 13 years of age with the Club of an Affiliated League with which he is seeking registration.
- 1.5 A player who is the child of a Club Life Member can be registered with that same club and they will attract zero (0) points.

2. Total Points Rating

- 2.1 Each Affiliated League Club will be allocated a "Total Points Rating of up to and including 15 points" for each Season based on the position on the premiership table of each club's Senior Team at the end of the preceding Season, or on such other criteria as may be approved by the Board

Example:

Clubs which finished at the top of the premiership table at the end of the preceding season will be allocated a lower Total Points Rating than those Clubs finishing at the lower end of the premiership table which will be allocated a higher Total Points Rating.

Thus, in a 10 team competition the top four clubs could be allocated 10 points, the next three clubs 12 points and the bottom three clubs 15 points.

- 2.2 Any League may apply to the Community Football General Manager for increased Total Points Rating for club/s in excess of 15 points for exceptional circumstances before the 1st March preceding the season.

3. Player Points Rating

- 3.1 A player of an Affiliated League Club must, before being selected to play in the Senior (A Grade) Team of that Club, complete and deliver to the Club a declaration in a form approved by the Affiliated League ("the Player Declaration") which must:
 - 3.1.1 Include complete details of the previous playing history (including games played at Clubs, numbers of Seasons and games played) of the player;
 - 3.1.2 Include an assessment by the player and the Club of the Player Points Rating of the player calculated under the APPS which has been adopted by the Affiliated League;
 - 3.1.3 Be signed by both the player and an official of the Club and lodged with the Club and with the Affiliated League.

- 3.2 For the purposes of a Player Points Rating a playing coach is classified as a player.
- 3.2.1 A non playing coach does not attract any player points.
- 3.3 Each player playing in the Senior (A grade) Team of a Club will be allocated a "Player Points Rating" as outlined below:
- 3.3.1 Each player selected to play in the Senior Team of a Club will be given a base rating of Zero (0) points with the exception of Junior Players who are selected in that team who will be given a minus one (-1) rating.
- 3.3.2 In accordance with the criteria below, each player selected in a Senior Team who has had playing experience with another Club in Australia may be given a further points rating (in addition to any point or points given under 4.1.1 above) depending on the level of the competition or competitions in which he has previously played, the number of games played in that competition, the period of time since he previously played in that competition and/or any other criteria which may be approved by the Board.

A. AFL Players

A player who has played a majority of matches in the AFL in their previous playing season – five (5) additional points, less any deductions or concessions as set out below: -

- Deduct five (5) points if the player has returned to the Club of the Affiliated League for which he last played (including Junior Football) before playing for an AFL Club.
- Deduct a further one (1) point for each season since last playing for an AFL Club.
- If a player has not played football at any level for 24 months or more before resuming as a player he will automatically have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).

B. State League Players (SANFL, AFL VIC, WAFL)

A player who has played a majority of matches for the Senior team for a Club or Clubs in any one of the above State Leagues in their previous playing season – four (4) additional points, less any deductions or concessions as set out below:

- A player who is registered to play with a Club of an Affiliated League who returns to that Club of the Affiliated League will not attract any additional points irrespective of the number of games played in the Senior Teams of the clubs in any of the above State Leagues.
- Deduct one (1) point if the player did not play a game for the Senior Team of a Club of any of the above State Leagues in the previous season.
- Deduct a further one (1) point for each Season since the player last played with a senior team of a club of any of the above State Leagues.
- If a player has not played football at any level for 24 months or more before resuming as a player he will automatically have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).

C. Major League Players

A player who has played a majority of matches for the Senior Team of a Club or Clubs in a Category One League or Category 2 League in their previous playing season - an additional three (3) points should be added in the case of a Category One League and an additional two (2) points should be added in the case of a Category Two League.

The Community Football Board has created the following two category lists;

(a) Category One League

- AFLNT, AFLNSW/ACT, AFLQ & AFLTAS
- Reserves of WAFL, SANFL & AFLVIC
- South Australian Amateur Football League – Div 1 2 3
- Adelaide Plains Football League
- Barossa Light and Gawler Football League
- Great Flinders Football League
- Great Southern Football League
- Hills Football League
- Kowree Naracoorte Tatiara Football League
- Mallee Football League
- Mid South Eastern Football League
- Northern Areas Football Association
- North Eastern Football League
- Port Lincoln Football League
- Riverland Football League
- River Murray Football League
- Southern Football League
- Spencer Gulf Football League
- Western Border Football league
- Whyalla Football League
- Yorke Peninsula Football League
- WAAFL, VAFA – Division 1, 2, 3

(b) Category Two Leagues

- South Australian Amateur Football League – others
 - Broken Hill Football League
 - Eastern Eyre Football League
 - Far West Football League
 - Hills Football League – Country Division
 - Kangaroo Island Football League
 - Mid West Football League
 - Riverland Football League – Independents
 - Woomera and Districts Football League
 - Any other Senior competition in Australia.
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- Deduct one (1) point for each season since the player last played for a senior team of a Club in a Category One League or a Category Two League.
 - If a player has not played football at any level for 24 months or more before resuming as a player he will automatically have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).
 - A registered player of a Club of an Affiliated League who has played a total of 25 or more games in the Senior (A grade)

Team, Reserves (B grade) Team or Junior Football Teams with that Club, who has transferred to a Club of another League within Australia and returns to his original Club will have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).

4. **APPS General**

In the case of a player who has played an equal number of games in two or more categories, the highest category (points) shall apply.

An Affiliated League has the delegation to vary the additional points where a player is required to relocate from one township to another within the same affiliated league.

Any proposed amendments to the APPS must be submitted to the Community Football General Manager for referral to the Board by no later than the 31st July for the following season.

Please note that leagues can request exceptional Club ratings in excess of 15 points by the 1st March preceding the season.