

# JUNIOR PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM

## OBJECTIVE OF THE JUNIOR PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM

BJFL member clubs have identified player movement as being a factor that impacts the evenness of the competitions and viability of teams. This document provides mechanisms that will assist in minimising player movement to help club sustainability.

The aim is to apply a player points system for the Under 12 – Under 16 (including Under 18 Girls) age groups that will assist in the reduction of player movement from Club to Club within the Bendigo Junior Football League (BJFL). This will contribute to creating evenness amongst teams and more even competitive competitions.

## POINTS

**2 Points** – Any player who transfers from a BJFL club to another BJFL club, not including clubs who do not participate past Under 12 competition.

**4 Points** – Any representative player who transfers from a BJFL club to another BJFL club, not including clubs who do not participate past Under 12 competition.

**Maximum of 10 points per team.**

Any players who may fall outside of the criteria mentioned will be classified as a club player.

A representative player means a player who participates in the AFLCV Academy along with the BJFL Interleague or the Bendigo Pioneers program.

Player points will only apply to players who are registered in the BJFL competition and players who are transferring from one BJFL Club to another BJFL Club in any given year (not including clubs who cease participation after U12 teams).

A 10-point transfer allowance per team will be permitted. Notification to the clubs from the league will be done at the start of the season via player nomination process.

For every season that a player remains at their BJFL Club they will have a reduction of one (1) point for year of service until one (1) point is the lowest that they can reach. The player must have played at least five (5) games for that Club in the previous year.

Season played would mean that the player would have had to have played five (5) Club games during that season. Request for dispensation may be requested for long term injured players. Supported medical documentation must be provided and application for exemption will be approved or denied at the discretion of the BJFL / AFLCV.

The league will update the point values each season with clubs having the opportunity to review those point values to ensure that they are correct.

BJFL teams in the Under 12 – Under 16 (including Under 18 girls) age groups can only play with a maximum of ten (10) points of transfer players in any given season unless the Club has been granted dispensation by the League in writing.

## CLUBS RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibility lies with the Club to monitor the number of points that are transferring into a team.

Possible combinations:

2 x 4-point players and 1 x 2-point player

5 x 2-point players

1 x 4-point players and 3 x 2-point players

## MERGED TEAMS

Clubs that have teams that are low on numbers and are not able to field a team can apply to the league to merge their team with another Club's team that also has low numbers and not able to field their team. The club that is housing the merged team may apply in writing to the league to consider exceeding the maximum of ten (10) points for transfer players on any given match.

In submitting the application that club must provide;

- The reason why the two teams are required to merge
- A full list of players from both teams being considered for the merge

When assessing the application, the league will consider all aspects of the merged team, taking into consideration the potential impact on the evenness of the competition if the application was approved.

## FEMALE PATHWAY PLAYERS

Female players who have played in the mixed competition and have to transfer from their Club (as they don't field female only teams) to another Club (that does field female only teams) will not be allocated any transfer points. Once the transfer has been completed, they will be allocated one (1) point.

## SPECIAL TRANSFERS

Clubs may apply for exemptions for extenuating circumstances for a players transfer points to be reviewed.

- Moving house of residence, split families etc.

There is no limit to the number of special transfers that can be applied for and granted in any given year.

## PENALTIES

Clubs that have teams that play more than the allowed ten (10) player points without receiving a written dispensation from the League will be deemed to be playing an ineligible player (as defined below).

## UNREGISTERED OR INELIGIBLE PLAYER

The onus of the eligibility of players shall be placed on the club concerned and in any instances of unregistered, ineligible or unqualified players taking part in matches shall be referred to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or representative and an investigation immediately put in hand. If after due investigation, either the club or the player is found guilty, the club loses all match points from that or any other game the unregistered or ineligible player has played in and the points in question will be awarded to the opposition team. The offending team will be credited with the "for" and "against" score recorded by the team that was defeated by the greatest winning margin in a game in that division of that round. Should the greatest winning margin be the game in question, then the teams shall receive the "for" and "against" for that game. The club shall be dealt with as the Board deems fit and a fine of up to one hundred (100) penalty units per player can be imposed by the Board.