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SENIOR MEN PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM



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1. GENERAL

1.1 Definitions

In this Player Points System Policy, unless there is something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith, the following expressions will have the following meanings:

AFL means the Australian Football League ACN 004 155 211.

AFL Affiliate means any league, association or body responsible for the organisation and conduct of matches which is affiliated to the AFL, including a State Football Body.

AFL Capricornia means the Competitions administered by AFLQ in the Capricornia region.

AFL Capricornia Clubs means the Clubs that are registered to play Australian Football in the Capricornia region.

AFL Capricornia Senior Men's Competition means the AFL Capricornia Competition for open men.

AFL Competition means the elite men's competition administered by the AFL.

AFLQ means AFL Queensland Limited ACN 090 629 342.

Base PPA means the initial PPA prescribed to a player based on a Category, before taking into account any Penalty Points or Point Deductions.

Category/Categories means the defined group(s), that determines a player's Base PPA, pursuant to [Appendix One](#), Step One.

Club means an Australian Football club that has entered into a Licence Agreement with AFLQ, any other AFL Affiliate or the AFL.

Colts Grade means the third ranked team in a Senior Competition where there is also a Senior Grade and Reserves Grade within that Competition.

Community Competition means a Senior Competition, excluding State League Competitions and the AFL Competition.

Competing Club means any AFL Capricornia Club, other than the subject AFL Capricornia Club.

Competition means any Australian Football competition conducted by AFLQ, any other AFL Affiliate or the AFL Competition.

Competition Manager means the person appointed to manage the day-to-day operations of AFL Capricornia.

Competition Manager – QLD means the person appointed by AFLQ to assist Competition Managers within Queensland.

Finals means the final matches of the AFL Capricornia Senior Men's Competition, for the Senior Grade, as determined by AFLQ on an annual basis.

Grand Final means the final match between the two most successful teams in the Senior Grade of the AFL Capricornia Senior Men's Competition.

Home Club Player means a player that has achieved the Youth Competition and/or Senior Competition game thresholds for an AFL Capricornia Club, as set out at [Appendix One](#), Step One.

National Handbook means the *National Community Football Policy Handbook* published by the AFL. As at the date of this PPSP being published, it can be accessed via the following link: <https://play.afl/clubhelp/resources/national-community-football-policy-handbook>.

Notice of Appeal means the form noted as 'Doc no. B0303' pursuant to the *National Community Football Policy Handbook*.

NTFL means the men's "Premier League" administered by AFL Northern Territory.

Penalty Points means points added to a player's Base PPA, pursuant to [Appendix One](#), Step Two of this PPSP.

Player Points Allocation means the points allocated to an AFL Capricornia Senior Men's Competition player in any given Season, in accordance with this Policy.

Player Points Review Committee means the committee appointed annually by the Competitions Manager – QLD, consisting of no less than three (3) and no greater than five (5) persons, for the purpose of reviewing a Player Points Allocation when requested by an AFL Capricornia Club.

PlayHQ refers to the online competition management platform used by AFLQ and AFL Capricornia Clubs, including with respect to the AFL Capricornia Senior Men's Competition.

Point Deductions means points deducted from a player's Base PPA, pursuant to [Appendix One](#), Step Three of this Policy

Policy refers to this Policy as reviewed & amended by AFLQ annually.

Premium Competitions consists of QAFL, NTFL and TSL.

QAFL means the men's "Premier League" administered by AFLQ.

Reserves Grade means the second grade team that competes in a Senior Competition where a Senior Grade also exists in that Competition.

SANFL means the State League Men's Competition administered by South Australia.

Season means a winter Community Football season usually between 1 March and 30 September of each year or such other dates as determined by AFLQ. Note: The NTFL summer season Competition is included for the purpose of assessing a player's PPA.

Senior Competition means any Australian Football “open-aged” competition conducted by AFLQ, any other AFL Affiliate or the AFL.

Senior Grade means the highest grade team in a Senior Competition where there is also a Reserves Grade within that Competition.

State Football Body means each of the following AFL Affiliates:

- (a) AFL NSW/ACT;
- (b) AFL NT;
- (c) AFLQ;
- (d) AFL Tasmania;
- (e) AFL Victoria;
- (f) SANFL; and
- (g) WAFC.

State League Competitions consists of the VFL, SANFL and WAFL.

Team List means the selected players to participate in a match.

Team Total Points means the sum of each player’s PPA within a team.

Team Total Points Cap means the maximum number of Team Total Points allocated by AFLQ, for each AFL Capricornia Senior Men’s Competition Team for each AFL Capricornia Senior Men’s match, within a Season.

Transfer or Transferred refers to the formal transfer of a player under the National Player Transfer Regulations provided at Section 3 of the National Handbook.

TSL means the former Men’s “Premier League” administered by AFL Tasmania.

VFL means the State League Men’s Competition administered by AFL Victoria.

WAFL means the State League Men’s Competition administered by the Western Australia Football Commission.

Youth Competition means any Australian Football age-restricted competition conducted by AFLQ, any other AFL Affiliate or the AFL.

1.2 Policy Objective

AFLQ supports the accepted premise of Australian Football around the country, being that competitive balance is vital to the health & strength of its Competitions.

Balanced competitions lead to increased interest and engagement from communities and hence assists Clubs in their efforts to maintain a healthy & viable club environment. This provides supporters, volunteers and all other stakeholders to present on match day with the knowledge that the outcome of the match is uncertain – this being a great motivator.

The objectives of this Policy are to:

- primarily support the balance/equalization of the AFL Capricornia Senior Grade Competition;
- provide a measure to assist AFL Capricornia Clubs in establishing a competitive playing list;
- maintain the integrity of the AFL Capricornia Senior Grade Competition within the football ecosystem; and
- reward club development programs and player loyalty.

This Policy sets out:

- the framework for how the system works;
- the responsibilities of AFL Capricornia Clubs and AFLQ with respect to its implementation;
- the detail in relation to how a player's Player Points Allocation (**PPA**) is calculated; and
- the directions for how reviews & appeals take place.

This Policy is adopted by AFLQ and applied to the AFL Capricornia Senior Grade Competition only and will be reviewed on an annual basis following discussions, feedback and recommendations internally and from AFL Capricornia Clubs. AFLQ will use its best endeavours to update and finalise the Policy by 31 October each year, as it relates to the following AFL Capricornia Competition Season.

2. RESPONSIBILITY (AFLQ/AFL CAPRICORNIA CLUBS)

2.1 AFLQ Responsibilities

AFLQ, via the Competition Manager, will:

- (a) Review, determine and communicate the Team Total Points (**TTP**) Cap for the AFL Capricornia Senior Grade by the 31 December preceding the next AFL Capricornia Season.
- (b) Consider all applications from AFL Capricornia Clubs for an increased TTP Cap, in accordance with the required process & criteria (see [Section 3.2](#)).
- (c) Depending on the circumstances, allocate additional points or apply deductions to the TTP Cap for any particular AFL Capricornia Club based on their specific situation and in accordance with this Policy.

- (d) Respond to any enquiries regarding the TTP Cap from AFL Capricornia Clubs.
- (e) Determine the PPA for every player on an AFL Capricornia Club's submitted list prior to the commencement of the AFL Capricornia Season.
- (f) On request, determine the PPA for any individual player which an AFL Capricornia Club wishes to add to their Senior Grade list mid-season, noting that the request must be made by no later than:
 - i. Midnight on the Thursday, if the player is playing for a Senior Grade team on the following day (i.e. the Friday); or
 - ii. 10am on the Friday, if the player is playing for a Senior Grade team over the following two days (i.e. Saturday or Sunday).

Any request after this time cannot be guaranteed and will be at the discretion of the Competition Manager.

- (g) Respond to any enquiries regarding PPAs from AFL Capricornia Clubs.
- (h) Receive and process any requests from AFL Capricornia Clubs for reassessment of a PPA and escalate through the Player Points Review Committee (**PPRC**) as required (see [Section 5](#)).
- (i) Enter all PPAs into PlayHQ, which will remain valid for the AFL Capricornia Season.
- (j) Plan to review the TTPs for every Team List submitted in advance of every AFL Capricornia Senior Grade match, to ensure compliance. However, strict responsibility remains with each AFL Capricornia Club to ensure the TTP Cap is not exceeded for each match.
- (k) Review any PPA during the AFL Capricornia Season and make any amendments based on circumstances or information that is provided to AFLQ.

2.2 AFL Capricornia Club Responsibilities

- (a) Acknowledge the TTP Cap to be applied in each match for the upcoming AFL Capricornia Season, as per [Section 3.1](#) of this Policy.
- (b) Submit any request for an increased TTP Cap to the Competition Manager (see [Section 3.2](#)).
- (c) Submit to the Competition Manager, no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the AFL Capricornia Season, a list of players that are expected to be selected for its Senior Grade team during the AFL Capricornia Season.
- (d) Ensure that all players selected on a Senior Grade Team List:
 - i. have an assigned PPA; and
 - ii. that the PPA has been entered into PlayHQ (if a player does not have a PPA noted within PlayHQ, the player cannot be selected on a Team List).
- (e) For each match, submit a Team List consisting of twenty-two (22) players which does not exceed the TTP Cap.

Notes:

- *If an AFL Capricornia Club does not have enough players to field a full team, the matter should be referred to the Competition Manager for review.*

- *If an AFL Capricornia Club is found to be in breach of any of the above responsibilities at any time, it will be subject to penalties as outlined at [Section 7](#) of this Policy.*

3. TEAM TOTAL POINTS CAP

3.1 AFLQ allocation of Team Total Points Cap

- (a) A team's TTP is determined by the sum of each player's PPA.
- (b) Each week, the TTP for each AFL Capricornia Club's Senior Grade Team List cannot exceed the TTP Cap.
- (c) Following the 2025 AFL Capricornia Season, the TTP Caps for each AFL Capricornia Club will be:
 - i. as allocated in the prior year, plus/minus (where applicable):
 - A. an additional six (6) points for AFL Capricornia Clubs that did not play Finals in the preceding Season;
 - B. An additional three (3) points for AFL Capricornia Clubs that won no more than one match in the preceding Season; and/or
 - C. a deduction of three (3) points for AFL Capricornia Clubs that played in the Grand Final in the preceding Season; or
 - ii. Forty-five (45) points for any new AFL Capricornia Club.
- (d) In applying [Section 3.1\(d\)](#), the TTP Cap is not to be reduced below thirty-six (36) points or exceed forty-five (45) points.

Note: For clarity, for the 2026 Season, the following TTP Caps will apply for each match for each AFL Capricornia Club:

- *Yeppoon Swans – 36 points*
- *Glenmore Bulls – 36 points*
- *Rockhampton Panthers – 36 points*
- *B.I.T.S Saints – 42 points*
- *Brothers Kangaroos – 45 points*
- *Gladstone Suns – 45 points*

3.2 Application to increase Team Total Points Cap

- (a) Up to thirty (30) days before the commencement of the AFL Capricornia Season, an AFL Capricornia Club may apply for their TTP Cap to be increased.
- (b) Such application must be made in writing, via email, to the Competition Manager and must rely on at least one of the following grounds:
 - i. the AFL Capricornia Club has endured significant hardship through forces beyond its control, e.g. is coming out of recess or is a recently merged or restructured entity; or
 - ii. other circumstances or considerations which the AFL Capricornia Club deems relevant.

Note: An application on the basis of either of the above does not guarantee the TTP Cap will be increased. Each application is considered on its own merits.

- (c) With respect to any application made pursuant to [Section 3.2\(a\)](#):
 - i. the TTP Cap cannot be increased by more than five (5) points; and

- ii. is subject to [Section 3.1\(e\)](#).
- (d) If an AFL Capricornia Club is successful in their application pursuant to [Section 3.2\(a\)](#), the increased TTP Cap will only apply for the upcoming AFL Capricornia Season.
- (e) There is no ability for an AFL Capricornia Club to apply for review of the TTP Cap assigned to any other AFL Capricornia Club.
- (f) AFLQ may reduce the TTP Cap for an AFL Capricornia Club at their reasonable discretion, provided the primary purpose in doing so is to maintain competitive balance within the AFL Capricornia Senior Grade Competition.

4. CALCULATING PLAYER POINTS ALLOCATION

4.1 Process

To determine a player's PPA, and in turn, a team's TTP, AFLQ must follow the process as outlined at Appendix One, subject to the rules outlined at [Section 4.2](#).

4.2 Rules

When applying the process noted at [Appendix One](#), AFLQ must apply the following rules:

- (a) With respect to determining a player's Base PPA:
 - i. if a player has previously played in the AFL Capricornia Senior Grade Competition and has not played outside of AFL Capricornia or for any other AFL Capricornia Club since, that player's Base PPA will remain unchanged, with the following exceptions:
 - A. a player who has met the criteria for a 'Base Value Player' who has had a 'Hiatus' (assessed pursuant to [Appendix One](#), Step One);
 - B. a player who has met the criteria for a 'Home Club Player' (assessed pursuant to [Appendix One](#), Step One);
 - C. a player who has met the criteria for any Point Deductions or Penalty Points ([Appendix One](#), Steps Two and Three); or
 - D. a player who was assessed at the discretion of AFLQ in the previous AFL Capricornia Season but now meets the criteria for a Category outlined at Step One, [Appendix One](#).
 - ii. Excluding players who meet the criteria for the "Home Club Player" Category (Category One), if a player meets the criteria for multiple Categories, that player will be allocated to the Category with the highest points; and
 - iii. In the event a player does not meet the criteria for any Category, the Competition Manager will determine the most reasonable Category for that player, given relevant factors.
- (b) A playing coach or playing assistant coach will have their PPA assessed the same as any other player.
- (c) Any player playing on a season permit will have their PPA assessed on the same basis as a Transferred player.
- (d) Once a player's PPA is applied, it will not be changed during the AFL Capricornia Season, unless amended by AFLQ pursuant to [Section 2.1\(k\)](#).
- (e) Any player that was registered at an AFL Capricornia Club and played a minimum of five (5) games for that Club within the AFL Capricornia Season before transferring to a Community Competition outside of AFL Capricornia, is able to return to the same AFL Capricornia Club within three (3) years on the same PPA as when they left (excluding 'Home Club Players' who are assessed pursuant to [Appendix One](#), Step One).

5. PLAYER POINTS REVIEW

5.1 Application to review PPA

- (a) Within seven (7) days of an AFL Capricornia Club being advised of a player's PPA, that AFL Capricornia Club may apply for that PPA to be reassessed by the PPRC.
- (b) An AFL Capricornia Club may only make an application pursuant to [Section 5.1\(a\)](#) with respect to its registered players. No AFL Capricornia Club can apply for the review of a Competing Club player's PPA.
- (c) The application outlined at [Section 5.1\(a\)](#) must be made in writing, via email, to the Competition Manager and must rely on the grounds that the PPA is excessive, when considering the player's:
 - i. playing history and achievements;
 - ii. age, particularly if the player is looking to play at a higher level;
 - iii. injury history;
 - iv. living circumstances (for example, they have been required to relocate to another area and therefore change AFL Capricornia Clubs due to living, education or work requirements which would make the commute unreasonable); and/or
 - v. other circumstances or considerations.

Note: An application on the basis of any of the above considerations does not guarantee that a player's PPA will be reduced. Each application is considered on its own merits.

- (d) Such application must be supported by:
 - i. detailed written submissions; and
 - ii. any relevant evidence.
- (e) The Competition Manager will endeavour to present the application to the PPRC within seven (7) days of receipt of the application.

5.2 Player Points Review Committee

- (a) By 15 November each year, the Competitions Manager - QLD will appoint a PPRC for the purpose of considering PPA review applications (see [Section 5.1\(a\)](#)).
- (b) The PPRC will consist of no less than three (3) and no greater than five (5) persons, as determined by the Competitions Manager - QLD.
- (c) When the PPRC is presented with a PPA review application, they must make a determination:
 - i. Within ten (10) days from receipt of the application, when such application was made prior to the commencement of the AFL Capricornia Season; or
 - ii. Within seven (7) days from receipt of the application, when such application was made during the AFL Capricornia Season.
- (d) The PPRC may contact any Club that the relevant player was formerly registered with, for the purpose of that Club:
 - i. providing any relevant information;
 - ii. giving context to the submissions provided; and/or
 - iii. verifying information that has been submitted in support of the application.

Note: If a Club is contacted pursuant to [Section 5.2\(d\)](#), only information supported by evidence may be considered by the PPRC.

- (e) Any determination of the PPRC must be communicated to the applicant in writing.

6. APPEALS TO TRIBUNAL

- (a) If an AFL Capricornia Club disputes:
 - i. a player's PPA following review by the PPRC;
 - ii. the TTP Cap for their AFL Capricornia Club, following review by the Competition Manager; or
 - iii. any penalty imposed for non-compliance with this Policy;they may submit a Notice of Appeal, via email, to the Competitions Manager.
- (b) The process outlined at Section 26 of the National Handbook will be adopted in hearing any such appeal (for clarity, for the purpose of this Policy, s26.1(a) of the National Handbook is to be disregarded).

7. PENALTIES

- (a) Should an AFL Capricornia Club breach:
 - i. any provision of this Policy; or
 - ii. make a false or incorrect declaration regarding PPAs or their Team's TTP;the AFL Capricornia Club is likely to be sanctioned.
- (b) Sanctions may include, but are not limited to:
 - i. the reversal of a match result in which the breach(es) occurred;
 - ii. a fine;
 - iii. loss of premiership points – current & future;
 - iv. suspension from Finals – current & future;
 - v. player/official suspensions – if false information has been knowingly provided; and
 - vi. any other penalty as determined by AFLQ.
- (c) In applying any sanction, AFLQ will take into consideration whether the breach was:
 - i. Intentional – where an AFL Capricornia Club has clearly breached this Policy with little or no regard (including ignorance) for its requirements.
 - ii. Unintentional – where an AFL Capricornia Club has breached this Policy without intended malice or has acted on inaccurate but reasonable information.
 - iii. Interpretive – where an AFL Capricornia Club has applied this Policy in a manner other than what the Policy was intended.

8. POLICY REVIEW

- (a) AFLQ will undertake a minor review of this Policy annually and any amendments or variations will be communicated no later than the 31st of December of each calendar year.
- (b) Any AFL Capricornia Club which wishes to have an element of this Policy reviewed must make a submission to the Competition Manager in writing, following the end of the AFL Capricornia Season and no later than 31st of October.
- (c) Submissions made must detail the provision(s) the AFL Capricornia Club wishes to have reviewed and a clear explanation supporting why.

Note: Lodgement of a submission does not guarantee AFLQ will conduct a review of this Policy. Each submission will be taken on its own merits.

Appendix One

Step One – Determine player’s base allocation of points

A player’s Base PPA is determined by establishing in which of the following Categories they belong:

CATEGORY	POINTS	DESCRIPTION
(a) Category 0 = Base Value Player	1	<p>Base Value Player – Base Value Players are either of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New to Australian Football – New to Australian Football i.e. played less than five (5) matches in any Competition. ▪ Hiatus - Had a break from playing Australian Football which has exceeded twenty-four (24) months.
(a) Category 1 = Home Club	1	<p>HOME CLUB PLAYER – Home Club Players are either of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Youth – Played a combined total of forty (40) or more games within Youth Competitions at their current AFL Capricornia Club. <p><i>Note: State Representative and/or sanctioned Academy games played whilst registered with their current Club can be counted towards this threshold, if played on the same weekend as their team would have played within a Youth Competition. These games should be listed within a player’s profile in PlayHQ.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senior – Played a combined total of seventy-five (75) or more games within Senior Competitions at their current AFL Capricornia Club.
(b) Category 6 = AFL Player	6	AFL – Played five (5) games or more in TOTAL in the AFL Competition across the current and previous three (3) Seasons.

(c) Category 5 = State League Player	5	State League – Played five (5) Senior Grade games or more, in any one (1) Season of a State League Competition in any of the current or previous three (3) Seasons.
(d) Category 4 = Premium Player	4	<p>PREMIUM PLAYER – A Premium Player is either of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State League Reserves/Colts – Has played five (5) or more Reserves or Colts Grade games and has not played five (5) or more Senior Grade games, in any one (1) season of a State League Competition, in any of the current or previous three (3) Seasons. ▪ Premium Competition – Has played five (5) Senior Grade games or more, in any one (1) Season of a Premium Competition in any of the current or previous three (3) Seasons.
(e) Category 3 = Senior Community Player	3	<p>SENIOR COMMUNITY PLAYER – A Senior Community Player is any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Premium Competition Reserves/Colts – Has played five (5) or more Reserves or Colts Grade games and has not played five (5) or more Senior Grade games, in any one (1) season of a Premium Competition, in any of the current or previous three (3) Seasons. <p>Senior Community – Played five (5) Senior Grade games or more, in any one (1) season, of a Community Competition in any of the current or previous three (3) Seasons (note the exception at Section 4.2(e)).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coates League – Played five (5) games or more in any one (1) season of the Coates League Talent Competition (premier “underage” national Competition) in any of the current or previous three (3) Seasons.
(f) Category 2 = Community Player	2	Senior Community Reserves/Colts – Has played five (5) or more Reserves or Colts Grade games and has not played five (5) or more Senior Grade games, in any one (1) season of a Community Competition, in any of the current or previous three (3) Seasons (note the exception at Section 4.2(e)).

Step Two – Consider if player is subject to any Penalty Points

Competing Club Penalty

Two (2) Penalty Points will be added to a player's Base PPA, if the player was playing Senior Grade Australian Football within AFL Capricornia and has transferred to another AFL Capricornia Club which finished higher than their former AFL Capricornia Club on the ladder in the previous AFL Capricornia Season.

Note:

- i. A player returning to an AFL Capricornia Club as a Home Club Player will not have this Competing Club Penalty applied.*
- ii. A player that Transfers interstate from an AFL Capricornia Club and returns to an alternate AFL Capricornia Club from its former AFL Capricornia Club, within the same AFL Capricornia Season, will attract this Competing Club Penalty.*

Step Three – Consider if a player is entitled to any Point Deductions

A point (unless stated otherwise) will be deducted for each of the following circumstances:

Seasons of Service

Player is entering their third (3rd) AFL Capricornia Season at an AFL Capricornia Club, having played at least five (5) matches at that AFL Capricornia Club in each of the previous AFL Capricornia Seasons. An additional point is to be deducted if entering their fifth (5th) Season at that AFL Capricornia Club, having played at least five (5) matches at that AFL Capricornia Club in each of the previous AFL Capricornia Seasons.

Notes:

- No player's PPA can be reduced below one (1) point.*
- If a player Transfers to another Club (regardless of which Competition the Club competes in), the 'Seasons of Service' will restart.*

Competing Club deduction

If a player was playing within the Senior Grade Competition within AFL Capricornia and has transferred to another AFL Capricornia Club which finished lower on the ladder than their former AFL Capricornia Club within that Senior Grade Competition in the previous AFL Capricornia Season.