

APPENDIX 4 APPROVED PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM (“APPS”)



1. Purpose of the APPS

To encourage clubs to develop and retain local players, to minimise player movement and to minimise player payments, whilst maintaining a healthy community football club. Any recruiting required should be conducted in accordance with and within the spirit and intent of these regulations and the best interests of Australian Football.

2. Objects of the APPS

The objects of the APPS are as follows:

- 2.1 Encourage the development and retention of local and junior players;
- 2.2 Encourage the recruitment of ex local players;
- 2.3 Encourage the loyalty of recruited players;
- 2.4 Assist in the equalisation of competitions;
- 2.5 Limit player payments to sustainable levels; and
- 2.6 Encourage Clubs to develop and promote the game in their local community.

3. Implementation

Every Affiliated League is encouraged to adopt and implement the APPS to achieve the objects using a system based on:

- 3.1 A system developed by the Affiliated League which has been endorsed by the Community Football Board;
- 3.2 A sliding scale having regard for the premiership ladder in the previous season;
- 3.3 Population; and/or
- 3.4 A combination of all of the above.

4. Affiliated League Responsibilities

Each Affiliated League:

- 4.1 Must allocate points to each Affiliated League Club for the following season and in accordance with APPS regulations by 30 September in each year.
- 4.2 May allocate discretionary points in accordance with APPS regulations to manage local issues.
- 4.3 Must consider all applications from Clubs for the allocation of additional points in accordance with APPS regulations.
- 4.4 May make application to the Community Football Manager for an increase in the total points rating for Club/s in excess of 15 points for exceptional circumstances in accordance with APPS regulations.

- 4.5 Must appoint a senior member of its executive as its APPS Officer and provide the person's contact details to SACFL by 30 September in each year. The APPS Officer will be the contact for the Community Football Manager in relation to matters related to the APPS and its implementation within the Affiliated League.

5. **Affiliated Club Responsibilities**

Each Affiliated League Club:

- 5.1 Must ensure all player declarations are completed and lodged with the Affiliated League in accordance with the APPS regulations.
- 5.2 Must ensure that on match days the Senior (A Grade) Team complies with the Total Player Points Rating (TPPR) allocated by the Affiliated League in accordance with APPS regulations.
- (NB Clubs may recruit above their allocated points in any given season but must comply with TPPR for their Senior (A Grade) Team on match days)
- 5.3 May request an increase in allocated points provided that such request is made to the Affiliated League before June 30 in the current playing season and complies with the process approved by the Community Football Board from time to time.

6. **Basis of the APPS**

The basis of the APPS is as follows:

- 6.1 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 7.1 below).
- 6.2 The points allocated to a player according to the APPS will only apply when playing in Senior (A grade) Teams.
- 6.3 "Junior Football" means a competition in which players must be over the age of 12 years and under the age of 18 years on a prescribed date in the calendar year in which that competition is conducted and includes the Sports Association for Adelaide Schools (SAAS) secondary school football competition.
- 6.4 "Junior Player" means a player under the age of 18 years who has played a minimum of 20 games from the year in which he turns 13 years of age with an Affiliated League Club or school affiliate of an Affiliated League Club, with which he is seeking registration.
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 A player transferring from one Affiliated League Club to another Affiliated League Club and who is under 19 years of age on the 31st December in the previous calendar year and has played a combined total of more than twenty (20) games at SANFL Under 18, Reserves and/or League Level will attract an additional two (2) points.
- 6.7 Subject to clause 6.8, a registered player of an Affiliated League Club who has played a total of 25 or more games in a Senior (A Grade) Team or Reserves (B Grade) Team or Junior Football with that Club, who has previously transferred to a club of another League within Australia and returns to his original Club will have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).

- 6.8 A player transferring from one Affiliated League Club to a Club of any Australian Football League or Association will retain the same player rating, if any, if he is transferred back to such Affiliated League Club in the same season.

7. Total Points Rating

- 7.1 Each Affiliated League Club will be allocated a "Total Points Rating of up to and including 13 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 adopted by the Affiliated League that may be approved by the Board.
- 7.2 Each Affiliated League will be allocated a pool of two (2) points per Club to be distributed for the management of local issues provided that an Affiliated League Club must not be allocated more than 15 points without the prior approval of the Community Football Board.
- 7.3 A Club may request an increase in their allocated points from an Affiliated League prior to June 30 in the current playing season. Any request under this clause 7.3 must be in the form of the "*APPS Club Application for Increased Points*" set out at the end of this Appendix and comply with the process approved by the Community Football Board from time to time.
- 7.4 An Affiliated League must consider any request made by a Club under clause 7.3 and may do any of the following:
- 7.4.1 If the request is for not more than 15 points, approve or reject the request in the Affiliated League's discretion; or
- 7.4.2 If the request is for more than 15 points:
- (a) Approve a revised total of not more than 15 points;
 - (b) reject the request; or
 - (c) make a request under clause 7.5. If the request is approved by the SACFL, the Affiliated League may subsequently approve a request for more than 15 points.
- 7.5 An Affiliated League may apply to the SACFL for increased Total Points Rating for club/s in excess of 15 points for exceptional circumstances before June 30 in the current playing season. Any request under this clause 7.5 must be in the form of the "*APPS League Application for Increased Points*" set out at the end of this Appendix and comply with the process approved by the Community Football Board from time to time.

8. Player Points Rating

- 8.1 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:
- 8.1.1 Include complete details of the previous playing history (including games played at Clubs, numbers of Seasons and games played) of the player;
- 8.1.2 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;

- 8.1.3 Be signed by both the player and an official of the Club and lodged with the Club and with the Affiliated League.
- 8.2 For the purposes of a Player Points Rating a playing coach is classified as a player.
- 8.3 Subject always to clauses 6.5 to 6.8, each player playing in the Senior (A grade) Team of a Club will be allocated a "Player Points Rating" as outlined below:
- 8.3.1 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, subject to clause 8.3.2, will be given a minus one (-1) rating.
- 8.3.2 A maximum minus two (-2) points can be claimed by a Senior (AGrade) Team in any Match regardless of the number of Junior Players selected in that team.
- 8.3.3 A player who is required to change their usual place of residence to attend a Tertiary Educational Institution and is enrolled as a full time student will receive a rating of one (1) point if they are registered to play with an Affiliated League Club that has a direct affiliation with that Tertiary Educational Institution.
- 8.3.4 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 clause 8.3.1 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 the previous two playing seasons – 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, North East AFL, 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 League Competitions in the previous two playing seasons – 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. All Other League Players

(a) A player who has played a majority of matches for the Senior (A Grade) Team of a Club or Clubs in any League, other than those detailed in sub-clauses A and B above, (***Other Leagues***) and/or Reserves for a Team competing in the State League Competitions referred to in clause B above, in the previous two playing seasons – an additional three (3) points less any deductions or concessions as set out below.

- Deduct one (1) point for each season since the player last played for a senior team of a Club in the Other 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).

(b) A player who has played a majority of matches for the Reserves (B Grade) Team but has also played any match in the Senior (A Grade) Team of a Club or Clubs in any Other League in the previous two playing seasons and is transferring from one Affiliated League to another Affiliated League – an additional one (1) point.

(c) A player who has played a majority of matches for the Reserves (B Grade) Team but has also played any match in the Senior (A Grade) Team of a Club or Clubs in any Other League in the previous two playing seasons and is transferring from one Club to another Club within the same Affiliated League – will have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).

(d) A player who has played Junior Football for a Club in any Other League and has also played at least one match in the Senior (A Grade) Team of the same Club in the previous two playing seasons and is transferring from one Club to another Club within the same Affiliated League or another Affiliated League – an additional two (2) points.

9. APPS General

9.1 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.

- 9.2 In the case of a player who plays matches in a competition predominantly conducted during the period March through until October who, in the same or following year, plays in a competition predominantly conducted during the period November through until the following February (***the Summer Competition***), the Summer Competition shall be disregarded for the purposes of determining the Player Points Rating attributable to that player upon a subsequent transfer.
- 9.3 Any proposed amendments to the APPS must be submitted to the Community Football Manager for referral to the Community Football Board 30 April in the current playing season for the Board to consider implementing for the following season.
- 9.4 Amendments to the APPS for the following season will be communicated to all Affiliated Leagues and Clubs by no later than 31 August in the current season.
- 9.5 Affiliated Leagues that have divisional competitions will consider each division as a League for the purpose of implementing the APPS.