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AFL Barwon

Local PPS BY LAWS

Male Football
Female Football
Netball

Revised by AFL Barwon

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1. Player Points System

AFL Barwon affiliated leagues and Competitions must comply with the provisions of the relevant governing policies:

- AFL Victoria Player Points System Policy.
- AFL Barwon Netball Player Points System Policy
- AFL Barwon Women's Football Player Points System Policy

The application and interpretation of these Policies is at the absolute discretion of the AFL Barwon Player Points Panel and Commission.

1.1 Definition of "Home Player" for AFL BARWON Leagues – Refer to Relevant Policy

Male Football Only

In addition to the requirements outlined in 5.2.1 of the AFL Victoria Player Points System Policy, a Club may claim a junior aligned "home player" in the following circumstances:

1.1.1 Where an MOU is in place between two or more Senior Clubs affiliated with AFL Barwon that recognises they oversee and govern a single Junior Club; any exiting player from the highest aged junior competition who has met the requirements specified in 5.2.1 of the AFL Victoria Player Points System Policy will be a "home player" at either of the two participating Senior Clubs that have entered into the MOU until they have played 18 first grade games and will then be fixed as a home player at the club where they have first played 18 or more first grade games.

1.1.2 Games played on "permit" are not included in these assessments.

1.1.3 Where there is any difference or dispute as to whether a player is a "home player" then this will be determined by AFL BARWON in its absolute discretion.

Note: A player may have multiple "home clubs".

1.2 Allocation of Points for Players in Highest Underage Competition

1.2.1 If a player has played less than 5 games in their club's highest graded underage team and a minimum of 6 in their lower graded team (ie club has 2 teams in the highest underage competition) in the previous season and transfers clubs they are regarded as a community player (2 Points) for the PPS

2. AFL BARWON Player Points Panel (PPP)

AFL BARWON may appoint persons to a Player Points Panel. The panel will be a minimum of 3 members and will comprise:

- AFL Barwon Head of Operations
- AFL BARWON Operations Managers (Football & Netball);
- An endorsed representative from the GDFL or CDFNL Board if required.
- Other selected AFL BARWON staff member.

2.1 Jurisdiction of AFL BARWON Player Points Panel – Individual Player Assessment

2.1.1 Clubs may make application in writing to the relevant AFL BARWON Operations Manager for reassessment of a player's points allocation within 7 days of the player's points being allocated by AFL BARWON pursuant to the AFL Victoria Player Points System framework, but no later than 3 days before the player's first Home & Away game with that club.

2.1.1 The application must address the matters set out in 2.2 in the AFL Barwon Local PPS By-Laws. Any supporting evidence should be submitted with the application.

2.1.2 All applications for individual player points reassessment will be considered by the "PPP" each Wednesday morning on a weekly basis. Clubs will be advised of the outcome by 5.00pm on the same day. Any applications received after 9.00am Wednesday will not be considered until the following week, if they play in the Senior Male Football, Senior Female Football, or A Grade Netball Team, the individual player will forfeit the chance to have their points reassessed and incur their original assessment of points. Once a player has played in the Senior (Highest Graded) Team for a club, any request for a reduction to their assessed points will not be considered. (Retrospective requests will not be considered)

2.1.3 Decisions of the PPP will be by majority vote.

2.1.4 The PPP is not obliged to give reasons for its decision

2.1.5 AFL BARWON will provide written notification to the Club within 24 hours of the PPP making its decision.

2.2 Considerations for Individual Reassessments

The guide below will be used by the PPP when assessing club submissions. The application of these guidelines will be at the absolute discretion of the PPP.

2.2.1 Contracted Player

- Any player who is to receive in excess of:
 - Male Football - \$200
 - Netball - \$75
 - Female Football N/A

per Senior game in the current season will not be considered for any points reduction.

2.2.2 University Placement

- No reduction in assessed points will be considered, but additional points may not be applied only where the relocation has resulted in the player registering at 3 or more community clubs in 3 seasons as referenced in Clause 6.4 of AFL Victoria Player Points System Policy.
- If a player has been relocated due to a University placement, consideration for non-application of extra points as above will only be given if:
 - Acceptable evidence of current enrolment is provided with the application
 - The distance relocated is considered by the PPP too excessive to continue playing for their previous club.

2.2.3 Employment

- No reduction in assessed points will be considered, but additional points may not be applied only where the relocation has resulted in the player registering at 3 or more community clubs in 3 seasons as referenced in Clause 6.4 of AFL Victoria Player Points System Policy.
- Consideration will only be given where a player has been relocated by the employer to another area with the same company or government organisation, and if:
- Acceptable evidence of forced employment relocation is provided by the employer with the application
- The distance relocated is considered by the PPP too excessive to continue playing for their previous club

2.2.4 Circumstances that limit playing opportunities

- Where evidence is provided to support a claim whereby a player was unable through injury or pregnancy (female footballers or netballers) to complete the required games in the previous season to attract a one-point reduction having already been registered at that club.

2.2.5 Playing History

- Consideration not to apply additional points for 3 clubs in 36 months, or for a transfer from a Premier Competition may be given whereby a player has played less than 3 Senior/Reserve games in total during the 3 previous seasons.
- Consideration not to apply additional points for 3 clubs in 36 months may be given whereby a Netball player has played less than 24 quarters in either of the 2 previous seasons

2.2.6 Age of Player (Male Football only)

- Consideration may be given to a player aged 19 or under as at the start of the upcoming season coming from an NAB League club outside the AFL Barwon Region, who can demonstrate they are transferring purely for the purpose of playing at the VFL or AFL, and with written approval from their National Under 18 or 19 Competition Club & Community club.

3. Jurisdiction of AFL BARWON PPP – Club Assessment

AFL Barwon will notify all clubs of their allocated Team Points for the next season by Mid-October in the previous year.

3.1.1 Clubs may make application in writing to the Head of Operations for reassessment of their total club points allocation within 7 days of the Club's points being allocated. Where exceptional circumstances impact a club after this time frame, they may seek special permission from the Head of Operations to apply for consideration.

3.1.2 The application must set out the Club's reasons for seeking reassessment and must particularly address the matters set out in 3.2 of the AFL Barwon Local PPS By-Laws and be accompanied by all supporting evidence which the Club wants considered.

3.1.3 The AFL BARWON Appeals Committee will consider the application within 7 days of the requested submission date.

3.1.4 Decisions of the AFL BARWON Appeals Committee will be final.

3.1.5 The AFL Barwon Appeals Committee is not obliged to give reasons for its decision.

3.1.6 AFL BARWON will provide a written notification to the clubs within 7 days of the Appeals Committee making its decision.

3.2 Considerations for Total Team Point Reassessments

3.2.1 The guide below will be used by the PPP when assessing club allocations for the ensuing year. The application of these guidelines will be at the absolute discretion of the Player Points Panel.

1. Recent & Sustained Success

- If the senior team/A Grade Team plays finals in the preceding season – 0 points
- If the senior team/A Grade Team finishes in the top 3 in the previous 2 seasons – 0 points
- If the senior team/A Grade Team finishes in the top 3 in the previous 3 consecutive seasons – Minus 2 points

Considerations of ladder positions under this assessment will be based on final ladder positions Post Finals

2. Access to new one-point players – from the previous season

- **Men's Football:** Team in highest Underage competition has finished in the bottom 2 of either their league's only division (CDFNL ONLY), Division 2, or been placed in Division 3 or below of multi divisional competitions – 2 points
- **Female Football:** Under 18 Team has been placed in Division 2 or below – 2 points
- **Netball:** 17 & Under Team has finished in the bottom 2 of Division 1, or been placed in Division 2 or below – 2 points – or
- **Unable to field any Team in the above competitions in the preceding season – 3 points**

3. Recent Sustained Lack of Success

- Failed to win a game in preceding season – 2 points - or
- Finished bottom 2 in preceding 2 seasons – 2 points - or
- Finished bottom 3 in preceding 3 seasons – 3 points

4. **Difficulty to recruit and retain due to other factors**

- Clubs who are deemed by the PPP to be disadvantaged by factors such as:
 1. Geographic Location
 2. Demographics
 3. Socio Economics,
- 5. **A combination of above**
- **The PPP at their discretion may apply extra points for clubs who meet more than one of the above criteria:**

3.3 **Appeals against the AFL BARWON PPP**

3.3.1 Clubs may appeal a decision of the Player Points Panel to the AFL BARWON Commission provided that the appeal is made in writing to the AFL BARWON Region General Manager not later than **5.00pm** on the second business day after AFL BARWON has notified the Club of the decision for Individual Assessments, or not later than 5.00pm on the fifth business day after receiving notification of Total Team Assessments. Evidence must be provided that demonstrates the PPP did not apply the considerations outlined in the AFL Barwon Local PPS By Laws.

3.3.2 The AFL BARWON Commission will appoint an Appeals Panel comprising 3 AFL Barwon Commissioners, whose decision will be by majority vote.

3.3.3 The appeal may be dealt with in whatever forum the AFL BARWON Appeals Panel considers most appropriate – including at a formal meeting of the AFL BARWON Commission, by teleconference or by consideration “on the papers”.

3.3.4 AFL BARWON will provide written notification to the member club within 7 days of the AFL BARWON Commission making its decision.

3.3.5 The Commission is not obliged to give reasons for its decision.

3.3.6 The decision of the AFL BARWON Commission is final.