

# **Albury Wodonga Football Association**

## **Proposed Player Points System**



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## AWFA Player Points System (PPS) – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### Objectives

The objectives of the PPS are to:

- Provide greater opportunities to AWFA home grown Players;
- Promote a greater focus on the importance of youth development;
- Promote Players through AWFA Club youth development structures;
- Increase the stability of AWFA Senior Club Player Rosters or;
- Maintain competitive balance and parity amongst the AWFA Clubs at a Senior level;
- Incentivise Players progressing through to NPL to return to their original AWFA Clubs;
- Reward Clubs who develop Players that progress through to NPL.

*Note: The Player Points System (PPS) encourages AWFA Clubs to promote from within and to place a greater focus on youth development rather than recruiting externally.*

### Definitions:

- **“The Club”** means the current club that the player is registered which has been accepted to participate in the Albury Wodonga Football Association (AWFA) Competition;
- **Community Club** means a Football club which participates within a community football competition in Australia that does not include State Leagues 1 and 2 or NPL clubs or higher;
- **Juniors** are players who are registered players in Under 16 competitions or lower;
- **Competition** means a Football competition in which the Community Clubs participate in official fixtured matches;
- **Player Points Allocation** means the total number of points allocated to an individual player in a Division 1 Men’s Team taking into consideration the Player Points Category that applies to each player; and
- **First Team Player Roster** means the roster of Players for a Club’s First Team maintained in accordance with the Player Points System and the AWFA Competition Regulations.

### Points

#### 1-point Criterion

A player who has/is:

- a) Played 40 or more games over a minimum of 3 seasons within the Junior age groups of “The Club”; or
- b) Played a minimum of 5 games in each of any 5 consecutive seasons for “The Club”; or
- c) Played only at “The Club” and for no other Community Club in Australia; or
- d) Not played competitive football in the previous 36 months; or
- e) An NPL player who is returning to the AWFA club they last played for prior to moving to NPL; or
- f) Despite any other point criterion contained in this Appendices 11.7 AWFA Player Points System (PPS), a returning life member of the Club or a junior player of the Club (who has played at least 5 years at the Club).
- g) An International Player who is on a Refugee and Humanitarian or Studying and Training Visa; or
- h) An International Player on any other Visa who has played 10 or more matches for an AWFA club in each of the previous 4 seasons. (5<sup>th</sup> year visa player); or
- i) A player who was in 2 -Point Category f) in the previous season.

*If the player does not meet the 1 Point Criterion, they will be assigned points based on highest playing level that applies to them in the following categories.*

## **2-points Criterion**

A player who has/is:

- a) Played Junior or Division 2 level at another Community Club; or
- b) Played 15 or less Community Division 1 Men matches in total over the previous 3 seasons for another Community Club; or
- c) Played less than 10 Community Division 1 Men matches in the previous season for another Community Club; or
- d) Played Juniors at a State League 1 and 2 or NPL club in the previous 3 seasons and is not returning to their original AWFA club; or
- e) An International Player on any other Visa who has played 10 or more matches for an AWFA club in each of the previous 3 seasons. (4<sup>th</sup> year visa player); or
- f) A player who was in 3 -Point Category f) in the previous season.

## **3-points Criterion**

A player who has/is:

- a) Played 16 or more Community Division 1 Men matches in total over previous 3 seasons for another Community Club; or
- b) Played 10 or more Community Division 1 Men matches in previous season for another Community Club; or
- c) Played 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade or Under 21 or Under 18 at a State League 1 and 2 or NPL level in any of the previous 3 seasons and is not returning to their original AWFA club; or
- d) Played less than 10 Division 1 Men matches in total at State/NPL level or above in the past 3 seasons and is not returning to their original AWFA club; or
- e) An International Player on a Visa other than a Refugee and Humanitarian or Studying and Training Visa who has played 10 or more matches for an AWFA club in each of the previous 2 seasons. (3<sup>rd</sup> Year Visa player); or
- f) A player who was in 4 -Point Category b) in the previous season.

## **4-points Criterion**

A Player who:

- a) An International Player on a Visa other than a Refugee and Humanitarian or Studying and Training Visa who has played 10 or more matches for an AWFA club in the previous season. (2<sup>nd</sup> Year Visa player); or
- b) Has Played 10 or more 1<sup>st</sup> Grade matches at State League 1 and 2 or NPL level or above over the previous 3 seasons in total and is not returning to their original AWFA club.

## **5-points Criterion**

- a) A player who has played professional football i.e. football above NPL level or equivalent anywhere in the past 3 seasons; or
- b) An International Player on a Visa other than a Refugee and Humanitarian or Studying and Training Visa (1<sup>st</sup> Year Visa player).

## **Points per Club**

The PPS points cap (Points Cap) applies to each AWFA Club's Division 1 Men's Player Roster and this Team is always required to remain within the Points Cap. The Points Cap for the each season will be set by AWFA EC up to a maximum of 24 points

For each match, the Club must ensure that the Total Team Points allocation is calculated based on up to the maximum number of players allowed to participate in a match for the Competition.

### **Administration and Rules**

- Each club is to provide a list of all players they expect to be using in their Division 1 Men side (First Team Player Roster) for the season using the AWFA Player Points Spreadsheet;
- The club are to allocate the points they believe apply to each player and a rationale for those points. The rationale should simply state the points category and relevant clause number as per the above criteria's;
- The AWFA EC will check the list, request further explanation on any they believe are not correct
- Once agreement has been reached AWFA EC will approve the First Team Roster prior to the season commencing;
- The AWFA EC may ask for supporting evidence to support the clubs Player Point allocation;
- The First Team Roster list for each club will be available to all clubs to provide transparency in the process;
- If a club wishes to add a player to this list during the season, they must amend their list and send it for AWFA EC for approval. A player added to this list is not able to play Division 1 Men until approved by the AWFA EC;
- The referees will not be asked to adjudicate on the Player Points System. If a club believe the opposing team have breached the Player Points System, even if this is obvious to them prior to the match, they must lodge an appeal with the AWFA EC for review and action as required;