



2023

**PLAYER POINTS INDEX SYSTEM
(PPIS)**

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BACKGROUND

In Australia more than 90% of adults have an interest in sport and about 11 million adults and 3 million children take part in sport each year, but many sports are finding it hard to get sponsors, and fewer people are playing sport. If this trend continues, adult participation is predicted to fall by more than 15% by 2036.

We need to reverse this trend because sport, exercise and physical activity have lasting health benefits, stimulate the local economy and increase social connections by performing developmental and patriotic functions. Team sport coordinates both individuals and social groups. It helps give people the chance to test their limits and celebrate both personal and club success.

The PPIS is a grassroots system that ensures the sustainability of clubs in competitions while encouraging the promotion of their players along the many pathways which our game provides at all player levels. The philosophy of competition equalisation is accepted in sports all around the world. Professional sporting bodies have accepted practices such as drafts, salary caps, FIFA Fair Play, and the like, to help competitions safeguard competitive balance and club sustainability.

Many NSWRL competitions have used a Player Points Index System to promote junior and senior alignment, links and pathways, environments for learning, longevity, and service in addition to competitive balance. They recognized that more even and fair competitions stimulate greater interest from all sectors – players, coaches, administrators, supporters, sponsors, juniors, and media which in turn galvanises the clubs and strengthens the competitions.

Closely contested competitions allow supporters and club volunteers the chance to turn up on any given match day with the knowledge that the outcome of the game is uncertain, and that their team is a chance of winning. This mindset motivates people to become and remain engaged with their club and provides rewards and recognition to all those that assist in putting a team out on the field.

OBJECTIVES

- Supports NSWRL Strategic Plan for Rugby League competitions.
- Promotes junior player development and progression.
- Promotes player allegiance and service.
- Ensures teams fielded in the many NSWRL Competitions are strong and as equally matched as possible.
- Provides the best opportunities for players to develop and display their skills.
- Provides opportunities to compete at all levels within an orderly and fair system.
- Enables team spirit and public support.
- Encourages community and corporate sponsorships.
- Reduces the inflationary nature of player payments to assist clubs survive financially and reduce financial burden/stress on Clubs.
- Supports the role volunteers undertake in managing their Clubs by:
 - Providing a competitive on field environment, that encourages more volunteers to support at Club level.*
 - Providing incentive to spend more time and effort in the development of football, and generally growing the game within the local community.*
 - Minimising the need to fundraise for player payments.*
- The NSWRL Player Points Index System (PPIS) sets out a framework of rules and principles in relation to a player's value in a points system which has been adopted to achieve these objectives without the need for a more intensive administration process such as a salary cap when a player is judged financially.

INDEXING

1. A Player will have only their playing history for Seasons 2018 - 2022 considered for categorisation purposes (unless they have not played in the last 5 seasons or their continuity in the game has been disrupted by Covid cancelled competitions (*Registered with club prior to competition cancellation).
2. A Player will be categorised at the highest level they have played in Seasons 2018 - 2022.
3. A Player must play not less than five (5) competition matches (in any one season) at any level to be correspondingly categorised at that level.
4. For the purposes of categorisation, a Player need only take the field in a competition match for such to count as having played the whole competition match.
5. For any Player to receive the points reduction available in the second and third seasons, such Player must have been registered and played with the Club in consecutive seasons unless there has been a season between where the player did not play.
6. A Category A, B, C player registering for their fourth consecutive season with a single Club will be valued at zero points with such Club.
7. A Player shall be entitled to a single point reduction to a maximum of 5 points for every season since playing at their highest level in which they have not been registered or has not otherwise taken the field in a competition match.
8. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, a Club Junior shall be assessed as zero points for indexing purposes.

ONUS ON CLUB TO MANAGE PPIS

1. Each participating club shall attribute a point's value to each player and submit same at the time of registration of such player. It is the responsibility of the club and player to ensure that the assessment sheet is properly completed and signed.
2. Not less than 7 days prior to Round 1 of Season 2023, and prior to each Round and Finals series match thereafter clubs shall provide NSWRL with documentation verifying the PPIS value of each individual player registered in their club at that time.
3. Each player whose name appears on any official match sheet for 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, Open Age, Cup or Bronze competition must have their individual points allocation recorded where indicated in such match sheet.
4. The subject team must have their total points allocation recorded where indicated in the relevant match sheet.
5. Any application for a reassessment of points must be in writing and addressed to the Competition Secretary and marked Attention: Competition Committee.
6. Any enquiry by any Club regarding the points allocated to a Player from another Club must be in writing addressed to the Competition Secretary and marked Attention: Competition Committee.
7. Any protest by a Club regarding an opposition team exceeding their points allocation in a particular match must be in writing addressed to the Competition Secretary and marked Attention: Competition Committee and submitted prior to 5.00pm on the Wednesday immediately following the subject match.
8. Any Club determined by the Competition Committee to have exceeded their total point's allocation for any given match shall automatically lose all competition points received from such match (which shall then be allocated to the opposition team) and be liable to pay a fine not greater than \$500 per point exceeded.
9. Any Club determined by the Competition Committee to have exceeded their total points allocation for any given match shall automatically have all points scored by its team in such match deducted from such team's total points otherwise scored to date.
10. Any Club determined by the Competition Committee to have exceeded their total points allocation for any given match shall automatically have all Club Championship points received for such match deducted from its total club championship points otherwise received to date.
11. Any player receiving Best & Fairest points in a team determined by the Competition Committee to have exceeded their points allocation for the match in which they received those Best & Fairest points, shall automatically have the Best & Fairest points so received deducted from their season total to date.

12. Any points scored by a player for a team determined by the Competition Committee to have exceeded their point's allocation for any given match shall automatically have such points deducted from their total points otherwise scored to date.
13. Any Hearings required as a result of alleged false or misleading information will be deemed a Code of Conduct Breach and be presided over by a panel nominated by the Association/League.
14. Clubs and/or Players found guilty by the Code of Conduct Panel of deliberately providing false or misleading information regarding points indexing shall each be liable to pay a fine of not less than \$500.
15. Any person not registered with the subject club or another club in the same League's immediate past season who is contracted as 1st Grade Player/Coach by a Club which did not qualify for the 1st Grade semi-finals in the immediate past season shall be assessed as zero points for PPIS purposes in their initial season as Player/Coach and for each consecutive season they register with such club thereafter.

CLUB JUNIOR DEFINITION

1. Any Player who is registered in their most seasons of junior international level rugby league with the subject Club.
2. Any Player who is registered in an equivalent number of seasons of junior international level rugby league with the subject Club and any other club but is registered for their first season of senior rugby league with the subject Club.
3. Any Player who is registered in the most seasons of junior international level rugby league with a club that does not have a senior club participating in that competition will be allocated as per the affiliate club pathways determined by NSWRL.

SCALE

A sliding scale points system will apply to the competition with the maximum team quota as declared by NSWRL's approved competition maximum. The points allocated to each district/group club will depend on the position they finished after the premierships rounds are completed in the previous season.

Ladder Position

- Scaled reduction in points to team allocations for top 5 finish in previous season.
- Full points to team allocation if finished in bottom half of competition and not relegated to a lower tier

LADDER POSITION AND RELEVANCE TO PPIS ALLOCATION	Ladder position in previous season	Maximum Team Quota as determined by NSWRL according to level of Senior Grade Competition	Competition Quota Allocation			
	1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th– 10th	Percentage of Quota 1st 75% 2nd 80% 3rd 85% 4th 90% 5th 95% 6th – 10th 100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major Pathway Competitions, Major Regional Competitions (Newcastle and Illawarra) are allocated at the discretion of NSWRL • Group Competitions and District Community Competitions = 100 • Lower grades of all competitions halve with each subsequent grade i.e # 2nd/Reserve Grade is half of 1st Grade competition amount. # 3rd/Open Grade is half of 2nd/Reserve Grade competition amount • Regional Cup and Shield Competitions, District Bronze competitions where the Player Transfer Policy has not been enacted for competition sustainability = 50 			
Additional points to team allocation if team has been promoted to a higher tier from previous season	YR1	YR2	YR3	YR4		
	+24	+12	+6	0		

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: BY APPLICATION ONLY

UNIQUE LOCAL CONDITIONS	Subject to special circumstances teams may apply for an allowance that either provides additional total points or reduces the individual player quota subject to the circumstances and club's recent history.	1. Small Population Base	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional points to team allocations where the club is in an area with lower population base than regional centre in same competition. Additional points to team allocation where a club has no junior sides aligned subject to reasons outside of its control, therefore slowing the pathway to senior participation.
		2. Educational, Employment or Residential Allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A deduction in a player's point quota if he is relocating to a Defence Force, Police or University based team where players are coming and going over a 3-4year period. A deduction in a player's point quota where a job transfer has changed the residency of the player.

1. UNIQUE LOCAL CONDITIONS POINTS TABLE	SMALL POPULATION BASE POPULATION & JUNIOR PLAYER NUMBERS				
		50 - 100	101-150	151-200	201+
	Small Population Base (less than 1000)	+36	+30	+24	+18
	Small Population Base (Between 1000 and 2000)	+30	+24	+18	+12
	Small Population Base (Between 2000 and 3000)	+24	+18	+12	+6
Small Population Base (more than 3000 and less than 4000)	+18	+12	+6	+0	

2. UNIQUE LOCAL CONDITIONS POINTS TABLE	EDUCATIONAL, EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ALLOWANCE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OF RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYER EVIDENCE				
		YR1	YR2	YR3	YR4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Player who has had a job transfer (not new employment) A Player who has relocated due to studies A Player who has relocated during the season 	2/3rd of Quota	1/2 of Quota	1/3rd of Quota	0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student/Cadet Players in University, Defence or Police only competitions 	0	0	0	0	

NOTIONAL PRINCIPAL CONTRACTS APPLICATION	NOTIONAL PRINCIPAL CONTRACTS ALLOWANCE (NPC) SUBJECT TO PRE-EXISTING REGISTERED CONTRACTS	YR1	YR2	YR3	YR4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In situations where a high-performance player has a pre-existing agreement the Club may make application to have that player's PPIS value recalculated to a notional value for the purpose of allowing the club to progressively migrate to the PPIS as it starts across NSWRL. In situations where a departing NRL player has an agreement with a Club that provides a positive input by that player to the club, community, and competition the Club may make application to have that player's PPIS value recalculated to a notional value for the purpose of allowing the club to progressively migrate to the PPIS without losing an opportunity that serves the whole of the game. 	2/3rd To 1/2 of Quota	1/2 to 1/3rd of Quota	1/3rd to 1/4 of Quota	0
EXCEPTIONAL TEAM CIRCUMSTANCES	In situations where a player has local player status and has registered with their club for the upcoming season and that club is subsequently unable to field a team in that grade.	50% of PPIS value	50% of Yr1 quota	50% of yr2 quota	0

PLAYER TRANSFER POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

PLAYER TRANSFER POLICY IN LIEU OF PPIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For competitions conducted by NSWRL under the Player Transfer Policy which are designated amateur – match payments (other than to coaches) are not permitted. Player Transfer Policy Eligible Competitions by application to NSWRL; Barwon Darling, Castlereagh League, Central West Conference Gold, Central-North Conference Gold, George Tooke Shield, Hastings League, Hunter Valley Combined Community League, Mid-West Cup, Murray Cup, Outback RL, Regan Cup Group 7, Saturday Metro League, Southern Sydney Conference Gold, Western Riverina Cup, Woodbridge Cup, ALL Group and Regional Under 18 Competitions 	Categories for which the policy WILL apply are documented in NSWRL Community Rugby League Policies & Procedures Manual Section 2.22 Player Transfer Policy – Community Rugby League
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IMPACT TRANSFERS

INTERNAL TRANSFERS PPIS CONSEQUENCE	A first-tier player transferring to a second or third tier competition in same region (points added extra to existing points incurred due to player's history).	+10	+10	+10	0
	A local junior player* moving to another club in same competition or Major Competitions team within that District/ Association <i>*Any Player who is registered and plays in the majority of their seasons of junior international level rugby league with the subject Club. Any Player who is registered in an equivalent number of seasons of junior international level rugby league with the subject Club and any other club but is registered for his first season of senior rugby league with the subject Club.</i>	25	15	10	5
	A local Junior Representative player moving to another club in same competition or Major Competitions team within that District/Association	30	25	15	5
	A local senior player moving to a local senior club in same competition or Major Competitions team within that District/Association	25	15	10	5
	A local senior Representative player moving to another club in same competition or Major Competitions team within that District/Association	30	25	15	5
	In situations where a player had changed their club in the previous season due to unavailability of a team and does not return to their former club when a team becomes available in that grade the player's history will commence from 1st year under the full PPIS quota.	100% of PPIS quota regardless of previous season and reducing yearly for 3 years as per normal requirements.			

PLAYER POINTS INDEX SYSTEM

INDEXING BASE	<p>A Player will have only their playing history for five (5) seasons considered for categorisation purposes (unless they have not played in the last five (5) seasons or their continuity in the game has been disrupted by Covid cancelled competitions (*Registered with club prior to competition cancellation).</p> <p>A Player will be categorised at the highest level they have played in the five (5) years previous to the current season.</p> <p>A Player must play not less than five (5) competition matches (in any one season) at any level to be correspondingly Categorised at that level.</p>				
CATEGORY	CRITERIA	YR1	YR2	YR3	YR4
A: 1 - 4 DEVELOPING PLAYER	<p>Local: Any Player who is registered and plays in the majority of their seasons of junior international level rugby league with the subject Club.</p> <p>Any Player who is registered in an equivalent number of seasons of junior international level rugby league with the subject Club and any other club but is registered for his first season of senior rugby league with the subject Club.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please note Local Junior qualification overrides all other points' dispensations.</i></p>	0	0	0	0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A player from a NSWRL Shield league/ District or Affiliated States competition. i.e Outback League, Woodbridge Cup, George Tooke Shield, Illawarra 2nd Division, District Bronze competition 	2	1	0	0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. A player with limited First (1st) Grade experience (less than 5 games in any one season) who has played in a local Rugby Union, Australian Rules or Soccer competition. 	2	1	0	0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. A Player with limited First (1st) Grade or Junior Representative experience (less than 5 games in any one season) from a Club in another NSWRL, QRL or Affiliated States Competition. 	4	2	0	0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. A player with limited First (1st) Grade experience (less than 5 games in any one season) who has played in NSWRL, QRL or Affiliated States Junior Representative program and from a club in another competition. 	4	2	0	0
B: 5 - 9 GRADED PLAYER	<p>Deemed to be of a First (1st) Grade or A Grade standard in Group and District competitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. A player who has played in five (5) or more games in Sydney Shield. 6. A player who has played Schute Shield, NRC, or equivalent Rugby Union. 7. A player who has played British, French, Emerging Nations (PNG, Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, and Cook Islands) club competitions excluding Major competitions mentioned in Categories C, D and E. 8. A player who has represented Australia at Universities, Armed Forces or Police rugby league. 9. A First (1st) or A Grade Player from NSWRL Group and District competitions and equivalent Queensland and New Zealand competitions, excluding Major Competitions mentioned in Categories C, D and E with five (5) or more games. 	5	3	1	0

C: 10 - 19 REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10. A player who has played eleven (11) or more games (combined) in the Andrew Johns, Harold Matthews, and Laurie Daley Junior Representative competitions. 	5	3	1	0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11. A British Championship League-Tier 1 & Tier 2 Division Representative Player, QRL Foley Shield player, a player who has represented an Emerging Nations Residents team. 	6	4	1	0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12. A player who has played in more than five (5) to ten (10) or less games in SG Ball 	6	4	1	0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13. A player who has played in eleven (11) or more games in SG Ball or 19s age equivalent. 	7	5	2	0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14. A player who has represented NSW, ACT or QLD at Australian Schoolboys Championships and participated in a Sporting High Schools team in a National Competition during the previous season. 	7	5	2	0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15. A Rugby Union player who has played Super Rugby level or equivalent. 	8	6	3	0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16. A player who has played more than five (5) and ten (10) or less games (combined) Major Competition games at Jersey Flegg Cup, Denton Engineering Cup, Mojo Homes Cup or QRL and NZRL equivalent. 	8	6	3	0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17. A NSWRL or QRL representative in a junior age-based State of Origin game or series (16s or 18s). 	8	6	3	0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18. An Open Age Group Representative on three (3) or more occasions. 19. An Open Age player who has been a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > NSWRL Divisional Representative (Riverina, Monaro, Western, Northern, Northern Rivers, Illawarra, Newcastle & Hunter, or Central Coast) > QRL Divisional Representative (Wide Bay, Central Queensland, North Queensland, South-East Queensland, South-West Queensland) > Australian Affiliated States Representative 	10	8	4	0
D: 20 - 29 MAJOR COMPETITIONS PLAYER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20. A player who has played more than five (5) and ten (10) or less games Major Competition games at Ron Massey Cup, NSW Cup or QRL and NZRL equivalent (combined). 	10	8	6	2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21. A player who has played in more than ten (10) and thirty-nine (39) or less games (combined) in Major Competitions at Jersey Flegg Cup, Denton Engineering Cup and Mojo Homes Cup or QRL equivalent. 	10	8	6	2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22. A player who has played in more than ten (10) and thirty-nine (39) or less games (combined) in Major Competitions at Ron Massey Cup, NSW Cup or QRL equivalent. 	12	10	8	4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23. A player who has played in forty (40) or more games (combined) in Major Competitions at Jersey Flegg Cup, Denton Engineering Cup and Mojo Homes Cup or QRL equivalent. 	12	10	8	4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24. A Player who has played more than five (5) and twenty-four (24) or less games in Major Competitions at NSW Cup, QLD Cup or NZRL equivalent 	12	10	8	4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25. A player who has been a NSWRL or QRL Country, NSWRL City, Brisbane, or NZ Maori representative. 	12	10	8	4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26. A player who has represented NSWRL or QRL in a 18+ age based Origin game or series 	12	10	8	4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27. A player who has played Emerging Nations 'National' or World Cup team (Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Cook Islands, PNG) on more than three (3) occasions. 	12	10	8	4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28. A player who has played in forty (40) or more games (combined) in Major Competitions at Ron Massey Cup, NSW Cup or QRL equivalent. 29. A Player who has played more than twenty-five (25) or more games in Major Competitions at NSW Cup, QLD Cup or NZRL equivalent 	15	12	10	6
E: 30 - 32 ELITE COMPETITIONS PLAYER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30. A player who has played five (5) to twenty-four (24) NRL or Super League Europe competition games (combined) 	25	20	14	8
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 31. A player who has played twenty-five (25) or more NRL or Super League Europe competition games (combined) 	30	24	16	10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 32. A player who has represented NSW, QLD, Australia, England, Great Britain, or New Zealand. 	35	26	18	12