



Player Registration Points System

Purpose

The purpose of the Player Registration Points system in the AFL Cairns Senior Competition is to promote a dynamic, competitive competition providing stability for the Clubs.

Objectives

1. Encourage clubs to develop and promote their junior teams and players.
2. Encourage clubs to recruit new players from outside AFL Cairns.
3. Better manage player payments, improve the financial stability of Clubs and discourage internal league player poaching.
4. Assist with equalisation of the competition.

The System

1. Each Player registered to a Club will be assessed according to the point system set out in this Policy.
2. Each Club will be allocated a number of Player Registration Points each season to which their Senior Grade Team must comply with and not exceed for each game, each week in any given AFL Cairns football season.
3. At the time of registration each new player shall complete the online Player Registration Form, providing accurate information concerning the Players playing history. The following conditions apply;
 - i) Any player providing false or misleading information shall be liable to penalties including, but not limited to, deregistration, suspension or a fine.
 - ii) Any official of a club complicit in the deliberate submission of false or misleading information shall be liable to a fine or disqualification.
 - iii) The Club of such player or official may be liable to an immediate loss of five Player Registration Points and a fine and/or loss of premiership points equal to the number of games played by the player in question in that season.
 - iv) The AFL Cairns Review Board will determine the penalties for deceptive or misleading information supplied.

4. All Player Registration Points assessments will be evaluated by the AFL Cairns Football management team at the time of registration.
5. AFL Cairns will maintain a seasonal Club Player Register of their players denoting individual player points and Club points total. The Club Representative and the AFL Cairns Operations Manager will agree on the values allocated.
6. All internal AFL Cairns transfer Players' point value decreases by two points annually until reaching the base value of one point.
7. Players with five years continuous service to an AFL Cairns Club as a senior player become a zero point player in their sixth season.
8. Players with eight years continuous service to an AFL Cairns Club as a senior player can transfer as a one point player after their eighth season.
9. When transferring between AFL Cairns Clubs, Under 17.5 and Under 15 Players can transfer as one point players if they have not played one (1) Senior game or four (4) Reserve grade games. Under 17.5 or Under 15 Players who have played AFLC Senior or Reserve grade football are treated as AFLC registered players.
10. Players returning to their original AFL Cairns Club after at least one season away return at their rating prior to departure less two points with a minimum of one point.
11. An AFL Cairns player wishing to return to a different AFL Cairns Club from another League is an eight point player, less two points for each entire season spent in the other League after leaving AFL Cairns.
12. A new Player to the AFL Cairns competition can transfer to another AFL Cairns club as a 1 point player if no more than two (2) games (Senior or Reserve Grade) have been played in their inaugural AFL Cairns season. This Rule will only apply if;
 - i) the Conditions of a formal written agreement between the Player and the original Club have not been met. If no formal written agreement exists the player may transfer as a 1 point player.
 - ii) any receipted costs incurred by the original club +\$250 are paid by the second club to the original club.
13. Clubs can formally request details of another AFL Cairns Club's Points Total for a specific game if they believe it to contravene these Rules. This request must be lodged by 11am on the Tues immediately following the game in question.

Appealing AFL Cairns Player Assessment

The process where Clubs or a Player wish to appeal the points allocated to a player by AFL Cairns will follow the subsequent processes;

- i) If a Club believes the points allocated in the assessment process are not correct, fair or reasonable, it then requests in writing a review of the decision by the AFL Cairns Review Panel. This correspondence will contain sound, factual information supporting the Appeal. The Appeal will also include a formal Hearing with evidence to be presented by the Club, the Player in question and any other relevant parties at the discretion of the AFL Cairns Review Panel.
- ii) If a Player believes he has a bona fide and demonstrable case for reassessment based on compassionate or similar grounds, he can request, in writing, a review of his assessment. This correspondence will contain sound, factual information supporting the Appeal. The Appeal will

also include a formal Hearing with evidence to be presented by the Club, the Player in question and any other relevant parties at the discretion of the AFL Cairns Review Panel.

- iii) The Review Panel will consist of one Executive Board Member, the AFL Cairns General Manager (or other of similar position) and an AFL Cairns Tribunal Member. The Review Board can not consist of a person involved in the initial assessment.
- iv) All new Appeal information and the original Registration information will be made available to the Review Panel in the case of an Appeal.
- v) The decision by the Review Panel is final and there is no further form of recourse.

Points Allocation

Player Assessment

- All Players registered with an AFL Cairns Club up until the end of the 2008 season will be valued at one (1) point.

Player Assessment Criteria		
Points	Category	Explanation
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local player 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A Player who has played in the registering Clubs Junior teams or a recognised feeder team that does not have a senior team in the AFL Cairns league, – A Player returning to their original AFL Cairns Club after playing elsewhere outside AFL Cairns. This includes AFL or other major leagues. – A Player who joins a Club after not playing competition football outside the AFL Cairns competition for two (2) years.
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFL Cairns Reserves Grade Player seeking transfer. • Other Australian regional and metropolitan football league player. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A Player that has played no more than three (3) Senior Grade games and at least five (5) Reserve Grade games with an AFL Cairns Club in the preceding year. – A Player from another league e.g. Townsville, Ovens & Murray, Central Wheatbelt, Essendon District, QAFL, VAFA, SAAFL, TANFL etc
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major league player. • Ex AFL Player 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A Player who has played at this level in the past two (2) years. ie. VFL, SANFL, WAFL. – A Player who has been listed with an AFL Club in the past three (3) years and has <u>NOT</u> played with the registering AFL Cairns Club as a junior or has played for another AFL Cairns club previously.
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFLC 5-Year Player 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A Player with five years continuous service to one AFLC Club and remaining with that Club.
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFLC 8-Year Player 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A Player with eight years continuous service to one AFLC Club transferring to another AFLC Club.
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player transferring from one 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A Player not deemed a Reserves Grade Player

	AFL Cairns Club to another AFL Cairns Club.	transferring from an AFL Cairns Club to the registering AFL Cairns Club.
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Club Points Allocation

- The revised Points system will be introduced for season 2015 and be applicable as from the 21st September 2014.
- **The total (maximum) number of points per Club for Senior Grade players per game will be based on the thirty-four (34) points as per previous Player Points System, with the following concessions as a result of discussions with Clubs:**
 - *Clubs who finish outside the top four based on the Senior Grade competition ladder at the conclusion of the home and away season will receive 8 additional points the following year **to a maximum of forty-two (42) points.***
 - *If a Club receiving concessional points finish inside the top four based on the Senior Grade competition ladder at the conclusion of the home and away season, their points allocation will be reduced by four points for the following season.*

Non Retrospective

Changes to the 2015 Points System are not applicable to players transferred between Clubs prior to 18th September 2011, with the exception of Manunda Hawks players in 2015 and 2016.

Definitions

A **Player** is the footballer registered with or seeking registration and clearance to a Club.

A **Club** is an AFL Cairns football club.

The **Registering Club** is the Club with whom a player will play with in a given season.

An AFL Cairns **Season** is from the day following the Grand Final of one season to the day of, and including, the next Grand Final.

An AFL Cairns **Reserve Grade Player** is determined as a player that played no more than two (2) Senior games with an AFL Cairns Club in the preceding year.

Continuous Service means uninterrupted registration and playing activity with one AFL Cairns club. If serious injury or illness has prevented a player playing in a season this season will be judged as Continuous Service and will count as one of the required years.

Playing coaches are rated on the league from which they are recruited as per the player criteria.

Review Panel is the AFL Cairns Review Panel.