



PLAYER POINTS INDEX SYSTEM (PPIS)

Amendments as reviewed 2025

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CONDITIONS RELATING TO CATEGORIES

INDEXING

1. A Player will have only their playing history for past 5 Seasons from the time of registration with a club considered for categorisation purposes (unless they have not played in the last 5 seasons or their continuity in the game has been disrupted by cancelled competitions **(*Registered with club prior to competition cancellation)**).
2. A Player will be categorised at the highest level they have played in the five (5) years previous to the season of registration with a club and that amount will diminish in line with that grading while the player remains with that club.
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. It won't be counted if the player has left that club to play at another and then returned, that will be a fresh start.
6. Players registering in consecutive seasons with a single Club in Community League will be reduced in value at the rate applied to the Category and points they were determined when registering with such Club for the first time and progressively reducing to zero. At the NSWRL Major Competitions level, all players are assessed on their previous 5 years playing statistics with loyalty applied accordingly.
7. A Player shall be entitled to a single point reduction to a maximum of 5 points for every consecutive season since last playing in which they have not been registered or has not otherwise taken the field in a competition match.
8. An Internal Transfer Player participating in a second-tier team may be indexed at 12 points in that grade and 25 points in the first tier level for player movement between those grades where the second tier team's total quota is half or less of that which the first tier team has.
9. A Player shall be entitled to a 25% point reduction for every year playing after the age of 33. This reduction is to a maximum of 5 points over the players entire career with that club.
10. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, a Club Junior shall be assessed as zero points for indexing purposes.
11. Any "equivalent" quotas for players who have participated in those competitions not named in the PPIS document will be set by NSWRL Major Competitions and Community Cup consultive panel on a per case basis and based on number of games, club standing and historical competition data.

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 2026, 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 of a NSWRL PPIS competition has agreed that their individual points allocation is that which was recorded on the Club's worksheet, submitted to the Competition's Administrator and value confirmed prior to the game. There will be no right of recourse for the club after the event.
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. All requests must be lodged by 31st May each season, any applications following that date will not be considered.
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.

CLUB JUNIOR DEFINITION

1. Any Player who is registered in their most seasons of junior international level rugby league with the subject Club. Under 13s to Under 18s.
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. When a player participates in equal number of seasons, at two or more clubs, the players Juniors age groups (Under 6s to under 12s) will determine their Local Junior status and / or the first club of which they played in Junior International Ages. 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 within the same competition and is yet to register for their first season of senior rugby league may be considered local with either Club up to their registration at which point they will become a local junior for that one club, this cannot change once applied by NSWRL or the League/District.
4. 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.
5. Any Player who has played with multiple junior clubs may qualify for local status with the club where the majority of their playing history resides prior to and including their international age years.

DRAFT PLAYER POINTS INDEX SYSTEM (PPIS)

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 club will depend on the position they finished after the premiership rounds are completed in the previous season with the exception of the first year of the PPIS implementation where all clubs and teams have equal quotas.

Ladder Position

- ∅ Scaled reduction in points to team allocations for top 4 or 5 finish in previous season according to that competitions finals qualifications structure. Please note top 4 quotas reduce from 80% and top 5 from 75%.
- ∅ Full points to team allocation if finished in bottom half of competition and not relegated to a lower tier.
- ∅ Additional points to team allocation if team has been promoted to a higher tier from previous season

LADDER POSITION AND RELEVANCE TO PPIS ALLOCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ladder position in previous season at end of competition proper and not including standing at end of finals.	TOP 5		TOP 4	
		1st – 75%		1st – 80%	
		2nd – 80%		2nd – 85%	
		3rd – 85%		3rd – 90%	
		4th – 90%		4th – 95%	
		5th – 95%		5th – 8th – 100%	
		6th– 10th – 100%			

PLAYER POINTS INDEX SYSTEM

CHANGES SINCE JULY, 2024

Please note that the PPIS Policy is reviewed annually and the latest version released end of July each year. Whatever changes are made are not retrospective and where quotas have changed or policies reinterpreted, they will only be in affect from the date of the Board’s approval and not before the alteration. All past quotas will remain the same but diminish at the latest annual rate.

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 season of registration with a club and that amount will diminish in line with that grading while the player remains with that club. At the NSWRL Major Competitions level, all players are accessed on their previous 5 years playing statistics with loyalty applied accordingly.</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 - 3 DEVELOPING PLAYER	Local: 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.	0	0	0	0
	Please note Local Junior qualification overrides all other points dispensations.				
	A player with NO First (1 st) Grade experience who has played in a local Rugby Union, Australian Rules or Soccer competition.	0	0	0	0
	1. A player from a NSWRL Tier 3 league/ District or Affiliated States competition. i.e Outback League, District Bronze competition, Murray Cup	2	1	0	0
	2. A Player with NO First (1 st) Grade or Junior Representative experience in a NSWRL or QRL A Grade/Group competition and from a Club in a NSWRL or QRL Competition or an Affiliated States Competition.	4	2	0	0
	3. A player with NO First (1 st) Grade experience who has played in NSWRL, QRL or Affiliated States Junior Representative program and from a club in another competition.	4	2	0	0

B: 4 - 8 GRADED PLAYER	<p>Deemed to be of a First (1st) Grade or A Grade standard in Group and District competitions:</p> <p>4. A player who has played in five (5) or more games in Sydney Shield.</p> <p>5. A player who has played Shute Shield, NRC, or equivalent Rugby Union.</p> <p>6. A player who has played British, French, Emerging Nations (PNG, Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, and Cook Islands) Provincial club competitions excluding Major competitions mentioned in Categories C, D and E.</p> <p>7. A player who has represented Australia at Universities, Armed Forces or Police rugby league. A player who has represented NT, WA, SA or Vic State at an Australian Affiliated States event.</p> <p>8. A First (1st) or A Grade Player from NSWRL Group and District competitions and equivalent Queensland, New Zealand and PNG domestic competitions with five (5) or more games in any one season at that level. This excludes Major Competitions mentioned in Categories C, D and E.</p>	5	3	1	0
C: 9 - 18 REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER	<p>9. A player who has played eleven (11) or more games (combined) in the Andrew Johns, Harold Matthews, and Laurie Daley Junior Representative competitions.</p>	5	3	1	0
	<p>10. A British Championship League-Tier 1 (Championship) & Tier 2 Division (Betfred) Representative Player, QRL Foley Shield player, PNG Digicel, French Elite 1 player, a player who has represented an Emerging Nations Residents team.</p>	6	4	1	0
	<p>11. A player who has played in five (5) to ten (10) games combined in Harold Matts, LDC and SG Ball or other up to 19s age equivalents in QRL.</p>	6	4	1	0
	<p>12. A player who has represented NSWRL Country under 16s or 18s.</p>	6	4	1	0
	<p>13. A player who has played in eleven (11) or more games in SG Ball or 19s age equivalent. 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.</p>	7	5	2	0
	<p>14. A NSWRL or QRL representative in a junior age-based State of Origin game or series (16s or 18s). An Open Age Group Representative on three (3) or more occasions.</p>	7	5	2	0
	<p>15. A player who has been a:</p> <p>> NSWRL Divisional Representative (Riverina, Monaro, Western, Northern, Northern Rivers, Illawarra, Macarthur, Newcastle & Hunter, or Central Coast)</p> <p>> QRL Divisional Representative (Wide Bay, Central Queensland, North Queensland, South-East Queensland, South-West Queensland)</p>	8	6	3	0
	<p>16. An Australian or Pacifika Rugby Union player who has played Super Rugby or equivalent and excluding those from New Zealand teams.</p> <p>17. A player who has been a NSWRL or QRL Country, NSWRL City, Brisbane, or NZ Maori open age representative.</p> <p>A player who has played Emerging Nations ‘National’ or World Cup team (Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Cook Islands, PNG) on more than three (3) occasions.</p>	8	6	3	0

D: 19 - 26 MAJOR COMPETITIONS PLAYER	18. 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 or QRL and NZRL equivalent.	8	6	3	0
	19. 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 or QRL equivalent.	10	8	6	2
	20. 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
	21. A player who has played in forty (40) or more games (combined) in Major Competitions at Jersey Flegg Cup, Denton Engineering Cup or QRL equivalent.	12	10	8	4
	22. A player who has played more than five (5) and twenty (20) or less Major Competition games at NSW Cup, QLD Cup or NZRL equivalent.	12	10	8	4
	23. A player who has represented NSWRL or QRL in a 18+ age based Origin game or series	12	10	8	4
	24. A player who has played in fifty (50) or more games (combined) in Major Competitions at Ron Massey Cup, NSW Cup or QRL equivalent.	15	12	10	6
	25. A player who has played in twenty-five (25) or more games (combined) in the NSW Cup or Queensland Cup or equivalent.	20	16	12	6
E; 27 - 29 ELITE COMPETITIONS PLAYER	26. A player who has played five (5) to twenty-four (24) NRL or Super League Europe competition games (combined)	25	20	14	8
	27. A player who has played twenty-five (25) or more NRL or Super League Europe competition games (combined)	30	24	16	10
	28. A player who has represented NSW, QLD, Australia, England, Great Britain, or New Zealand.	35	26	18	12

INTERNAL TRANSFERS

INTERNAL TRANSFERS PPIS CONSEQUENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excludes pathway players - Junior Reps, Jersey Flegg, Sydney Shield, Ron Massey, and NSW Cup under a Metropolitan Major Competitions pathway exception (does not include Newcastle League's Denton Engineering), Excludes players who have left the pathway and played in other competitions for 3 or more seasons before returning to their local competition. 	0	0	0	0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category "A" player moving to another team in the same competition and over the age of 20. Limited to 2 players from same club and 5 in total from same competition. 	4	2	1	0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A local tier 2 player moving to another club in same tier 2 competition. 	15	10	5	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A local junior player* moving to another club in same competition. <p>*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.</p>	25	15	10	5
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A local Junior Representative player moving to another club in same competition. 	30	25	15	5
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A local senior player moving to a local senior club in same competition. Refer to Point 9 in Indexing for any variation that might apply. 	25	15	10	5
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A local senior Representative player moving to another club in same competition 	30	25	15	5
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 INCLUDING Internal Transfer quota if applicable. 	100% of PPIS quota regardless of previous season and reducing yearly for 3 years as per normal requirements.			

MARQUEE PLAYER (By Application Only)	A Marquee player is a player whose natural Points Allocation is above the level of the competition which they are relocating. The natural Points Allocation does not include Impact Transfer players quota but does include what their quota value is in other competitions across NSWRL.				
	<p>Qualifying Criteria - 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 Marquee Player/Coach by a Club which did not qualify for the 1st Grade semi-finals in the immediate past season.</p> <p>For PPIS purposes the zero quota may only apply in their initial season as Marquee Player/Coach and for each consecutive season they register with such club thereafter the Club will have to reapply.</p>	0			