



PLAYER POINTS INDEX SYSTEM (PPIS)

Approved Conditions

September 2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Policy is now heading into its 5th season and during this time we've enjoyed the competitions becoming more tightly contested. Each year we've listened to your comments and suggestions and made them pivotal to our annual review, thus ensuring the policy remains relevant and adequate for the greater good of the game.

Club patterns have also evolved in this time and in relation to these NSWRL wishes to make clear the purpose of the Policy is to promote fair and competitively balanced competitions for the sustainability of clubs and the enjoyment of supporters.

In this regard NSWRL asks that your Club adheres to the following;

- ☐ Spend adequate time to understand the policy and make phone calls or send emails if you have any doubts regarding interpretation.
- ☐ Know what scaling your club will have prior to the completion of the previous season so you can work forward within your limitations;
- ☐ If in doubt check the quota a player is likely to be with your Competition Secretary or NSWRL Club & Competitions Co-Ordinator before signing them;
- ☐ Lodge review requests or appeals if possible before the season starts. Should you contest that quota make sure you're detailed and informative in your application to get the best possible chance of success; and
- ☐ If unsuccessful accept the outcome of the appeal and move forward. The Competitions Committee has one clear and independent vision, to ensure fair and competitively balanced outcomes for your League, and this doesn't always align with your club focused wishes.

During the course of 2026 the Competitions Committee heard 34 Appeals of which 15 were declined, 14 approved and 5 required further information which was never submitted.

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 those 5 seasons.
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 with the exception of regional representation in NSWRL sanctioned competitions (see Category C).
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 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.
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 season in which they turn 33. This reduction is to a maximum of 5 points over the players entire career with that club. All percentage reductions are rounded down.
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 2027**, and prior to each Round and Finals series match thereafter clubs shall provide the Competition Secretary & Registrar and/or the NSWRL Club & Competitions Co-Ordinator 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 or NSWRL Club & Competitions Co-Ordinator and marked Attention: Competition Committee. **All requests must be lodged by 30th June 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 or NSWRL Club & Competitions Co-Ordinator 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 or NSWRL Club & Competitions Co-Ordinator 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.