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1. OBJECTIVES

The SFLW Player Points System Policy delivers equalisation within community football competitions which is vital for the growth and development of community football.

Even and fair competitions lead to interest, which leads to bigger crowds, which leads to stronger Clubs and competitions. Even 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 Community Club and provides rewards and recognition to all those that assist in putting a team out on the field.

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 competition's, ensure competitiveness and Club sustainability.

The objectives of the SFL PPS Policy are as follows, to:

- (a) support equalisation of community football Competitions.
- (b) ensure teams fielded in the Competitions are strong and as equally matched as possible.
- (c) provide the best opportunities for players to develop and display their skills.
- (d) provide opportunities to compete at a community level within an orderly and fair system.
- (e) enable team spirit and public support.
- (f) encourage community and corporate sponsorships of Community Clubs.
- (g) reduce the inflationary nature of player payments to assist Clubs survive financially and reduce financial burden/stress on Clubs.
- (h) promote player loyalty and junior development.
- (i) support the role volunteers undertake in managing their Clubs by
 - I. minimising the need to fundraise for player payments
 - II. providing a more competitive environment on field, that encourages more volunteers to support at Club level
 - III. providing incentive to spend more time and effort in the development of football, a welcoming Club environment and growing the game within the local community.

This PPS Policy sets out a framework of rules and guiding principles in relation to a player points system to achieve the above objectives.

2. DEFINITIONS

AFL	Australian Football League.
AFLW	Australian Football League Women's competition.
Category	The player points category which determines the base allocation of the Player Points Allocation for a player.
Community Club or 'Club'	An Australian football club that participates within a community football competition that does not include State Leagues (i.e. the Tasmanian State League, Victorian Football League, Western Australia Football League, South Australian National Football League)
Competition	An Australian football competition in which the Community Clubs participate in official fixtured matches.
Competition Manager	The person responsible for the administration of the football Competition.
Competitive Football	Any formally organised football competition excluding AFL 9s and school football.
First Home & Away Match	The first official competition match for the home and away season of a Competition.
Play HQ	The online competition management system implemented by football competitions across Australia.
Match	An official competition game for the home and away season of a Competition.
Match Team Points	The total number of points for a SFLW Team for a particular Match. Calculated by adding the Player Points Allocation for each player on the team sheet for that match.
National Player Transfer Regulations	The AFL's national policy for player transfers as updated by the AFL from time to time.
NEAFL	North East Australia Football League.
NTFL	Northern Territory Football League.
Player Membership Details	A player's individual details provided for on the Play HQ System.
Player Points Allocation	The total number of points allocated to an individual player in the SFL Senior Men's or Women's Team taking into consideration the Player Points Category that applies to each player and any additional points or deducted points in accordance with this PPS Policy.
PPS Policy	The Community Club player points policy as amended by the SFL from time to time.
PPSC	Player Points System Committee
Premier Competition	The Competitions outlined in clause 3.1 of this PPS Policy.

Season	Community Football season between 1 April and 30 September each year.
Season of Service	A Season where a player has played a minimum of five (5) SFLW games in one Season for a particular Community Club.
TSL	The Tasmanian State League.
Total Team Points	The total amount of points allocated to a specific SFLW Team by the SFL for each Season in accordance with this PPS Policy.
SFL	Southern Football League Tasmania
SFLW	Southern Football League Tasmania Women's
SFLW Team	SFLW Member means a Club that fields a team/s in the SFLW competition annually.
STJFL	Southern Tasmanian Junior Football League
Tier 1 Competition	Refers to the following competitions; WAFLW, SANFLW, VFLW, Coates Talent League
Tier 2 Competition	Refers to all other competitions outside of those named as Tier 1 Competitions
Transferred	refers to the formal transfer authorised under the National Player Transfer Regulations.
	Unique local conditions- refers to the conditions, environment or circumstances which are unique to a Community Club or a region of Community Clubs which may give grounds for a reassessment of a Club's Total Team Points as determined by the SFL Executive.

3. TOTAL TEAM POINTS

3.1 The Total Team Points allocation will be;

- a) SFLW Division 1 teams– 42 Points
- b) SFLW Division 2 teams– 38 Points

3.2 The SFL Executive will consider written applications from Clubs for the allocation of additional Total Team Points in accordance with this PPS Policy (e.g. applications must set out the detailed reasons and evidence about why total Team Points should be increased).

3.3 The SFL Executive may allocate additional points or apply deductions to Total Team Points to specific Clubs in accordance with this PPS Policy to manage Unique Local Conditions and meet the needs of local Clubs and the relevant Competitions. For example: Additional Total Team Points may be allocated to a Community Club:

- a) is in a region with a low population base.
- b) endures significant hardship, lack of success, is coming out of recess, or is a recently merged or restructured entity.

Any decision to alter the Total Team Points must be approved in writing by the SFL Executive to ensure the evenness and equalisation objectives of this PPS Policy are achieved.

3.4 If any team has received additional Total Team Points, points will be reduced at the end of each season by the following means:

- a) A deduction of one point per year until the team reaches the Total Team Points allocation as described in clause 3.1.
- b) If a team makes finals, a deduction of two points will be deducted from the Total Team Points allocation until it reaches the allocation as described in clause 3.1.
- c) If a team finishes in last position on the ladder zero (0) points will be deducted for the following season.

4. PLAYER POINTS ALLOCATION

4.1 The SFL Competition Manager will liaise with Clubs to enter Player Points Allocations for each player into PlayHQ prior to the relevant Community Club's First Home and Away Match of each Season.

4.2 The SFL Competition Manager will determine each player's Player Points Allocation. This determination may include any additions or deductions applicable to each player in accordance with this PPS Policy.

4.3 A player's Category and the subsequent Player Points Allocation will be determined by that player's playing history and achievements. Each player will be allocated a Category and a Player Points Allocation as per Appendix A.

4.4 Where a player qualifies for more than one Category based on their playing history in the current Season or any of the previous three (3) Seasons, the Category with the highest points will apply unless that Player has previously been a Category 1 Home Player for the Club that they are transferring to.

4.5 A player's Player Points Allocation remains that player's Player Point Allocation for the duration of their tenure at that Club. Clause 11.1 – Reduction of one Point, applies to the players Player Point Allocation.

Player point review when changing Clubs

4.6 A players Player Points Allocation will be reviewed in accordance with Appendix A, and amended, when that player moves clubs. This is to promote player retention and loyalty.

4.7 Players that have transferred clubs must complete the online registration via the email link generated through PlayHQ transfer approval process.

4.8 The Club may need to consult with the Competition Manager to ensure this process is up to date, as it cannot be updated until players have completed online registration for the Season.

4.9 As part of the player point allocation process, a Club can appeal a player's Player Point Allocation in accordance with clause 9.

4.10 Clubs acknowledge that if they do not follow this procedure and decide to play a player in a Match in a Senior Competition, who has not had their Player Points Allocation approved and entered into PlayHQ, that Club will bear the risk of any subsequent enforcement penalty as determined by the SFL Executive in accordance with this PPS Policy.

5. ALIGNMENT TO A JUNIOR CLUB

5.1 SFLW Clubs may have one (or more) STJFL Club as their aligned junior Club and this nomination must be accepted by the nominated STJFL Club. Any Club that does not nominate an aligned STJFL Club or does not have their nominated STJFL Club accept the nomination by the due date, will be deemed to have no aligned STJFL Club.

5.2 The SFL Executive will deal with the issue/allocation of non-aligned junior clubs (i.e. which SFL clubs can access any surplus, and how many points per player will be involved) at their total discretion.

5.3 The table below sets out the aligned STJFL Clubs for 2024.

SFL Club	Aligned Junior Club
Brighton	Brighton
Claremont	Claremont
Clarence	Clarence
Cygnets	Southern Storm Juniors/ Channel Football Club
Dodges Ferry	Dodges Ferry
Glenorchy	Glenorchy
Hutchins	Sandy Bay
Huonville Lions	Huonville Lions
Kingborough	Kingborough
Lauderdale	Lauderdale
Lindisfarne	Lindisfarne
New Norfolk	New Norfolk
North Hobart	North Hobart, Sandy Bay
South East Suns	South East Suns
St Virgils	
University	Sandy Bay

6. ADDITIONAL PLAYER POINT ALLOCATIONS:

6.1 If a player has transferred to three (3) or more different Community Clubs in the previous 36 months, one additional point will be applied to that player's Player Points Allocation.

7. DEDUCTIONS TO PLAYER POINTS ALLOCATION:

7.1 Once a player's Player Points Allocation has been determined, a reduction of one point will apply for each Season of Service to that player's Community Club (minimum 5 games per Season), even if not in consecutive years, until the player reaches 1 point (this is the minimum number of points a player can have).

8. ENFORCEMENT

8.1 Player Points Allocations will be managed via the PlayHQ system. It is the responsibility of the Club to check the Player Point Allocation for their players are correct and any errors reported to the SFL Competition Manager for correction.

8.2 It will be at the discretion of SFL Executive as to the enforcement provisions they apply to Clubs. Should any Club knowingly make a false or incorrect declaration regarding Player Points Allocations, the Club may be penalised in line with the penalties set out in clause 9.3.

8.3 Penalties may include (without limitation):

- (a) Club fines;
- (b) loss of premiership points – current or future Season;
- (c) suspension from finals – current or future Season;

- (d) player/official suspensions – for those players/officials that knowingly provide false information to the Club or the SFL Executive; and
- (e) any other penalty determined by the SFL Executive from time to time, such as a reduction in total Team Points.

9. APPEAL AND REVIEW

- 9.1 Where a Community Club is of the view that a player's Player Points Allocation is inappropriate under this PPS Policy, a Club can appeal the Player Point Allocation. Any appeal or review of a player's Player Points Allocation must be heard by the SFL under their own appeals process as per the National Football Community Handbook for the appeal of a decision.
- 9.2 Clubs will need to make an application in writing prior to the First Home and Away Match detailing relevant evidence regarding the reassessment of a player to the SFL Executive. The application for reassessment may be based upon one or more of the following:
 - a. the age of the player, especially if the player is looking to play at a higher level;
 - b. the injury history of the player;
 - c. the recent playing history of the player;
 - d. the living, schooling, and work arrangements of the player; or
 - e. any other relevant consideration.
- 9.3 Subject to the considerations that the SFL Executive should consider under clause 10.2, the determination of an application for reassessment will be at the discretion of the SFL Executive.
- 9.4 The SFL Executive may at any time, acting reasonably, reassess an individual player's Player Points Allocation where it is deemed inappropriate based on playing history and circumstances.
- 9.5 Where a Club is of the view that its own Total Team Points or Total Team Cap allocation is inappropriate under this PPS Policy a Club may make an appeal in writing. Any appeal against that Total Team Points allocation must be heard by the SFL Executive under their own appeals process as per the National Football Community Handbook for the appeal of a decision.
- 9.6 An appeal against a decision to enforce an enforcement provision under this PPS Policy should be made via the SFL Executive.

10. CHANGES TO THE PPS POLICY

- 10.1 The SFL Executive will review the PPS Policy from time to time and amendments and variations may be made by the SFL Executive.

APPENDIX A- PLAYER POINTS CATEGORIES WOMEN

EXAMPLE EXEMPTIONS.

Category 6	6 points	AFLW Player	1 AFLW game in any season of any of the last 3 AFLW seasons (unless eligible as a Home Player)
Category 5	5 points	Tier 1 - VFLW, WAFLW, SANFLW	5 or more senior games in the current season or any of the previous 3 seasons (unless eligible as a Home Player).
Category 5	5 points	Premium Player	A player who has achieved a top 10 SFLW Best & Fairest result in the preceding Season.
Category 4	4 points	Coates League (U18)	A Coates League player who has played a 4 or more Coates League games in the current Season or previous 3 seasons and is transferring to a new SFLW Club.
Category 3	3 points	Senior Community Player	Any player that has played 5 or more SFLW games in the current season or any of the previous three (3) seasons. A player from a Tier 2 competition and has played a minimum of 5 senior games in the previous 3 seasons.
Category 3	3 points	Promotional Player	A former AFLW player who is engaged for a promotional game. Points will multiply for each appearance in the same season. i.e. 3 points for the 1st game, 6 for the second appearance. Six is the maximum number of points a player can be allocated. A maximum of one promotional player can play for a team in any one match. A promotional player is a player that plays for multiple teams on a promotional basis across the country during the season prior to the close of the National Transfer Period each season. Online transfer must be lodged in PlayHQ prior to the close of the 30th June in the calendar year.
Category 2	2 points	Development Community Player	Any player that has played 4 or less senior games in the current season or any of the previous 3 seasons. Player recruited from a non-aligned STJFL club.
Category 1	1 point	Home Player / New Player	Player who has only played at that Club or has reduced their points by being there for a period of years (in accordance with clause 7.1 Player new to the game. Player recruited from clubs aligned STJFL club.

- i. If a player returns to an SFLW club **directly from** the Coates League, or AFLW after leaving an 'aligned junior Club' or acknowledged 'junior feeder Club' of the same SFLW Club to go **directly to** the Coates League, they will be classed as a Home Player = 1 point.
- ii. If a registered player of a SFLW Club gets drafted to AFLW or Coates League their PPV will only change (increase) if they transfer from one SFLW Club to another SFLW Club. If a player returns directly to their original 'home' SFLW Club, after leaving a Club that they directly moved to, then they should be classed as a Home Player = 1 point. The PPSC will adjudicate on a player returning to their 'home' SFLW Club after a stint intrastate or interstate, as there may be special circumstances surrounding their playing background that may need to be considered.
- iii. If a player returns directly to their original 'home' SFLW Club, after leaving a Club that they directly moved to, then they should be classed as a Home Player = 1 point. The PPSC will adjudicate on a player returning to their 'home' SFLW Club after a stint intrastate or interstate, as there may be special circumstances surrounding their playing background that may need to be considered.