



AFL Barwon

Local PPS BY LAWS

Netball

Revised by AFL Barwon

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1. Player Points System

AFL Barwon affiliated leagues and Competitions must comply with the provisions of the relevant governing policies:

- AFL Barwon Netball Player Points System Policy

The application and interpretation of these Policies is at the absolute discretion of the AFL Barwon Player Points Panel and Commission.

1.1 Definition of “Home Player” for AFL BARWON Leagues – Refer to Relevant Policy

Player who has played 40 or more junior games at the aligned junior club up to and including U19 Competition; or A Player who has played only at that Community Club and for no other Community Club; or A Player who has not played Competitive Netball in the Previous 3 years

2. AFL BARWON Player Points Panel (PPP)

AFL BARWON may appoint persons to a Player Points Panel. The panel will be a minimum of 3 members and will comprise:

- AFL Barwon Head of Operations – Football and Netball
- AFL BARWON Operations Coordinator (Male Football, Female Football & Netball);
- An endorsed representative from the GDFNL or CDFNL Board if required.
- Other selected AFL BARWON staff member.

2.1 Jurisdiction of AFL BARWON Player Points Panel – Individual Player Assessment

2.1.1 Clubs may make application in writing to the relevant AFL BARWON Operations Manager for reassessment of a player’s points allocation within 7 days of the player’s points being allocated by AFL BARWON pursuant to the AFL Victoria Player Points System framework, but no later than 3 days before the player’s first Home & Away game with that club.

2.1.1 The application must address the matters set out in 2.2 in the AFL Barwon Local PPS By-Laws. Any supporting evidence should be submitted with the application.

2.1.2 All applications for individual player points reassessment will be considered by the “PPP” each Wednesday morning on a weekly basis. Clubs will be advised of the outcome by 5.00pm on the same day. Any applications received after 9.00am Wednesday will not be considered until the following week, if they play in the Senior Male Football, Senior Female Football, or A Grade Netball Team, the individual player will forfeit the chance to have their points reassessed and incur their original assessment of points. Once a player has played in the Senior (Highest Graded) Team for a club, any request for a reduction to their assessed points will not be considered. (Retrospective requests will not be considered)

2.1.3 Decisions of the PPP will be by majority vote.

2.1.4 AFL BARWON will provide written notification to the Club within 24 hours of the PPP making its decision.

2.2 Considerations for Individual Reassessments

The guide below will be used by the PPP when assessing club submissions. The application of these guidelines will be at the absolute discretion of the PPP.

2.2.1 Contracted Player

- Any player who is to receive in excess of:
 - Netball - \$80

per Senior game in the current season will not be considered for any points reduction.

2.2.2 University Placement

- No reduction in assessed points will be considered, but additional points may not be applied only where the relocation has resulted in the player registering at 3 or more community clubs in 3 seasons as referenced in Clause 6.2 of AFL Barwon Netball Player Points System Policy.
- If a player has been relocated due to a University placement, consideration for non-application of extra points as above will only be given if:
- Acceptable evidence of current enrolment is provided with the application
- The distance relocated is considered by the PPP too excessive to continue playing for their previous club.

2.2.3 Employment

- No reduction in assessed points will be considered, but additional points may not be applied only where the relocation has resulted in the player registering at 3 or more community clubs in 3 seasons as referenced in Clause 6.2 of AFL Barwon Netball Player Points System Policy.
- Consideration will only be given where a player has been relocated by the employer to another area with the same company or government organisation, and if:
- Acceptable evidence of forced employment relocation is provided by the employer with the application
- The distance relocated is considered by the PPP too excessive to continue playing for their previous club

2.2.4 Circumstances that limit playing opportunities

- Where evidence is provided to support a claim whereby a player was unable through injury or pregnancy to complete the required games in the previous season to attract a one-point reduction having already been registered at that club.

2.2.5 Playing History

- Consideration not to apply additional points for 3 clubs in 36 months may be given whereby a Netball player has played 5 or less games in either of the 2 previous seasons

3. Jurisdiction of AFL BARWON PPP – Club Assessment

AFL Barwon will notify all clubs of their allocated Team Points for the next season by Mid-October in the previous year.

3.1.1 Clubs may make application in writing to the Head of Operations Sub-Committee for reassessment of their total club points allocation within 7 days of the Club's points being allocated. Where exceptional circumstances impact a club after this time frame, they may seek special permission from the Head of Operations to apply for consideration.

3.1.2 The application must set out the Club's reasons for seeking reassessment and must particularly address the matters set out in 3.2 of the AFL Barwon Netball Local PPS By-Laws and be accompanied by all supporting evidence which the Club wants considered.

3.1.3 The AFL BARWON Appeals Committee will consider the application within 7 days of the requested submission date.

3.1.4 Decisions of the AFL BARWON Appeals Committee will be final.

3.1.5 AFL BARWON will provide a written notification to the clubs within 7 days of the Appeals Committee making its decision.

3.2 Considerations for Total Team Point Reassessments

3.2.1 The guide below will be used by the PPP when assessing club allocations for the ensuing year. The application of these guidelines will be at the absolute discretion of the Player Points Panel.

1. Recent & Sustained Success

- If the A Grade Team plays finals in the preceding season – 0 points
- If the A Grade Team finishes in the top 3 in the previous 2 seasons – 0 points
- If the A Grade Team finishes in the top 3 in the previous 3 consecutive seasons – Minus 2 points

Considerations of ladder positions under this assessment will be based on final ladder positions Post Finals

2. Access to new one-point players – from the previous season

- 17 & Under Team has finished in the bottom 2 of Division 1, or been placed in Division 2 or below – 2 points – or
- **Unable to field any Team in the above competitions in the preceding season – 3 points**

3. Recent Sustained Lack of Success

- Failed to win a game in preceding season – 2 points - or
- Finished bottom 2 in preceding 2 seasons – 2 points - or
- Finished bottom 3 in preceding 3 seasons – 3 points

4. **Difficulty to recruit and retain due to other factors**

- Clubs who are deemed by the PPP to be disadvantaged by factors such as:

1. Geographic Location

2. Demographics

3. Socio Economics,

5. **A combination of above**

The PPP at their discretion may apply extra points for clubs who meet more than one of the above criteria:

3.3 **Appeals against the AFL BARWON PPP**

3.3.1 Clubs may appeal a decision of the Player Points Panel to the AFL BARWON Commission provided that the appeal is made in writing to the Head of the AFL Barwon Operations sub-committee not later than **5.00pm** on the second business day after AFL BARWON has notified the Club of the decision for Individual Assessments, or not later than 5.00pm on the fifth business day after receiving notification of Total Team Assessments. Evidence must be provided that demonstrates the PPP did not apply the considerations outlined in the AFL Barwon Local PPS By Laws.

3.3.2 The AFL BARWON Commission will appoint an Appeals Panel comprising 3 AFL Barwon Commissioners, whose decision will be by majority vote.

3.3.3 The appeal may be dealt with in whatever forum the AFL BARWON Appeals Panel considers most appropriate – including at a formal meeting of the AFL BARWON Commission, by teleconference or by consideration “on the papers”.

3.3.4 AFL BARWON will provide written notification to the member club within 7 days of the AFL BARWON Commission making its decision.

3.3.5 The decision of the AFL BARWON Commission is final.