



AFL Barwon
Local PPS BY LAWS

Male Football

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 Victoria 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 AFL Victoria Player Points System Policy. Shared Juniors in addition to the requirements outlined in 5.2.1 of the AFL Victoria Player Points System Policy, a Club may claim a junior aligned “home player” in the following circumstances:

1.1.1 Where an MOU is in place between two or more Senior Clubs affiliated with AFL Barwon that recognises they oversee and govern a single Junior Club; any exiting player from the highest aged junior competition who has met the requirements specified in 5.2.1 of the AFL Victoria Player Points System Policy will be a “home player” at either of the two participating Senior Clubs that have entered into the MOU until they have played 18 first grade games and will then be fixed as a home player at the club where they have first played 18 or more first grade games.

1.1.2 Games played on “permit” are not included in these assessments.

1.1.3 Where there is any difference or dispute as to whether a player is a “home player” then this will be determined by AFL BARWON in its absolute discretion.

Note: A player may have multiple “home clubs”.

1.2 Allocation of Points for Players in Highest Underage Competition

1.2.1 If a player has played less than 5 games in their club’s highest graded underage team and a minimum of 6 in their lower graded team (ie club has 2 teams in the highest underage competition) in the previous season and transfers clubs they are regarded as a community player (2 Points) for the PPS

AFL Barwon (AFLB) Operations Committee (sub-committee of the AFLB Commission)

The Committee will be a minimum of five members and will comprise:

- AFL Barwon Operations Committee Chair
- AFL Barwon Regional Manager (non-voting)
- AFL Barwon Head of Football (non-voting)
- AFL Barwon Head of Netball (non-voting)
- AFL Barwon Commissioners: up to five in addition to the Committee Chair

Purpose:

- To review Club appeals regarding the Player Point Assessments
- To receive, review and make decisions regarding the Club Point Assessments

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 Football
- AFL Barwon Football Coordinator - Senior
- An endorsed representative from the GDFNL
- An endorsed representative from the CDFNL Board

Purpose:

- To determine individual player points assessments
- To consider Club requests for player points re-assessment

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

2.1.1 Clubs may make application in writing to the AFL BARWON Head of Operations 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, 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. 2.1.3 Retrospective requests will not be considered, however the PPP reserve the right to reassign points if there was an error on the behalf of the PPP when initially assessed.

2.1.3 Decisions of the PPP will be by majority vote.

2.1.4 The PPP is not obliged to give reasons for its decision

2.1.5 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:

– Male Football - \$200 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 6.4 of AFL Victoria 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 6.4 of AFL Victoria 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 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, or for a transfer from a Premier Competition **may** be given whereby a player has played less than 3 Senior/Reserve games in total during the 3 previous seasons.
- **2.2.6 Age of Player** Development Opportunities Consideration may be given to a player aged 19 or under as at the start of the upcoming season coming from an NAB League club outside the AFL Barwon Region, who can demonstrate they are transferring purely for the purpose of playing at the VFL or AFL, and with written approval from their National Under 18 or 19 Competition Club & Community club. Endorsement from relevant VFL club is also required.

3. Jurisdiction of AFL Barwon PPP – Club Assessment

- AFL Barwon Clubs will be allocated a base TTP of 40 points each season. No Club will be allocated points below this allocation.
- Clubs wishing to apply for additional points are invited to apply to the **AFLB OPS Committee**. These applications are to be submitted to the Chair of the AFLB Ops Committee and are due by no later than 20 September each year. Clubs are encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible. For 2024 these applications are to be submitted to David Milsome davidmilsome@aflbarwon.com.au
- Applications will be reviewed on a weekly basis and Clubs notified of outcomes and reasoning within three business days after the weekly meeting as per the dates below:
 - 21 September
 - 26 September
- AFL Barwon has the discretion to award Clubs up to 46 points.
- Any additional points above 46 require the approval of AFL Victoria. If Club application is deemed worthy, AFL Barwon will support the application to AFL Victoria for team point allocations above 46. The final decision will be made by AFL Victoria.
- Clubs need to provide evidence and data to support their application, in-line with the Club Assessment Criteria (see below). The **AFLB Operations Committee** will not consider applications where there is no supporting documentation.
- A template will be provided to Clubs to assist in the application process.
- The decision of the **AFLB Operations Committee** is final. There will be no appeals process.

3.2 Considerations for Total Team Point Reassessments

Club Assessment Criteria

- **Recent Sustained Lack of Success: (maximum of 3 additional points)**
 - 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
- **Club has no underage sides: (maximum of 2 additional points)**
 - Club not capable of developing a junior program due to reasons outside of its control
- **Geographic Location: (maximum of 2 additional points)**
 - The Club may be located in a low-density area or in rural location.
- **Demographics: (maximum of 2 additional points)**
 - The Club may be located in an area where age, race, ethnicity, education, income and employment may be seen as detrimental to the success of the club
- **Socio Economics: (maximum of 2 additional points)**
 - Clubs maybe located in an area where there is a lack of family support, employment issues or lack of employment that may be detrimental to the success of the club
- **Other factors: (maximum of 2 additional points)**
 - A Club may experience an ‘outlier’ issue that doesn’t fall within this policy but requires consideration.

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 AFL BARWON Region General Manager not later than **5.00pm** on the second business day after AFL BARWON has notified the Club of the decision for Individual Player Points Reassessments, 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 AFL Barwon Commissioners who sit on the AFL Barwon Operations Committee, 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 Commission is not obliged to give reasons for its decision.

3.3.6 The decision of the AFL BARWON Commission is final.

3.3.7 30 September – Final Club Assessment outcomes published with new club point allocation.