

APPENDIX 4**APPROVED PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM (“APPS”)****1. Purpose of the APPS**

To encourage clubs to develop and retain local players, to minimise player movement and reduce player payments, whilst maintaining a healthy community football club. Any recruiting required should be conducted in accordance with and within the spirit and intent of these regulations and the best interests of Australian Football.

2. Objects of the APPS

The objects of the APPS are as follows:

- 2.1. Encourage the development and retention of local and junior players;
- 2.2. Encourage the recruitment of ex local players;
- 2.3. Encourage the loyalty of recruited players;
- 2.4. Assist in the equalisation of competitions;
- 2.5. Assist Regulation 31 in reducing player payments to sustainable levels; and
- 2.6. Encourage Clubs to develop and promote the game in their local community.

3. Affiliated League Implementation & Total Points Rating

Every Affiliated League is to adopt and implement an APPS system in order to achieve the objects.

Systems are to be developed by the Affiliated League and approved by the Community Football League (various examples of best case “Approved APPS Systems” are set out at the end of this Appendix);

- 3.1. A League is to implement a system and any such system should be based on, but not limited to:
 - 3.1.1. A sliding scale having regard for the premiership ladder in the previous season(s);
 - 3.1.2. Other local factors such as population, junior numbers / success, schools etc.
 - 3.1.3. A combination of all of the above.
- 3.2. Each Affiliated League Club will be allocated a “Total Points Rating of up to and including 13 points” for each Season based on the circumstances listed under Clause 3.1.
- 3.3. Each Affiliated League will be allocated a pool of two (2) points per Club to be distributed for the management of local issues provided that an Affiliated League Club must not be allocated more than 15 points without the prior approval of the Community Football Committee.

- 3.4. A Club may request an increase in their allocated points from an Affiliated League prior to June 30 in the current playing season. Any request under this clause 3.4 must be in the form of the “*APPS Club Application for Increased Points*” set out at the end of this Appendix and comply with the process approved by the Community Football Committee from time to time.

Any additional points awarded by the Affiliated League under this clause will be for the current season only.

- 3.5. An Affiliated League must consider any request made by a Club under clause 3.4 and may do any of the following:

- 3.5.1. If the request is for not more than 15 points, approve or reject the request in the Affiliated League’s discretion; or

- 3.5.2. If the request is for more than 15 points:

- 3.5.2.1. Approve a revised total of not more than 15 points;

- 3.5.2.2. Reject the request; or

- 3.5.2.3. Make a request under clause 3.6. If the request is approved by the SANFL Community Football, the Affiliated League may subsequently approve a request for more than 15 points.

- 3.6. An Affiliated League may apply to the SANFL Community Football for increased Total Points Rating for club/s in excess of 15 points for exceptional circumstances before June 30 in the current playing season. Any request under this clause 3.6 must be in the form of the “*APPS League Application for Increased Points*” set out at the end of this Appendix and comply with the process approved by the Community Football Committee from time to time.

4. Affiliated League Responsibilities

Each Affiliated League:

- 4.1. Any system implemented by an Affiliated League must be provided along with the allocation of points to Clubs to the Community Football League by 31 October in each year.
- 4.2. Must allocate points to each Affiliated League Club for the following season and in accordance with APPS regulations by 31 October in each year.
- 4.3. May allocate discretionary points in accordance with APPS regulations to manage local issues.
- 4.4. Must consider all applications from Clubs for the allocation of additional points in accordance with APPS regulations.
- 4.5. Must input Club and Player ratings into Footyweb once allocations have been made
- 4.6. Must appoint an Independent APPS Committee of no less than three (3) members, of which no member shall hold an official role with an Affiliated Club within that Affiliated League and provide the person’s contact details to SANFL Community Football by 31 October in each year.
 - 4.6.1. The APPS Officer will:

- 4.6.1.1. Be the contact for Community Football in relation to matters related to the APPS and its implementation within the Affiliated League
- 4.6.1.2. Approval the APPS system to be used by the Affiliated League
- 4.6.1.3. Allocate APPS points to Clubs within the Affiliated League
- 4.6.1.4. Have the authority to appoint a member from the Committee to allocate individual player points on the Committee's behalf.

5. Affiliated Club Responsibilities

Each Affiliated League Club:

- 5.1. Must ensure all player declarations in accordance with Clause 7 are completed and lodged with the Affiliated League in accordance with the APPS regulations.
- 5.2. Must ensure that on match days the Senior (A Grade) Team complies with the Total Player Points Rating (TPPR) allocated by the Affiliated League in accordance with APPS regulations.

(NB Clubs may recruit above their allocated points in any given season but must comply with TPPR for their Senior (A Grade) Team on match days)

- 5.3. May request an increase in allocated points provided that such request is made to the Affiliated League before June 30 in the current playing season and complies with the process approved by Community Football from time to time.

6. Basis of the APPS

The basis of the APPS is as follows:

- 6.1. An Affiliated League Club must not field players in its Senior (A Grade) Team in any game which exceed the total points which have been allocated to that Club under the Total Points Rating (Refer clause 3).
- 6.2. The points allocated to a player according to the APPS will only apply when playing in Senior (A grade) Teams.
- 6.3. "Junior Football" means a competition in which players must be over the age of 12 years and under the age of 18 years on a prescribed date in the calendar year in which that competition is conducted and includes the Sports Association for Adelaide Schools (SAAS) secondary school football competition.
- 6.4. "Junior Player" means a player under the age of 18 years who has played a minimum of 25 games from the year in which he turns 13 years of age with an Affiliated League Club or school affiliate of an Affiliated League Club, with which he is seeking registration.
- 6.5. Only competitions managed by the SANFL Community Football approved competition management tool (as referred to in Regulation 29A) is recognised for the purpose of establishing a player's APPS rating.

7. Player Points Rating

- 7.1. A player of an Affiliated League Club must, at the time of registration with their new club, complete and deliver to the Club a declaration in a form approved by the Affiliated League ("the Player Declaration") which must:
 - 7.1.1. Include complete details of the previous playing history (including games played at Clubs, numbers of Seasons and games played) of the player;
 - 7.1.2. Include an assessment by the player and the Club of the Player Points Rating of the player calculated under the APPS which has been adopted by the Affiliated League;
 - 7.1.3. Be signed by both the player and an official of the Club and lodged with the Club and with the Affiliated League.
- 7.2. For the purposes of a Player Points Rating a playing coach is classified as a player.
- 7.3. For the purposes of a Player Points Rating a players individual rating will be determined at the time of registration and will remain throughout the duration of the season.
- 7.4. For the purposes of determining a Players Points Rating a player must have played a minimum of five (5) matches in the previous two (2) seasons to attract a points rating greater than zero (0).

8. Player Point Allocation

Each player playing in the Senior (A grade) Team of a Club will be allocated a "Player Points Rating" as outlined below:

- 8.1. Each player selected to play in the Senior Team of a Club will be given a base rating of Zero (0) points with the exception of Junior Players who are selected in that team who, subject to clause 8.2, will be given a minus one (-1) rating.
- 8.2. A maximum minus two (-2) points can be claimed by a Senior (A Grade) Team in any Match regardless of the number of Junior Players selected in that team.
- 8.3. A player who is the child of a Club Life Member can be registered with that same club and that player will attract zero (0) points provided that the life membership of the Club by the parent has, subject to clause 8.3.1, been held for a period of not less than two (2) calendar years.
 - 8.3.1. If the Club Life Membership is not awarded to the parent of the player referred to in Clause 8.3 at the Club's Annual General Meeting, the calculation of the date for the purposes of Clause 8.3, will be the date of the Annual General Meeting following the date that Club Life Membership was awarded to the parent.
 - 8.3.2. For the purpose of this Regulation a player will only be a child of a Club Life Member if that player is recorded as a child of that Club Life Member on the player's birth certificate."
- 8.4. A player who is required to change their usual place of residence to attend a Tertiary Educational Institution and is enrolled as a full time student will receive a rating of one (1) point if they registered to play with an Affiliated League Club that has a direct affiliation with that Tertiary Educational Institution

- 8.5. A player transferring from one Affiliated League Club to another Affiliated League Club and who is under 20 years of age on the 31st December in the previous calendar year and has played a combined total of more than twenty (20) games at SANFL Under 18, Reserves and/or League Level will attract an additional two (2) points.
- 8.6. Subject to clause 8.7, a registered player of an Affiliated League Club who has played a total of 25 or more games in a Senior (A Grade) Team or Reserves (B Grade) Team or Junior Football with that Affiliated League Club, who has previously transferred to a club of another League within Australia and returns to his original Affiliated League Club will have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).
- 8.6.1. A registered player of an Affiliated League Club who has played less than a total of 25 games (the 25 game qualification – Clause 8.6) in Junior Football Team with that Affiliated League Club and subsequently returns to that Affiliated League Club, the Player Points Rating at the start of the season will remain for the duration of that season regardless of the number of games played.
- 8.6.1.1. Subject to clause 8.6.1 a registered player of an Affiliated League Club will have a Player Points Rating of zero (0) in the following season, regardless of whether that player has played a total of 25 or more games in a Senior (A Grade) Team or Reserves (B Grade) Team or Junior Football with that Affiliated League Club
- 8.6.2. A registered player who achieves 25 Matches (without transferring) for the same Affiliated League Club will reduce one (1) additional point the following season after achieving 25 Matches.
- 8.7. A player transferring from one Affiliated League Club to a Club of any Australian Football League or Association will retain the same player rating, if any, if he is transferred back to such Affiliated League Club in the same season.
- 8.8. In accordance with the criteria below, each player selected in a Senior Team who has had playing experience with another Club in Australia may be given a further points rating (in addition to any point or points given under clause 8 above) depending on the level of the competition or competitions in which he has previously played, the number of games played in that competition, the period of time since he previously played in that competition and/or any other criteria which may be approved by the Committee.

8.8.1. AFL Players

A player who has played a majority of matches in the AFL in the previous two playing seasons – five (5) additional points, less any deductions or concessions as set out below: -

8.8.1.1. Deduct five (5) points if the player has returned to the Club of the Affiliated League for which he last played (including Junior Football) before playing for an AFL Club.

8.8.1.2. Deduct a further one (1) point for each full season since last playing for an AFL Club.

8.8.1.3. If a player has not played football at any level for 24 months or more before resuming as a player he will automatically have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).

8.8.2. State League Players (SANFL, AFL VIC, North East AFL, WAFL)

A player who has played a majority of matches for the Senior team for a Club or Clubs in any one of the above State League Competitions in the previous two playing seasons – four (4) additional points, less any deductions or concessions as set out below:

8.8.2.1. A player who is registered to play with a Club of an Affiliated League who returns to that Club of the Affiliated League will not attract any additional points irrespective of the number of games played in the Senior Teams of the clubs in any of the above State Leagues.

8.8.2.2. Deduct one (1) point if the player did not play a game for the Senior Team of a Club of any of the above State Leagues in the previous season.

8.8.2.3. If a player has not played football at any level for 24 months or more before registering as a player he will automatically have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).

8.8.3. All Other League Players

8.8.3.1. A player who has played a majority of matches for the Senior (A Grade) Team of a Club or Clubs in any League, other than those detailed in sub-clauses 8.8.1 and 8.8.2 above, ('Other Leagues') and/or Reserves for a Team competing in the State League Competitions referred to in clause 8.8.2 above, in the previous two playing seasons – an additional three (3) points less any deductions or concessions as set out below.

8.8.3.1.1. Deduct one (1) point for each full season since the player last played for the senior team of a Club in the Other League.

8.8.3.1.2. If a player has not played football at any level for 24 months or more before resuming as a player he will automatically have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).

8.8.3.2. A player who has played majority of matches for the Reserves (B Grade) Team but has also played a minimum of five (5) A Grade matches in the previous two seasons and is transferring between clubs in different leagues the player will have points rating of one (1)

8.8.3.3. A player who has played a majority of matches for the Reserves (B Grade) Team but has also played any match in the Senior (A Grade) Team of a Club or Clubs in any Other League in the previous two playing seasons and is transferring from one Club to another Club within the same Affiliated League – will have a Player Points Rating of zero (0).

8.8.3.4. A player who has played a majority of matches for a Junior Team for a club in any other league and has also played a minimum of five (5) A Grade matches in the previous two playing seasons will have a points rating of two (2)

9. APPS General

- 9.1. In the case of a player who has played an equal number of games in two or more categories, the highest category (points) shall apply.
- 9.2. In the case of a player who plays matches in a competition predominantly conducted during the period March through until October who, in the same or following year, plays in a competition predominantly conducted during the period November through until the following February (***the Summer Competition***), the Summer Competition shall be disregarded for the purposes of determining the Player Points Rating attributable to that player upon a subsequent transfer.
- 9.3. Any proposed amendments to the APPS must be submitted to the Community Football Manager for referral to the Community Football Committee 30 April in the current playing season for the Committee to consider implementing for the following season.
- 9.4. Amendments to the APPS for the following season will be communicated to all Affiliated Leagues and Clubs by no later than 31 August in the current season.
- 9.5. Affiliated Leagues that have divisional competitions will consider each division as a League for the purpose of implementing the APPS.
- 9.6. Due to the abandonment of season 2020 by many Leagues impacted by COVID-19 the following shall apply:
 - 9.6.1. For season 2021 any club who actively participated in the 2020 season will receive the usual -1 point discount for any player retained who was also retained from the 2019 season to the 2020 season.
 - 9.6.2. For season 2021 any player who transferred to a club prior to April 1st, 2020 will receive the usual -1 point discount if they are retained for the 2021 season.
 - 9.6.3. For season 2021 any player that played on a COVID-19 permit or transferred clubs from April 1st, 2020 will retain their season 2020 player rating and will not receive any additional discount.
 - 9.6.4. For season 2021 any player from an abandoned club or league who did not participate in season 2020 will retain their 2020, point rating for the 2021 season.
 - 9.6.5. For any player transferring clubs in season 2021 or 2022 the following will apply:
 - 9.6.5.1. For season 2021 a player's point rating shall be determined by the balance of matches played in the 2018 and 2019 seasons.
 - 9.6.5.2. For season 2022 a player's point rating shall be determined by the balance of matches played in the 2019 and 2021 seasons.