



JUNIOR PLAYER POINTS POLICY

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For many years WRFL member clubs have identified player movement as a significant factor impacting the evenness of competitions and viability of teams. This document/policy provides mechanisms that will assist in minimising the impact of player movement and the competitiveness of the competition.

AIM

To apply a player points system for the U12 – U18 (U18 girls only) age groups that will assist in the reduction of player movement from Club to Club within the Western Region Football League (WRFL). This will contribute to creating evenness amongst teams and more even, competitive competitions.

APPLICATION OF POINTS

Every WRFL player in the U12 – U18 (U18 girls only) age groups from the 2018 season were allocated one (1) player point. From that point forward any WRFL player who transfers to another WRFL team within the U12 – U18 (U18 girls only) age group will attract player points based on the category that they fit into as outlined below.

Player points will only apply to players who are registered in the WRFL competition and players who are transferring from one WRFL club to another WRFL club in any given year.

A 10-point transfer allowance per team (on any given match day) will be permitted.

For every season that a player remains at their WRFL Club (must have played at least 5 games for that Club in the previous year) they will have a reduction of one (1) point for year of service until one (1) point is the lowest that they can reach.

'Season played' would mean that the player would have had to have played five (5) Club games during that season. Request for dispensation may be made for long term injured players. Supporting medical documentation must be provided and application for exemption will be approved or denied at the discretion of the CEO or his/her delegate.

PLAYER POINTS

The number of points allocated to a player will be as follows;

CATEGORY 1 - WRFL NON TRANSFER PLAYER - 1 POINT

- This applies to every player in the U12 to U18 (U18 girls only) age groups at a club who has not transferred in the 2023 season.
- Female players who have played in the mixed competition and have to transfer as their current club doesn't offer female only teams.
- Applies to players who are returning to their home club; played a minimum number of games dependant on participants age;
Minimum 20 Games – Under 12 player and under
Minimum 30 Games – Under 14 player and under
Minimum 40 Games – Under 18 girls and under

Please note: If a player fits into one or more categories they attract the higher player point value.

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CATEGORY 2 - WRFL CLUB PLAYER - 2 POINTS

- A WRFL player who does not fit into either of the other categories.
- This point value only applies to a transfer player.

CATEGORY 3 - WRFL REP PLAYER PARTICIPANT - 4 POINTS

- Player selected for the WRFL Representative program in the previous season.
- This point only applies to a transfer player.

EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE: THE TEAM COULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING PLAYER COMBINATIONS

- 2 x Representative player transfers & 1 x WRFL Club Player
OR
- 5 x WRFL Club Players

Please note: The 10-point allowance allows teams to play (on any given match day) as many as five (5) WRFL Club Transfer Players (at a 2-point value).

DISPENSATION

LESS THAN 18 PLAYERS REGISTERED

Clubs that have teams that have less than 18 registered players and have already reached their maximum of ten (10) transfer points can apply in writing to the league for dispensation to the maximum of ten (10) points for transfer players.

If the application is approved the additional players;

- Cannot take the team numbers past twenty players
- Can only come from Category 2

MERGED TEAMS

Clubs that have teams that are low on numbers and are not able to field a team can apply to the league to merge their team with another Club's team that also has low numbers and is not able to field their team. The club that is housing the merged team may apply in writing to the league to consider exceeding the maximum of ten (10) points for transfer players on any given match.

In submitting the application the club must provide;

- The reason why the two teams are required to merge
- A full list of players from both teams being considered for the merge

When assessing the application the league will consider all aspects of the merged team, taking into consideration the potential impact on the evenness of the competition if the application was approved.

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DISPENSATION

FEMALE PATHWAYS

Female players who have played in the mixed competition and have to transfer from their Club (as they don't field female only teams) to another Club (that does field female only teams) will not be allocated any transfer points. Once the transfer has been completed they will be allocated one (1) point.

SPECIAL TRANSFERS

Clubs may apply for exemptions for extenuating circumstances for a player's transfer points to be reviewed. Examples may include moving house of residence, split families etc. There is no limit to the number of special transfers that can be applied for and granted in any given year.

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PLAYER

Every player in the U12 – U18 (U18 girls only) age groups who was a registered WRFL player in the 2018 season was allocated one (1) point before transfers opened on February 1st, 2019. As of 1st February, 2019 and from then on, players transferring from one WRFL Club to another WRFL Club attract player points depending on the category that they fit into.

Players who have transferred from one WRFL Club to another WRFL Club and have therefore attracted points will receive a one (1) point reduction for each year that they stay at the club that they have transferred to. Their points will count towards the ten (10) points of transfer players on match day until the player is reduced to a one (1) point value.

Players who have transferred out of the WRFL competition and transfer back to the WRFL competition (same club as previous) the same competition year will attract the same point value that they had before they transferred out of the competition.

The league will update the point values for each season with clubs having the opportunity to review those point values to ensure that they are correct. The club is ultimately responsible for the player having the correct point value applied.

TEAMS

WRFL teams in the U12 – U18 (U18 girls only) age groups can only play with a maximum of ten (10) points of transfer players in any given match unless the club has been granted dispensation by the League in writing.

For administrative purposes the team sheet will not be capped however the Registrar/Team Manager will be required to ensure that they have no more than ten (10) points worth of transfer players on the team sheet for any given match.

RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility lies with the Club to monitor the number of points that are transferring into a team, so they do not exceed the total number of ten (10) transfer points on match day.

It is the responsibility of the team manager to ensure that they do not have any more than ten (10) points of transfer players selected on a team sheet for any given match throughout the season.

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SANCTIONS

Clubs that have teams that play more than the allowed ten (10) player points for any given match without receiving a written dispensation from the League will be deemed to be playing a non-eligible player in accordance with by-law 4.2 – 'Unregistered or ineligible player.'