

**JULY 2024**



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## CONDITIONS RELATING TO CATEGORIES

### INDEXING

- 1. A Player will have only their playing history for past 5 Seasons from the time of registration with a club considered for categorisation purposes (unless they have not played in the last 5 seasons or their continuity in the game has been disrupted by Covid cancelled competitions (\*Registered with club prior to competition cancellation).
- 2. A Player will be categorised at the highest level they have played in those 5 seasons.
- 3. A Player must play not less than five (5) competition matches (in any one season) at any level to be correspondingly categorised at that level.
- 4. For the purposes of categorisation, a Player need only take the field in a competition match for such to count as having played the whole competition match.
- 5. For any Player to receive the points reduction available in the second and third seasons, such Player must have been registered and played with the Club in consecutive seasons unless there has been a season between where the player did not play.
- 6. Players registering in consecutive seasons with a single Club will be reduced in value at the rate applied to the Category and points they were determined when registering with such Club for the first time and progressively reducing to zero.
- 7. A Player shall be entitled to a single point reduction to a maximum of 5 points for every season since playing at their highest level in which they have not been registered or has not otherwise taken the field in a competition match.
- 8. An Internal Transfer Player participating in a second-tier team may be indexed at 15 points in that grade and 25 points in the first-tier level for player movement between those grades where the second tier team's total quota is half or less of that which the first tier team has.
- 9. A Player shall be entitled to a 25% point reduction of their quota for every year playing after the age of 33. That reduction can be no greater than 5 points overall regardless of the number of years in which they're eligible to apply. (see FAQ examples)
- 10. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, a Club Junior shall be assessed as zero points for indexing purposes.

## ONUS ON CLUB TO MANAGE PPIS

- 1. Each participating club shall attribute a point's value to each player and submit same at the time of registration of such player. It is the responsibility of the club and player to ensure that the assessment sheet is properly completed and signed.
- 2. Not less than 7 days prior to Round 1 of Season 2025, and prior to each Round and Finals series match thereafter clubs shall provide Newcastle RL with documentation verifying the PPIS value of each individual player registered in their club at that time.
- 3. Each player whose name appears on any official match sheet for 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, Open Age or 19s competition must have their individual points allocation recorded where indicated in such match sheet.
- 4. The subject team must have their total points allocation recorded where indicated in the relevant match sheet.
- 5. Any enquiry by any Club regarding the points allocated to a Player from their Club or another Club must be in writing addressed to the Newcastle Competition Secretary and marked Attention: Competition Committee.
- 6. Any protest by a Club regarding an opposition team exceeding their points allocation in a particular match must be in writing addressed to the Newcastle Competition Secretary and marked Attention: Competition Committee and submitted prior to 5.00pm on the Wednesday immediately following the subject match.
- 7. Following grading by the Newcastle Rugby League any application for a reassessment of points must be in writing and addressed to the NSWRL Zone Manager and marked Attention: PPIS Appeals Committee.
- 8. Any Club determined by the Competition Committee to have exceeded their total point's allocation for any given match shall automatically lose all competition points received from such match (which shall then be allocated to the opposition team) and be liable to pay a fine not greater than \$500 per point exceeded.
- 9. Any Club determined by the Competition Committee to have exceeded their total points allocation for any given match shall automatically have all points scored by its team in such match deducted from such team's total points otherwise scored to date.
- 10. Any Club determined by the Competition Committee to have exceeded their total points allocation for any given match shall automatically have all Club Championship points received for such match deducted from its total club championship points otherwise received to date.
- 11. Any player receiving Best & Fairest points in a team determined by the Competition Committee to have exceeded their points allocation for the match in which they received those Best & Fairest points, shall automatically have the Best & Fairest points so received deducted from their season total to date.
- 12. Any points scored by a player for a team determined by the Competition Committee to have exceeded their point's allocation for any given match shall automatically have such points deducted from their total points otherwise scored to date.
- 13. Any Hearings required as a result of alleged false or misleading information will be deemed a Code of Conduct Breach and be presided over by a panel nominated by the Association/League.
- 14. Clubs and/or Players found guilty by the Code of Conduct Panel of deliberately providing false or misleading information regarding points indexing shall each be liable to pay a fine of not less than \$500.

## CLUB JUNIOR DEFINITION

- 1. Any Player who is registered in their most seasons of junior international level rugby league with the subject Club.
- 2. Any Player who is registered in an equivalent number of seasons of junior international level rugby league with the subject Club and any other club but is registered for their first season of senior rugby league with the subject Club.
- 3. Any Player who is registered in an equivalent number of seasons of junior international level rugby league with the subject club and any other club within the same competition and is yet to register for their first season of senior rugby league may be considered local with either Club.
- 4. Any Player who is registered in the most seasons of junior international level rugby league with a club that does not have a senior club participating in that competition will be allocated as per the affiliate club pathways determined by Newcastle League and NSWRL.
- 5. Any Player who has played with multiple junior clubs may qualify for local status with the club where the majority of their playing history resides prior to and including their international age years.

## EFFECT OF PLAYER MOVEMENT ON INDEXING AND INTERNAL TRANSFERS

We draw your attention back to the function of the PPIS as a grassroots system that ensures the sustainability of clubs in competitions while encouraging the promotion of their players along the many pathways which our game provides at all player levels.

Should a player leave their local club to improve their opportunity to play at a higher level in a NRL, NSWRL, QRL or Super League competition with an affiliated pathways club within those competitions they will not forgo their local status upon return to that club unless they have spent 3 or more seasons playing outside those affiliated pathways competitions.

Additionally, players who participate in such competitions as mentioned or RFL Championship, France Elite 1 or Betfred League 1 that allow a player to participate in two Leagues in the same calendar year will be treated in the same manner. This enables players the opportunity to move within competitions without losing their consecutive history and any deductions that might apply to an internal transfer quota when returning.

The League's Competitions Committee has the right to determine pathways affiliations by virtue of a known agreement between a pathways club and NRL or Super League club, by virtue of a player's contract with that club and by virtue of the opportunity to progress to a higher level of competition than that provided in his departing League.

The context of the policy is to allow Players registering in consecutive seasons with multiple Clubs to be reduced in value at the rate applied to the Category and points that were determined when registering with such Club for the first time and progressively reducing to zero. Players may not register for a short period in alternative competitions and then reregister at a new lower level with another club in the same competition which they departed. (see FAQ examples)

## SCALE

A sliding scale points system will apply to the competition with the maximum team quota as declared by NSWRL's approved competition maximum. The points allocated to each team will depend on the position they finished after the premiership rounds are completed in the previous season.

Ladder Position

- Scaled reduction in points to team allocations for top 4 or 5 finish in previous season according to that competition's finals qualification's structure. Please note top 4 quotas reduce from 80% and top 5 from 75%.
- Full points to team allocation if finished in bottom half of competition and not relegated to a lower tier.
- Additional points to team allocation if team has been promoted to a higher tier from previous season.
- Same scaling applies to ladder position for teams in tier 2 and tier 3 (lower grade) competitions facilitated in Community Rugby League i.e Reserve grade minor premiers scaled down to 75% of 50 points = 37

<b>LADDER POSITION AND RELEVANCE TO PPIS ALLOCATION</b>	Ladder position in previous season at end of competition proper and not including standing at end of finals.		Maximum Team Quota as determined by NSWRL according to level of Senior Grade Competition	<b>Competition Quota Allocation</b>			
	<b>TOP 5</b>	<b>TOP 4</b>	<u>Percentage of Quota</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major Pathway Competitions, Major Regional Competitions are allocated at the discretion of NSWRL</li> <li>Group Competitions and District Community Competitions = 100</li> <li>Lower grades of all competitions halve with each subsequent grade i.e  # 2<sup>nd</sup>/Reserve Grade is half of 1<sup>st</sup> Grade.  # 3<sup>rd</sup>/Open Grade is half of 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</li> </ul> <p>These grades are also subject to scaling based on their own prior seasons ladder position and not based on their 1st Grade teams ladder position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Cup and Shield Competitions, District Bronze competitions where the Player Transfer Policy has not been enacted for competition sustainability = 50</li> </ul>			
	1st – 75%	1st – 80%	1 <sup>st</sup> Top4 75%				
	2nd – 80%	2nd – 85%	2 <sup>nd</sup> 1st 80%				
	3rd – 85%	3rd – 90%	3 <sup>rd</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 85%				
	4th – 90%	4th – 95%	4 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 90%				
	5th – 95%	5th – 8th – 100%	5 <sup>th</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> 95%				
	6th– 10th – 100%		6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> 100%				
	Additional points to team allocation if team has been promoted to a higher tier from previous season		YR1				
		+24	+12	+6	0		

## **PLAYER POINTS INDEX SYSTEM**

<b>INDEXING BASE</b>	<p>A Player will have only their playing history for five (5) seasons considered for categorisation purposes (unless they have not played in the last five (5) seasons or their continuity in the game has been disrupted by Covid cancelled competitions (*Registered with club prior to competition cancellation).</p> <p>A Player will be categorised at the highest level they have played in the five (5) years previous to the season of registration with a club and that amount will diminish in line with that grading while the player remains with that club.</p> <p>A Player must play not less than five (5) competition matches (in any one season) at any level to be correspondingly categorised at that level.</p>				
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>YR1</b>	<b>YR2</b>	<b>YR3</b>	<b>YR4</b>
<b>A: 1 - 4 DEVELOPING PLAYER</b>	Local: Any Player who is registered and plays in the majority of their seasons of junior international level rugby league with the subject Club.				
	Any Player who is registered in an equivalent number of seasons of junior international level rugby league with the subject Club and any other club but is registered for his first season of senior rugby league with the subject Club.	0	0	0	0
	Please note Local Junior qualification overrides all other points dispensations.				
	1. A player from a NSWRL Shield league/ District or Affiliated States competition. i.e Outback League, Woodbridge Cup, George Tooke Shield, Illawarra 2nd Division, District Bronze competition	2	1	0	0
	2. A player with NO First (1st) Grade experience who has played in a local Rugby Union, Australian Rules or Soccer competition.	2	1	0	0
3. A Player with NO First (1st) Grade or Junior Representative experience from a Club in another NSWRL, QRL or Affiliated States Competition.	4	2	0	0	
4. A player with NO First (1st) Grade experience who has played in NSWRL, QRL or Affiliated States Junior Representative program and from a club in another competition.	4	2	0	0	

<b>B: 5 - 9</b>  <b>GRADED PLAYER</b>	Deemed to be of a First (1st) Grade or A Grade standard in Group and District competitions:  5. A player who has played in five (5) or more games in Sydney Shield. 6. A player who has played Schute Shield, NRC, or equivalent Rugby Union. 7. A player who has played British, French, Emerging Nations (PNG, Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, and Cook Islands) Provincial club competitions excluding Major competitions mentioned in Categories C, D and E. 8. A player who has represented Australia at Universities, Armed Forces or Police rugby league. 9. A First (1st) or A Grade Player from NSWRL Group and District competitions and equivalent Queensland and New Zealand competitions, PNG domestic competition below Digicel level excluding Major Competitions mentioned in Categories C, D and E with five (5) or more games.	5	3	1	0
<b>C: 10 - 18</b>  <b>REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER</b>	10. A player who has played eleven (11) or more games (combined) in the Andrew Johns, Harold Matthews, and Laurie Daley Junior Representative competitions.	5	3	1	0
	11. A British League-Tier 1 (Championship) & Tier 2 (Betfred 1) Division Representative Player, QRL Foley Shield player, PNG Digicel, French Elite 1, a player who has represented an Emerging Nations Residents team.	6	4	1	0
	12. A player who has played in five (5) to ten (10) games in SG Ball or 19s age equivalent.	6	4	1	0
	13. A player who has played in eleven (11) or more games in SG Ball or 19s age equivalent.	7	5	2	0
	14. A player who has represented NSW, ACT or QLD at Australian Schoolboys Championships and participated in a Sporting High Schools team in a National Competition during the previous season	7	5	2	0
	15. A Rugby Union player who has played Super Rugby level or equivalent	8	6	3	0
	15. A player who has played more than five (5) and ten (10) or less games (combined) Major Competition games at Jersey Flegg Cup, Denton Engineering Cup, Mojo Homes Cup or QRL and NZRL equivalent.	8	6	3	0
	16. A NSWRL or QRL representative in a junior age-based State of Origin game or series (16s or 18s).	8	6	3	0
	17. An Open Age Group Representative on three (3) or more occasions.	8	6	3	0
	18. A player who has been a:  > NSWRL Divisional Representative (Riverina, Monaro, Western, Northern, Northern Rivers, Illawarra, Newcastle & Hunter, or Central Coast) > QRL Divisional Representative (Wide Bay, Central Queensland, North Queensland, South-East Queensland, South-West Queensland) > Australian Affiliated States Representative	10	8	4	0



<b>D: 19 - 28</b> <b>MAJOR</b> <b>COMPETITIONS</b> <b>PLAYER</b>	19. A player who has played more than five (5) and ten (10) or less games Major Competition games at Ron Massey Cup, NSW Cup or QRL and NZRL equivalent (combined).	10	8	6	0
	20. A player who has played in more than ten (10) and thirty-nine (39) or less games (combined) in Major Competitions at Jersey Flegg Cup, Denton Engineering Cup and Mojo Homes Cup or QRL equivalent.	10	8	6	0
	21. A player who has played in more than ten (10) and thirty-nine (39) or less games (combined) in Major Competitions at Ron Massey Cup, NSW Cup or QRL equivalent.	12	10	8	0
	22. A player who has played in forty (40) or more games (combined) in Major Competitions at Jersey Flegg Cup, Denton Engineering Cup and Mojo Homes Cup or QRL equivalent.	12	10	8	0
	23. A player who has played more than five (5) and twenty (20) or less Major Competition games at NSW Cup, QLD Cup or NZRL equivalent.	12	10	8	0
	24. A player who has been a NSWRL or QRL Country, NSWRL City, Brisbane, or NZ Maori representative.	12	10	8	0
	25. A player who has represented NSWRL or QRL in a 18+ age based Origin game or series	12	10	8	0
	26. A player who has played Emerging Nations 'National' or World Cup team (Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Cook Islands, PNG) on more than three (3) occasions.	12	10	8	0
	27. A player who has played in forty (40) or more games (combined) in Major Competitions at Ron Massey Cup, NSW Cup or QRL equivalent.	15	12	10	0
	28. A player who has played in twenty-five (25) or more games (combined) in the NSW Cup or Queensland Cup or equivalent.	20	16	12	6
<b>E: 29 - 31</b> <b>ELITE</b> <b>COMPETITIONS</b> <b>PLAYER</b>	29. A player who has played five (5) to twenty-four (24) NRL or Super League Europe competition games (combined)	25	20	14	8
	30. A player who has played twenty-five (25) or more NRL or Super League Europe competition games (combined)	30	24	16	10
	1. A player who has represented NSW, QLD, Australia, England, Great Britain, or New Zealand.	35	26	18	12

## INTERNAL TRANSFERS

<b>INTERNAL TRANSFERS</b> <b>PPIS</b> <b>CONSEQUENCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excludes Junior Reps, Jersey Flegg, Sydney Shield, Ron Massey, and NSW Cup Pathways players who have left the pathway and played in other competitions for 3 or more seasons before returning to their local club.</li> </ul>	0	0	0	0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category "A" player moving to another team in the same competition and over the age of 20. Limited to 2 players from same club and 5 in total from same competition.</li> </ul>	4	2	1	0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A local tier 2 player moving to another club in same tier 2 competition.</li> </ul>	15	10	5	0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A local junior player* moving to another club in same competition.</li> <li>*Any Player who is registered and plays in the majority of their seasons of junior international level rugby league with the subject Club. Any Player who is registered in an equivalent number of seasons of junior international level rugby league with the subject Club and any other club but is registered for his first season of senior rugby league with the subject Club.</li> </ul>	25	15	10	5
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A local Junior Representative player moving to another club in same competition.</li> </ul>	30	25	15	5
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A local senior player moving to a local senior club in same competition.</li> </ul>	25	15	10	5
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A local senior Representative player moving to another club in same competition.</li> </ul>	30	25	15	5
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In situations where a player had changed their club in the previous season due to unavailability of a team and does not return to their former club when a team becomes available in that grade the player's history will commence from 1st year under the full PPIS quota INCLUDING Internal Transfer quota if applicable.</li> </ul>	100% of PPIS quota regardless of previous season and reducing yearly for 3 years as per normal requirements.			



**THANK YOU**