



AFL South East Region Junior By-Laws (Player Transfers)

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JUNIOR PLAYER POINTS POLICY

THE OBJECTIVE OF A PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM

Player movement has been identified as having a significant impact on the evenness of competitions and the viability of teams.

This document aims to provide mechanisms that will assist in minimising the impact of player movement on the competitiveness of the competition, without contravening the National Transfer Regulations.

Supporting this policy is a "Permission to Train" process for players wishing to train at another club, other than their own. This will formalise an informal process that has existed in the F&DJFL for many years.

SECTION 1. PLAYER POINTS

AIM

To apply a player points system for the **U11 – U18 age groups** that will assist in the reduction of player movement from Club to Club within the **Frankston and District Junior Football League (F&DJFL), Mornington Peninsula Junior Football League (MPJFL) and South East Juniors (SEJ)**.

This will contribute to creating evenness amongst teams and more even competitive competitions. Allocation of Points.

Every player in the U11 – U18 age groups will be allocated as a one (1) point player.

Any player who transferred to another junior team within the MPJFL, F&DJFL, SEJ or Regional Competition in the U11 - U18 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 competitions conducted by the F&DJFL, SEJ, MPJFL or AFLSE Regional competition and players who are transferring from one Club to another within the Leagues listed above.

TOTAL TEAMS POINTS AND PLAYER LIMIT

Mixed/Boys teams in the U11 – U17 age groups can only play with a maximum of ten (10) transfer points in any given match unless the club has been granted dispensation by the Region Junior Sub-Committee in writing.

Girls teams in the U12 – U18 age groups can only play with a maximum of fourteen (14) transfer points in any given match unless the club has been granted dispensation by the Region Junior Sub-Committee in writing.

A maximum of three (3) transferred players from one 'team' to another 'team' in any given season, within the same age group, can be named on a matchday team sheet, unless the originating team has disbanded or the club has been granted dispensation by "The Committee" in writing.

For administrative purposes, the team sheet will be capped at;

- thirty-six (36) points per game (U11 to U17 mixed/boys age groups)
- forty (40) points per game (U12 to U18 girls age groups)

The Registrar/Team Manager will be required to ensure that they have no more than ten (10) point's worth of transfer players for boys and fourteen (14) points worth of transfer players for girls on a team sheet for any given match.

The Registrar/team Manager will be required to ensure that they have no more than three (3) transferred players from one 'team' to another 'team' on their matchday team sheet for any given match.



PLAYER POINTS

Definitions:

State Talent League Player: Players selected in the final squad of a Victorian (or equivalent) U16 & U18 talent pathway competition (Coates League).

V/Line Cup Player: A player that participated in an official V/Line Cup Division 1 or Division 2 match for AFL South East.

Representative Player: A player that participated in an official AFLSE Interleague Division 1 or Division 2 championship match for F&DJFL, SEJ or MPJ.

*** The current season is determined by the last season that the player played, with the previous season being the season before that.**

These point values only applies to a transfer player.

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

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

Category 1 – State Talent League Player or V/Line Cup Player or Representative Player (Division 1) – 4 points

- a) Player selected for a State League program who made the final squad and played in the current or previous season. *
- b) Player selected for the AFL South East V/Line Cup program who made the final squad and played in the current or previous season. *
- c) Player taking the field in League representative squad (Division 1) in the current or previous season.

Category 2 – State League or V/Line Cup or Division 1 Representative Player (Returning to Previous Immediate Club) or Representative Player (Division 2) or League Top 3 Best & Fairest – 3 points

- a) Player transfers back to the Club where he/she played a minimum of 40 games and was the
- b) immediate previous Club that they played for and is a State League/ V/Line Cup or Representative Player in the current or previous season.
- c) Finished top 3 in the League Best & Fairest in the current or previous season.
- d) Player taking the field in League Representative Squad (Division 2) in the current or previous season.

Category 3 – Club Player – 2 points

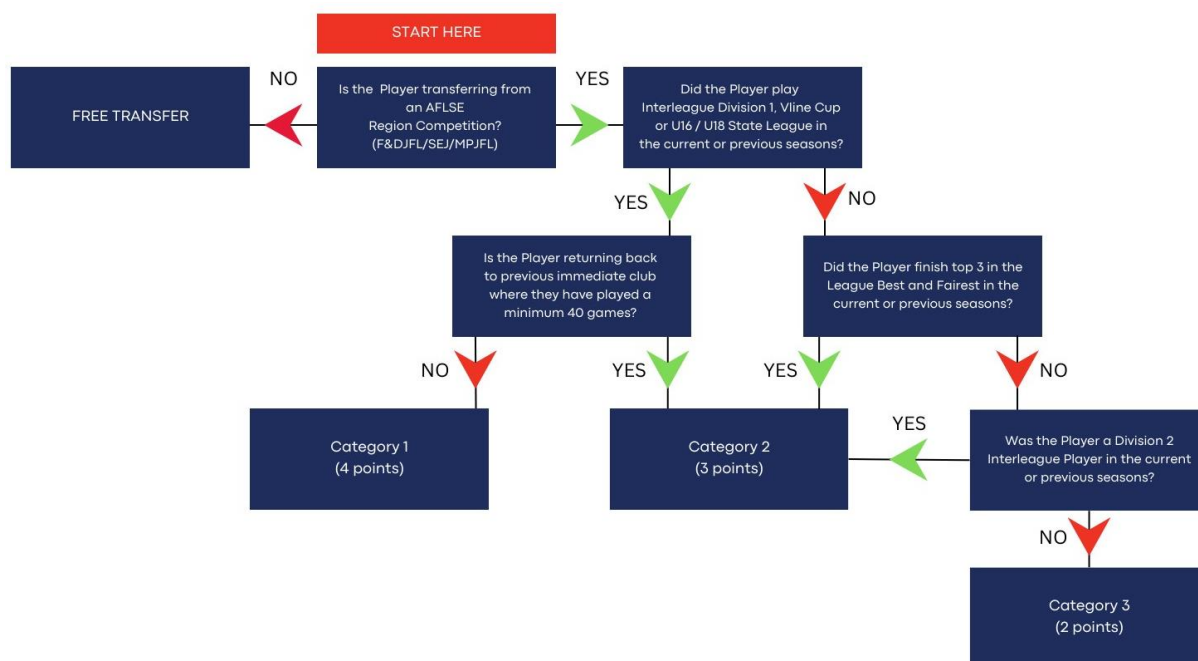
Any player who does not fit into either of the categories above.

This point value only applies to a transfer player.

Applies to any transfer player in the U11 and U12 age groups.

Category 4 – Non-Transfer Player – 1 point

- a) This value applies to every player in the U13 to U18 at a club who has not transferred in the current season.
- b) Female players who have played in the mixed competition and must transfer as their current club doesn't offer female-only teams.
- c) Player who didn't participate in the previous season prior to transferring and doesn't fit into Category 1.



REASSESSMENT OF PLAYER POINTS

Clubs may make an application in writing to the Region Junior Sub-Committee for a reassessment of a player's point value where extenuating circumstances may apply.

The application must address the reason for reassessment, and any supporting evidence should be submitted with the application.

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) points of transfer players can apply in writing to the Region Junior Sub-Committee 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 3.

MERGED TEAMS

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

In applying 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 Junior Sub-Committee" will consider all aspects of the merged team, including the potential impact on the evenness of the competition if the application was approved.

Special Transfers

Clubs may apply for exemptions for extenuating circumstances for a players transfer points to be



reviewed such as moving house or residence, split families etc.

There is no limit to the number of personal transfers that can be applied for and granted in any given year, however the player can only come from Category 3 (FDJ/SEJ/Regional Transfer Players at a 2-point value).

Female Pathway Players

Female players who have played in the mixed competition and must transfer from their Club (as they do not 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.

Previous Season Team not in Current Season

If a player's previous immediate season team is unable or not participating in the current season, the player's transfer point value as per Section 1 of Appendix B shall still be applied. Clubs may request a reassessment of player points if required in this scenario.

APPLICATION OF POINTS

Player

Every player in the U11 – U18 age group who was a registered player in the previous season will be allocated one (1) point before the opening of transfers. Players transferring from one Club to another Club will attract player points depending on the category that they fit into. Category 3, 2 and 1 players who have transferred 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 for mixed/boys and fourteen (14) for girls of transfer players on match day until the player is reduced to a one (1) point value. Players who have transferred out of either the F&DJFL, SEJ, MPJFL or Regional competition and transfer back to any of those competitions in the same competition year will retain the same point value that they had before they transferred out of the competition. "The Junior Sub-Committee" will update the point values for each season with Clubs having an 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.

RESPONSIBILITY

Club Registrar

The responsibility lies with the Club Registrar to monitor the number of points that are transferring into a team, so they do not exceed the total amount transfer points per team.

Team Manager

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 mixed/boys match throughout the season.

It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to ensure that they do not have any more than fourteen (14) points of transfer players selected on a team sheet for any girls match throughout the season.

Policy Enforcement

Given the Junior Player Points System will be managed via the Competition Management System, and if the correct procedures are applied it is envisaged there will be minimal issues in the management of the Player Points.



Sanctions

The player points policy is designed to reduce player movement and address targeted recruitment of players who fit within Category 1 & 2 of this policy. The aim is not to restrict player movement rather to sustain Club teams and where a Club acquires more than their allowed ten (10) or fourteen (14) player point and are therefore rotating those players through a team for the season the following sanctions will be applied;

- Matches reversed and receive no match ratio or percentage points for (2) matches
- Incur a fine of no more than \$1000

Clubs that have teams that play more than the allowed ten (10) or fourteen (14) player points for any given match without receiving a written dispensation from "The Junior Sub-Committee" will be deemed to be playing an ineligible player in accordance with the League by-laws.