

Football NSW – Women's NPL Player Points System

- The Football NSW NPL Women's Player Points System applies to the First Grade and Reserve Grade squads of the NPL NSW Women's and NPL 2 NSW Women's Competitions.
- The maximum points total for a forty (40) Player combined First Grade and Reserve Grade squad in the 2020 NPL NSW Women's & NPL 2 NSW Women's Competition is 480.
- A Club newly entering at the level of NPL NSW Women's or NPL 2 NSW Women's, either through promotion / relegation or at the invitation of FNSW independent of the previous season's results will be given an additional fifty (50) points to their PPS cap in their first season of entry.
- The Senior Player and Youth Player advancement points adjustments can be used either;
 - in the same season the player moves to the Pathway Program, should the move happen during the football season; or
 - in the season immediately following the season in which the player moves to the Pathway Program; or
 - in the season immediately following the move should the move occur outside the FNSW football season.
- Each Club will start with forty (40) players that are attributed with a points value of 12.5 points.
- Once a Player is added to the Senior Squad Player Roster, her points value is adjusted to 10 points, and then further adjusted depending on certain characteristics which result in points being added to or deducted from the Player's points value.
- A Player's points value cannot be less than 0 points.
- The following table details the points adjustment depending on the Player's history:

| Category | Points Adjustment | Criteria |
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| Homegrown Player Deduction | -1 for each season registered with the Club | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Homegrown Player is a Player that has been registered for any period during a season with her Club's Youth Teams. One (1) point is deducted from the Player's points value for each season the Player was registered with her Club's Youth Teams. The maximum adjustment to a Player's points value under this category is minus five (5) points. |
| Loyalty Player Deduction | -1 for each continuous season with the Club's First Grade or Reserve Grade Team | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Loyalty Player is a Player that has registered for her Club's Senior Squad for at least five (5) continuous seasons. One (1) point is deducted from a Player's points value for each season, starting from her fifth continuous season, in which the Player is registered for the Club's Senior Squad. The maximum adjustment to a Player's points value under this category is minus five (5) points. |
| Visa Player | +10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Visa Player is any Player who is not an Australian Player. Ten (10) points is added to a Player's points value if that Player is a Visa Player. A Visa Player may still benefit from the other categories of the PPS (e.g. Loyalty Player Deduction). Clubs are permitted a maximum of two (2) Visa Players per squad. |
| Switching Player | +8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Switching Player is a Player that has switched from another NPL NSW Women's or NPL 2 NSW Women's Club, or a Club from an equivalent Member Federation Competition, during the current or preceding season and are in the Senior Squad. |
| Pathway Player | 0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No points are added to, or deducted from, a Player's points value, where that Player has left the Club and registered directly with a Pathway Program and are returning to the same club directly from that program. |
| Youth Player Advancement | -3 per Player | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three (3) points may be deducted from a Club's Points Total for each registered Player that is recruited from the Club's youth teams into a Pathway Program. A one-off deduction attributed to the Club's Points Total when a player is recruited to a Pathway Program for the first time. |
| Senior Player Advancement | -8 per Player | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eight (8) points may be deducted from a Club's Points Total for each registered Player that is recruited from the Club's Senior Squad into a Pathway Program. A one-off deduction attributed to the Club's Points Total when a player is recruited to the Pathway Program for the first time. |
| Promoted Club | -50 per Club | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Promoted Club will receive a deduction of 50 points from their Points Total. This points deduction only applies for the Promoted Club's first season following promotion into the NPL NSW Women's Competition or a new Club being granted a licence to participate in the NPL NSW Women's or NPL 2 NSW Women's Competitions by Football NSW. |
| Relegated Club | -50 per Club | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Relegated Club will receive a deduction of 50 points from their Points Total. This points deduction only applies for the Relegated Club's first season following relegation into the NPL 2 NSW Women's Competition. |

GENERAL DEFINITIONS

Senior Squad

Senior squad means the Club's First Grade and Reserve Grade Team participating in the NPL NSW Women's and NPL 2 NSW Women's Competitions.

Youth Teams

Youth teams means the Club's U14 - U17 Team's participating in the NPL NSW Women's and NPL 2 NSW Women's Competitions.

Youth Player

Youth Player means a player from the Club's U14 – U17 teams.

Senior Player

Senior Player means a player from the Club's Reserve Grade or First Grade teams.

Pathway Program

Pathway Program means either the Football NSW Institute (FNSWI), Westfield W-League (WWL) or Future Matilda's.

Club

Club means any entity admitted by Football NSW to field a team in the NPL NSW Women's and NPL 2 NSW Women's.

PPS or Player Points System

PPS or Player Points System means the system for calculating a Club's player points as set out in the Football NSW Competition Regulations and in this document.

Points Total

Points Total means the sum of all points attributed to all Players on the Club's Senior Squad at any given time.

Maximum Points Total

Maximum Points Total means the permitted total value of a Club's Points Total, as determined by Football NSW, being 480 points.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Senior Squad Player Roster Requirements

- At all times during a season, a Club may include a maximum of 40 Players on its Senior Squad Player Roster.

Australian Player

An Australian Player is any Player who is:

- (a) a citizen of Australia;
- (b) a Permanent Resident of Australia (where Permanent Resident means a person residing in Australia on a "permanent" visa class issued by the Australian Government, evidenced by either the person's Visa Grant Notice or as a listed entitlement on the person's online Visa Entitlement Verification); or
- (c) the holder of a refugee visa, humanitarian visa or protection visa issued by the Australian government. For further details see: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/>.

Visa Player

- Member Federations and NPL Clubs are encouraged to refer to the following website for further clarification regarding visas: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/>.
- For the purposes of the PPS, a New Zealand Citizen is classified as a Visa Player unless he satisfies the definition of an Australian Player. Please refer to the Department of Home Affairs for further clarification regarding the visa status of New Zealand Citizens in Australia: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/>.

Homegrown Player

- A Player does not need to register in continuous seasons in a Club's Youth Teams to be eligible for Homegrown Player points.

Example: For a Player who was registered for the Club in the U14's and U15's but was not registered with the NPL Club in the U17's, a total of two (2) points will be deducted from her points value for the current season.

- A Player is eligible for Homegrown Player points at the same time as being eligible for Loyalty Player points.

Loyalty Player

Example: A Player is registered with a Club's Senior Squad in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 (continuous seasons). If also registered in 2020, she will be eligible to receive her first point reduction of one (1) point as a Loyalty Player in the 2020 season.

- If a Player is not registered with any Club for a season and subsequently returns to her last Club, the number of continuous seasons of registering for that Club will be deemed to be continuous.

Example: A Player was registered with the same Club in 2016, 2017 and 2018 (continuous seasons), however was not registered with any Club in 2019. If the Player registers with that NPL Club in 2020, it will be deemed to be her fourth continuous season with that Club.

- Should a Player move into a Pathway Program, the determination of the continuous seasons of service will not be deemed to have ceased if she returns to her previous Club. During the Player's time in the Pathway Program, the calculation of continuous seasons of service will be suspended.

Switching Player

- Football NSW has the right to determine in its sole and absolute discretion as to whether Switching Player points will apply.
- Switching Player points also apply for mid-season registrations and transfers, including a Player promoted from a Club's Youth Teams.
- Where a Player is promoted from a Club's Youth Team to a Club's Senior Squad Player Roster during the season, Switching Player Points will be applied where the Player's registration immediately prior (e.g. earlier in the 2020 season) or in the previous season (2019) was with another NPL NSW Women's and NPL 2 NSW Women's Club.

Pathway Player

- A Pathway Player is subject to all other categories of the PPS (other than the Switching Player category). For example, a Pathway Player is eligible for Loyalty Player points and Homegrown Player points.
- A Player who departs a Club for a Pathway Program and returns to the same Club will be classified as a Pathway Player provided the Player has remained with the Pathway Program for the duration of their absence from the relevant Club.