

## Football Australia – National Premier Leagues

A key outcome of the National Competitions Review (**NCR**) conducted in 2012 was the introduction of the Player Points System (**PPS**) to complement the Club Licensing framework for the National Premier Leagues (**NPL**). The objectives of the PPS are to:

- Provide greater opportunities to Australian Players;
- Promote a greater focus on the importance of youth development;
- Ensure Player salaries remain at levels which ensure the long term sustainability of NPL Clubs;
- Promote Players through the Club youth development structures;
- Increase the stability of NPL Club Player Rosters;
- Maintain competitive balance and parity amongst the NPL Clubs;
- Incentivise Players progressing through to national elite pathway teams (**National Elite Pathway Team**) to return to their original NPL Clubs; and
- Reward Clubs who develop Players that progress through to a National Elite Pathway Team.

The PPS encourages NPL Clubs to simultaneously promote greater focus on youth development whilst delivering the outcomes and objectives of the NCR.

The PPS distinguishes between two (2) distinct types of NPL Club teams: those upon which an age restriction is placed (e.g. U16s, U18s, U20s) (**NPL Clubs Age – Eligible Team**) and the NPL Club's senior team being the **First Team**.

The PPS points cap (**Points Cap**) applies to each NPL Club's First Team Player Roster (**First Team Player Roster**) and the First Team is required to remain within the Points Cap at all times.

The Points Cap for the 2024 season will be set by each Member Federation, in consultation with Football Australia, up to a maximum of 200 points.

Each Player is, as a starting point, attributed a points value of 10 points, after which his points value is 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.

Promoting Players from the NPL Club's Age-Eligible Teams onto the First Team Player Roster is permitted in limited circumstances as outlined further in the Explanatory Notes and Guidelines under First Team Player Roster Requirements.