

Football NSW – League One Women's 1st Grade Player Points System

- The Football NSW League One Women's Player Points System applies to all participating Clubs for the 2024 season.
- The PPS distinguishes between two distinct types of **League One Club** teams: those upon which an age restriction is placed (e.g. U14s, U15s, U16s, U20's) (**League One Club Age-Eligible Team**) and the League One Club's senior team, being the **First Team**.
- The PPS points cap (**Points Cap**) applies to each League One Club's First Team Player Roster (**First Team Player Roster**) and this First Team is required to remain within the Points Cap at all times. A breach of the PPS during the season, falling below the minimum player roster, or listing players in excess of the maximum points cap, will result in a forfeit against the offending team.
- The maximum Points Cap for FNSW League One Women's in season 2024 will be 200 points.
- Club's that are promoted into the FNSW League One Women's Competition, will be granted point deduction dependent on the status of the promoted Club's Youth program (U14-U20):
 - Clubs with an existing youth program within the Football NSW Competitions will be granted a twenty (20) point deduction, or;
 - Clubs without an existing youth program within the Football NSW Competitions will be granted a forty (40) point deduction.
- Each Player is, as a starting point, attributed a points value of 10 points, after which her 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.
- The following table details the points adjustment depending on the Player's history:

Category	Points Adjustment	Criteria
Youth Player	-1 for each year the Player is under 23 years of age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Youth Player is 22 years of age or younger as of 31 December of the current League One season. In relation to a Player's age, one (1) point is deducted from the Player's points value for each year the Player is under 23 years of age. The maximum adjustment to a Player's points value under this category is minus five (5) points.
Homegrown Player	-1 for each season registered with the League One 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 League One Club's Age-Eligible Teams. One (1) point is deducted from the Player's points value for each season the Player was registered with her League One Club's Age-Eligible Teams. If a Player was previously registered to a Reserve grade squad, while aged 20 years of age or younger as of 31 December of that season, will be deemed to be eligible for Homegrown Points for this season. The maximum adjustment to a Player's points value under this category is minus five (5) points.
Loyalty Player	-1 for each continuous season with the League One Club's First Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Loyalty Player is a Player that has registered for her League One Club's First Team for at least four (4) continuous seasons. One (1) point is deducted from a Player's points value for each season, starting from her fourth continuous season, in which the Player is registered for the League One Club's First Team.
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 will only incur a maximum of 20 points on a First Team Player Roster and will not otherwise be subject to the Switching Player category. A Visa Player may still benefit from the other categories of the PPS (e.g. Youth Player). A League One Club can have a maximum of two (2) Visa Players on their First Team Player Roster at any one time.
Switching Player	+5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five (5) points is added to a Player's points value if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) she was registered as a professional with her previous Club, regardless of whether the player is switching from an NPL/League One or non-NPL Club/League One (this does not apply to the nominated Australian Marquee Player); or to a National Elite Pathway Loan Player) or (b) she was registered in the NPL/League One as an amateur with her previous NPL/League One Club and she played ten (10) or more games in that NPL/League One Club's First Team in the most recent NPL/League One season (unless the Player's last registration was with a National Elite Pathway Team).
	+3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three (3) points is added to a Player's points value if she was registered in the NPL/League One as an amateur with her previous NPL/League One Club and played in less than ten (10) games in that NPL/League One Club's First Team in the most recent NPL/League One season (unless the Player's last registration was with a National Elite Pathway Team).
	+2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two (2) points is added to a Player's points value if she is an Australian Player, and her last registration was as an amateur with an overseas Club.
	+1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One (1) point is added to a Player's points value if the Player was last registered as an amateur with a National Elite Pathway Team and registers for an NPL/League One Club other than their NPL/League One Club of origin (i.e. the NPL/League One Club she was registered with prior to that National Elite Pathway Team).
Pathway Player	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No points are added to, or deducted from, a Player's points value only by virtue of that Player having left a League One Club to join a National Elite Pathway Team and having returned to the same League One Club.

Australian Marquee Player	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Australian Marquee Player is an Australian Player that was registered as a professional Player for a A-League Womens Club or an overseas Club immediately prior to registering with the League One Club. • The Australian Marquee Player will only incur a maximum of ten (10) points on a First Team Player Roster and will not otherwise be subject to the Switching Player category. The Player can benefit from the other categories of the PPS (i.e. Homegrown Player). • A League One Club can have a maximum of two (2) Players on its First Team Player Roster nominated as Australian Marquee Players at any one time. If a League One Club has two (2) Australian Marquee Players on its First Team Player Roster, at least one (1) of these Players must be 23 years of age or younger as of 31 December of the current League One season.
Category	Points Adjustment	Criteria
Youth Player Advancement	-3 per Player	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three (3) points may be deducted from a League One Club's Points Total for each registered Player that is permanently transferred to a National Elite Pathway Team from the League One Club's Age-Eligible Teams. • The points deduction will only apply for one (1) League One season, which must be applied in either the League One season that the relevant Player moves to the National Elite Pathway Team, or the next NPL/League One season.
First Team Player Advancement	-8 per Player	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eight (8) points may be deducted from a League One Club's Points Total for each registered Player that is signed by a National Elite Pathway Team from the League One Club's First Team Player Roster. • The points deduction will only apply for one (1) League One season, which must be applied in either the League One season that the relevant Player moves to the National Elite Pathway Team, or the next League One season.
Promoted Club	-20 per Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Club that is promoted into the FNSW League One Women's Competition, will be granted a twenty (20) point deduction, if the Club has an existing youth program within the Football NSW Competitions. • This points deduction only applies for the Promoted Club's first season following promotion.
Promoted Club	-40 per Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Club that is promoted into the FNSW League One Women's Competition, will be granted a forty (40) point deduction, if the Club does not have an existing youth program within the Football NSW Competitions. • This points deduction only applies for the Promoted Club's first season following promotion.

GENERAL DEFINITIONS

First Team

First Team means the League One Club's senior team participating in the League One Womens.

First Team Player Roster

First Team Player Roster means the roster of Players for a League One Club's First Team maintained in accordance with the Player Points System and the Football NSW Competition Regulations.

Loan

Loan means the temporary transfer of a Player's registration from the Parent Club to the Loan Club, effected in accordance with the FFA National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations.

Loan Club

Loan Club means the Club to which the registration of a Player subject to a Loan is, will be, or has been temporarily transferred from a Parent Club for the term of a Loan.

National Elite Pathway Team

A National Elite Pathway Team is a team which participates in the National Elite Pathway, as determined by the FA Technical Department and the Member Federations from time to time. Points are credited for the movement of Players through the National Elite Pathway. For the purposes of the PPS, a team is a National Elite Pathway Team if they are one of the following:

- A-League Womens Club including Academy team's participating in the NPL/League One and or, the A-League Womens Team; or;
- National Training Centre team (full-time programs only).
- FNSW Institute

For clarity, Bulls Academy FC are not classified as National Elite Pathway Teams as they do not currently hold an A-League Womens licence.

NPL

NPL means the National Women's second tier club competition staged in each Member Federation in Australia.

League One

League One means the second tier club competition staged in Football NSW

NPL or Equivalent Amateur

NPL or Equivalent Amateur means any Player that is not a Professional as defined in the Football NSW Competition Regulations registering from any NPL, FNSW League One Women's, FNSW Girls' Youth League One, FNSW Girls' Youth League Two Club.

League One Club Age-Eligible Teams

League One Club Age-Eligible teams are the teams that sit below the League One Club's First Team as determined by Football NSW. For clarity, these include Under 14s through to Under 20s.

NPL Club

NPL Club means any entity admitted by Football NSW to field a team in a NPL Competition.

League One Club

League One Club means any entity admitted by Football NSW to field a team in League One Competition.

Parent Club

Parent Club means the Club from which the registration of a Player subject to a Loan is, will be, or has been temporarily transferred to a Loan Club for the term of a Loan.

PPS or Player Points System

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

Points Cap

Points Cap means the permitted total value of a League One Club's Points Total, as determined by Football NSW.

Points Total

Points Total means the sum of all points attributed to all Players on a League One Club's First Team Player Roster at any given time.

Promoted Club

A Promoted Club means:

- a club promoted into the NPL/League One from a lower tier competition, including a lower division of the NPL/League One, or;
- is an entity granted a licence to participate in the NPL/League One for the first time.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

League One Club First Team Player Roster Requirements

- At all times during a League One season, a League One Club must include a minimum of 20 Players on its First Team Player Roster and may include a maximum of 23 Players on its First Team Player Roster.
- For the purposes of the PPS, playing in a match is defined as taking the field of play (i.e. in the starting 11 or entering the field as a substitute). For the avoidance of doubt, it will not constitute playing a match if the Player remains on the bench and does not enter the field of play.
- All Players must be registered to the appropriate age-category (where applicable). Any Player who during the League One 2024 Season exceeds the age-limit for the oldest League One Age-Eligible Team at a League One Club (e.g. U20), must be included on her League One Club's First Team Player Roster.

Youth Player

Please refer to the table below in respect to the relevant point deductions in the Youth Player category:

Player's Age as of 31 December in current NPL/League One season	Points Deduction
22 years of age (2002 born)	-1
21 years of age (2003 born)	-2
20 years of age (2004 born)	-3
19 years of age (2005 born)	-4
18 years of age and under (2006 born)	-5

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/League One 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 League One Club's Age-Eligible Teams to be eligible for Homegrown Player points.

Example: For a Player who was registered for the League One Club in the U14s and U16s but was not registered with the League One Club in the U15s, 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.
- For the avoidance of doubt, a Player is eligible to receive a points deduction as a Homegrown Player where that Player was registered to the NPL/League One Club's Age Eligible Teams, prior to that NPL/League One Club being granted an NPL/League One licence.

Example: Prior to Club A being granted a licence to participate in the NPL/League One, Jane Smith is registered to the age-eligible teams of Club A between 2010 and 2013 in the state league competition. On that basis, a total of four (4) points will be deducted from her points value for the current season.

- For the avoidance of doubt, a Player is eligible to receive a points deduction as a Homegrown Player where that Player was registered to the Club's NPL Reserve Grade Teams while 20 years of age or below at 31 December of that season.

Example: Jane Smith is 22 years of age in 2022 and was registered to the Club's Reserve Grade team between 2020 and 2021 in the NPL competition. On that basis, Jane was aged 20 years of age in during the 2020 season and 21 years of age during the 2021 season, therefore, a total of one (1) point will be deducted from her points value for the current season.

Loyalty Player

Example: A Player is registered with a League One Club's First Team in 2021, 2022 and 2023 (continuous seasons). If also registered in 2024, she will be eligible to receive her first point reduction of one (1) point as a Loyalty Player in the 2024 season.

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

Example: A Player was registered with the same League One Club in 2020, 2021 and 2022 (continuous seasons), however was not registered with any Club in 2023. If the Player registers with that League One Club in 2024, it will be deemed to be her fourth continuous season with that League One Club.

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

Example: Player Jane Smith of League One Club A has been part of the First Team squad for three (3) continuous seasons. She then moves to a A-League Womens Club for two (2) years and then at the completion of her stint with that A-League Womens Club, returns to League One Club A. This season with League One Club A will be deemed her fourth continuous season.

Switching Player

*Example: Where a Player was registered with an NPL/League One Club (**Former NPL/League One Club**) and subsequently registers with a Club that does not participate in the NPL/League One, A-League Womens (**non-NPL/League One Club**); and having not played for the non-NPL/League One Club in a competitive match seeks to register with a subsequent NPL/League One Club (**Subsequent NPL/League Club**);*

- (a) Football NSW may attribute Switching Player Points for that Player upon registration with the Subsequent NPL/League One Club as if the Player had transferred directly from the Former NPL/League One Club to the Subsequent NPL/League One Club;*
- (b) The Subsequent NPL/League One Club may apply Football NSW to justify the reasons as to why Switching Player points should not apply.*

- For the purposes of Switching Player points, played means taking the field of play (i.e. part of the starting eleven or taking the field as a substitute).
- Football NSW has the right to determine in its sole and absolute discretion as to whether Switching Player points will apply where the Member Federation is the Competition Administrator.
- Switching Player points also apply for mid-season registrations and transfers, including a Player coming from a different NPL/League One Club's Age-Eligible Team.
- Where a Player is promoted from a League One Club's Age-Eligible Team (or equivalent) to a league One Club's First Team Player Roster during the season, Switching Player Points will be applied where the Player's registration immediately prior (e.g. earlier in the 2024 season) or in the previous NPL/League One season was with another NPL/League One 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 League One Club for a National Elite Pathway Team and returns to the same League One Club will be classified as a Pathway Player provided the Player has remained within the National Elite Pathway for the duration of their absence from the relevant League One Club.

Example A: Player history of Jane Smith – Eligible Pathway Player

2021	-	Registered with United FC (NPL Club)
2022	-	Registered with Perth Glory (W-League)
2023	-	Registered with Brisbane Roar (W-League)
2024	-	Registered with United FC (NPL Club)

Example B: Player history of Jane Jones – Ineligible Pathway Player

2021	-	Registered with United FC (NPL Club)
2022	-	Registered with Perth Glory (W-League)
2023	-	Registered with Thailand FC (Overseas)
2024	-	Registered with United FC (NPL Club)

Australian Marquee Player

An Australian Marquee Player is subject to all other categories of the PPS (e.g. Homegrown Player) but will not be subject to the Switching Player category:

- Subject to paragraph (b) below, a Player may only be categorised as an Australian Marquee Player in her first season with the League One Club and for one (1) season only in her career for that League One Club. For the avoidance of doubt, a Player is not able to be an Australian Marquee Player in her second season in the League One with that League One Club.

Notwithstanding paragraph (a) immediately above, if a Player is categorised as an Australian Marquee Player for a League One Club, she then transfers as a professional to a A-League Club or overseas Club and then subsequently returns to the League One and seeks to register for an League One Club (either the same or different League One Club), she is eligible to be categorised as an Australian Marquee.

Points Deduction – Youth Player Advancement

Example: A League One Club has a U14 Player signed this season by a National Elite Pathway Team. The League One Club can choose to have:

- (a) three (3) points deducted (-3 points) from this season's Points Total;*
- (b) three (3) points deducted (-3 points) from next season's Points Total.*

Points Deduction – First Team Player Loan

Example: A League One Club has two (2) First Team Players signed on Loan this season by a National Elite Pathway Team. The League One Club can choose to have

- (a) six (6) points deducted (-6 points) from this season's Points Total;*
- (b) three (3) points deducted (-3) from this seasons and next season's Points Total; or (c) six (6) points deducted (-6 points) from this seasons and next season's Points Total.*

Points Deduction – First Team Player Advancement

Example: A League One Club has a First Team Player signed this season by a National Elite Pathway Team. The League One Club can choose to have:

- (a) eight points deducted (-8 points) from this season's Points Total;*
- (b) eight (8) points deducted from next season's Points Total.*

Points Deduction – Promoted Club

This category applies to Clubs promoted into the NPL/League One or an entity granted a licence to participate in the NPL/League One for the first time. This points deduction only applies for the Promoted Club's first season following promotion into, or being granted a licence to participate in, the NPL/League One.