



CENTRAL MURRAY

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FOOTBALL COMPETITION RULES & BY-LAWS

2009

18.0 PLAYER POINTS SYSTEM 2009

The purpose of the player points system in the CMFL is to promote an even competition.

The objectives the Central Murray Football League's Points System are to:

1. Encourage clubs to develop and promote their junior teams and players.
2. Encourage clubs to recruit new players from outside the CMFL.
3. Better manage increasing player payments and improve the financial stability of clubs.

The Board has determined that in 2009:

18.1 Base Points

The total points of each club are to be reduced by **one point**.

Each Team's Base Points	2009
Swan Hill	36
Tyntynder	38
Lake Boga	40
Kerang	39
Woorinen	40
Cohuna Kangas	42
Koondrook-Barham	42
NNW United	42
Balranald	44
Leitchville-Gunbower	44
Tooleybuc-Manangatang	43
Lalbert	44

A player (not deemed a reserves player) recruited from another CMFL Club becomes a 7 point player unless other conditions apply.

The winner of last year's Grand Final is penalized 2 points for the following year, regaining 1 point each subsequent year until the penalty is removed.

The Runner-Up of last year's Grand Final is penalized 1 point in the following year.

One Point Players: From 2008 a player coming from the junior grades is a one point player for the CMFL Club at which he played his first season of U15s. For all other CMFL Clubs he will be a seven point player.

If a junior player comes to a CMFL Club from outside the CMFL Juniors and is eligible for Colts he is a one point

player for the Club at which he played his first Colts game. For any other CMFL club he will be a seven point player.

18.2 Application of the points system in 2009

- a) Each player registered to a club will be assessed according to the point system set out in this rule. The Club is responsible for providing this initial rating to the League for verification.
- b) At the time of registration **each new player shall complete a statement in a form to be approved** by the League, which shall provide information concerning the player's previous playing history. Both the player and an official of the club will be required to sign the form, certifying it as a true record. Any player providing false or misleading information shall be liable to penalties including, but not limited to, deregistration, suspension or fine. Any official of a club complicit in the deliberate submission of false or misleading information, shall be liable to fine or disqualification. The club of such player or official may be liable to a fine or loss of premiership points.

- c) The form will require the player and registering club to 'self-assess' points to be allocated to the player. The Secretary shall record these points in the club's total.

18.3 Points Categories

Points	Category	Explanation
1	Local players	- A player who first played in your Colts after joining from another League or played U15s first with the CM Juniors affiliated with your club, even if they are returning from another club.
2	VCFL District League player CMFL Reserves Player	- Mallee League, Golden Rivers etc.
3	VCFL Major country leagues, VAFA players Victorian Metropolitan leagues All other states' metro and country league players State League player CMFL Father/Son Rule players	- Bendigo, Sunraysia, Ovens & Murray - Vic Amateurs - Diamond Valley, Essendon District - VFL, SANFL, WAFL
4	Ex AFL Player	- who hasn't played with his CMFL Club as a junior or Colt
7	Player not deemed a Reserves Player transferring from another Central Murray FL Club to your club.	

Clarification to Points Categories

1. Playing coaches are rated on the league from which they are recruited.
2. A CMFL player wishing to return to a new CMFL Club from another League is a 7 point player less one point for each complete season spent out of the Central Murray FL.
3. Players returning to their original CMFL Club after at least one complete season away return at their rating prior to departure. Clubs should ask the Review Panel to rule on the points of a player returning after an extended period away if they are not already on the lowest points possible.
4. AFL Players new to the League are 4 point players.
5. Players from all VCFL Major Leagues are 3 point players if they have not previously played in the Central Murray Football League.
6. Players going to Darwin over summer and returning to the same CMFL Club for next season are treated as continuing with that Club so they drop a point upon returning each season.
7. A category for established reserve players swapping CMFL clubs to play senior football at another CMFL Club was created at 2 points.
8. Players transferring to a CMFL Club at which his father played a minimum of 100 senior games are rated as 3 point players. Evidence of the games played may be required.
9. The Board reserves the right to adjust the Points ratings of players who are legitimately transferred by their existing employer to a new workplace location. A club is required to request this adjustment and provide acceptable proof to the Board.

The terms 'State League', 'Major League' and 'District League' shall have the meaning defined by the Victorian Country Football League Rules and Regulations. If these terms are not defined by rules and regulations of other States, then the League may make a determination as to which Leagues are to be considered 'Major League' and which, 'District' Leagues.

18.4 Appeals on the points allocated for a player– the process where Clubs wish to question the points allocated to a player by the League has been adjusted to allow for appeals to the CMFL Independent Tribunal.

The Process is as follows:

- Step 1: Clubs lodge all player points' ratings with the League for verification. Each player's points rating for the coming season is set by Points Review Panel.
- Step 2: If a Club believes the points rating allocated to any of its players is not correct, fair or reasonable it then may ask for a review of the decision by the full CMFL Board.
- Step 3: If the original decision is confirmed by the Board the Club may appeal the players points rating to the Independent Tribunal

Review Panel

- (a) The Panel will consist of 2 Board members, League Manager and League Clearance Secretary. If a club is dissatisfied with the initial point's assessment for a player, then the club may at any time apply for the review panel to undertake reconsideration of the points assessed. The review panel may take into account any relevant consideration, but particularly:
 - The age of the player
 - The injury history of the player
 - The recent playing history of the player
 - The length of time which has elapsed since the player last played at the level which has caused points to be assessed to him.In the case of an COLTS player whose playing history for the previous two years was at a different Central Murray Football League Club, his living, schooling and or work arrangements that may give cause for him to transfer clubs will be considered.
 - (b) The review panel shall have the power to regulate its own proceedings. Its decision may be appealed to the full CMFL Board. Any club requiring a ruling on any issue concerning this rule shall do so by Notice of Motion to the League Board.
 - (c) If the original decision is confirmed by the full Board the Club can now appeal to the CMFL Independent Tribunal.
- 18.5 Penalties for breaching the rule:** Winners lose their 4 points and any percentage; a losing team receives \$500 fine and loss of score for percentage purposes.
- 18.6 Annual review**
A review of the points system will be completed following the completion of each season.