



Ballarat Cricket Association Governing Procedure 2 Player Points System

The Ballarat Cricket Association (BCA) Board believe all Clubs should be afforded the opportunity to be sustainable, grow and succeed. From 2015's strategic planning consultation with all Clubs an action point was to create a Player Points System to even the playing field at the top level to create a highly competitive and sustainable competition.

Even competitions allow for a greater participation rate, of which the Ballarat Cricket Association is committed to maintain and increase. Fairer competitions allow all participants, coaches, managers, members, and supporters to arrive on game day uncertain of any match outcome and have hope that it could be their day.

The ability for all involved to be motivated and strive for success allows them to remain engaged with their Clubs and more likely to offer further commitment to the Clubs' cause. Both on and off the field, an even competition allows team and Club morale to maintain higher levels and thus gain more enjoyment for effort.

Competition equalisation is standard practice in many other sports, at both local and international levels, to ensure competitiveness and sustainability. The BCA is a strong competition, and the intent is to keep improving.

The objectives of the Player Points System are to

- support equalisation of the BCA competitions,
- ensure each team fielded in the competition is strong and as evenly matched as possible,
- provide the best opportunities for Clubs to develop from within (Junior programs) and maintain Club loyalty,
- provide best opportunity for players to develop and display their skills,
- provide opportunities to compete within an orderly and fair system,
- encourage community and corporate sponsorships of Community Clubs,
- reduce the financial burden/stress on Clubs, and
- provide incentive to spend more time and effort in the development of cricket, a welcoming Club environment and growing the game within the local community.

Much of the above relates to and has been derived from our local football neighbours, however, highly relevant to the BCA. We don't want our Clubs and Association to follow the paths of other codes when Club loyalty and development are compromised for financial incentive and/or gain.

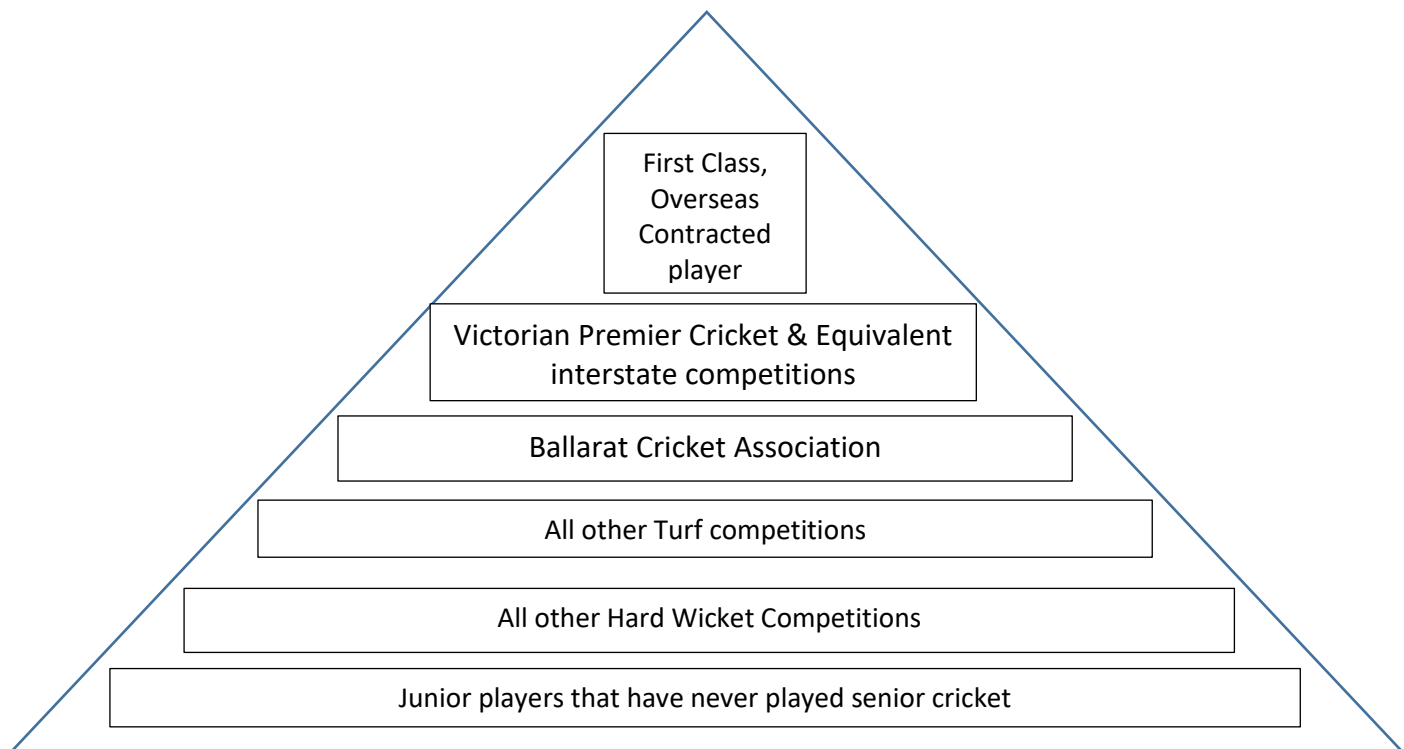
We acknowledge that this system will not stop player payments and is not intended to. The sole purpose is to create a fairer and level playing field for all Clubs to succeed and prosper.

The BCA Board adopted the points levels outlined in Table A from season 2020/2021 with the system enforced for 1st XI matches only.



From season 2021/22 the points system has been altered to allow for an approved rule change to the number of players that can participate in a two-day game.

- (a) The 40-point limit is applicable for 1st XI one-day games when a maximum of 11 players selected.
- (b) A 43-point limit is applicable for 1st XI two-day games when a maximum of 12 players are selected and participate.
- (c) The 40-point limit is applicable for 1st XI two-day games when 11 players are selected and participate.
- (d) The player points limit outlined in Point (a) applies to any one-day 1st XI finals.
- (e) The player points limited outlined in Points (b) and (c) apply to two-day and four-day 1st XI finals.
- (f) The point's calculation levels are outlined in Table A
- (g) Clubs must separate previous season's players when submitting their rating sheets.
- (h) Clubs must submit updated lists by the **10th September**. Additional registrations post September 10 to be forwarded as an updated list. Non-conforming clubs to be penalised.
- (i) A listing of where various competitions sit on the scale compared to the BCA is provided as a guide to assist clubs in rating their players.





BCA 1st XI Team Points Calculation & Rules

- 1 Existing players in the BCA will be allocated a “Points value” in accordance with Table A and the rules of implementation.
- 2 Player points value are generated at the time of BCA registration. Where a previously ranked player has their commencing value changed because of the annual points system review, the player may adopt the revised starting value and then deduct the applicable loyalty points.
- 3 Where a player fits in to multiple “Table A” categories, the category with the highest ranking shall be the one allocated as that player’s start value, after which discounts may be applied.
- 4 Once a player has been allocated their points value it shall remain throughout their time with their current club in the BCA.
- 5 If a player changes clubs, except for where they return to a club at which they have played not less than three full seasons as a junior, they commence with the value as determined in Table A.
- 6 A player who has been a junior and played not less than three full seasons as a junior with that club and is subsequently returning to their junior club shall receive a 50% discount on re-entry starting value (per Table B).
- 7 Table A is all based on the previous two seasons. If a player has not played any cricket in the preceding two seasons, that player will be given the minimum 2-point allocation (subject to Pennant Committee approval)
- 8 In line with the points limits outlined in Points (a) to (e), either 11 or 12 players must be listed on the match day team sheet, with points listed in appropriate column, and signed by both Captains and witnessed by the Umpire before the commencement of play.
- 9 Points cap only applies to 1st XI teams.
- 10 BCA has the right to adjust amount of point cap allowed for teams each match at the end of each season. Notification of season’s points cap adjustment will be provided each year.
- 11 Discounts shall apply to player value based on Table B and may only be applied upon authorization by the Pennant Committee. Where applicable, the junior discount shall be applied first.
- 12 It is the responsibility of each club to ensure correct player information is supplied and correct rankings are applied and maintained. All new players to have a detailed history supplied to support their applied ranking. The BCA is not responsible for establishing player rankings.
- 13 BCA has right to investigate club points allocations at any time.
- 14 The minimum point’s value for all players shall be 2.
- 15 Where discounts apply, and half points remain, all rankings are to be rounded up to the nearest whole number.
- 16 Clubs must submit their list to the BCA prior to the **10th of September each year.**
- 17 Clubs must keep lists up to date with the BCA for any new players post 10th September. Newly listed players must have their point rating ratified by the Pennant Committee prior to playing their first 1st XI match. **Application is to be lodged by 10am Friday preceding 1st day of the game.**
- 18 All points for the current season will be finalised 2 weeks after clearances close on January 31.
- 19 Penalties: Any club breaching the requisite qualifications / player point’s cap shall forfeit match points and may be liable for a maximum \$500 fine. 1st innings match points will be awarded to the opposing side.



TABLE A

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First class player (during previous two seasons). 	10Pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premier (or other state equivalent) 1st XI Player (20+ 1st XI games during previous two seasons). • Overseas contracted players (during previous two seasons). 	9Pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premier (or other state equivalent) 1st XI player (<20 games during previous two seasons). • ACCC Representative Player (at any time during previous two seasons). 	8Pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premier (or other state equivalent) 2nd XI player (20+ 2nd XI games, during previous two seasons). • 1st XI player with another BCA club (10+ 1st XI games in previous two seasons). • All other Overseas Players. 	7Pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premier (or other state equivalent) 2nd XI player. (<20 2nd XI games, during previous two seasons). • 1st XI player with another BCA club (<10 1st XI games in previous two seasons). • Any other turf club in Australia (20+ 1st XI games during previous two seasons).. 	6Pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premier (or other state equivalent) 3rd XI player. (20+ 3rd XI games, during previous two seasons). • Any other turf club in Australia (< 20 1st XI games during previous two seasons) 	5Pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premier (or other state equivalent) 3rd XI player. (< 20 3rd XI games, during previous two seasons). • Premier (or other state equivalent) 4th XI player. (20+ 4th X1 games during previous two seasons). • BCA 2nd XI player less than 4 years out of juniors at junior club (10+ games during previous two seasons). • Any other hard wicket club in Australia (20+ 1st XI games during previous two seasons). 	4Pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premier (or other state equivalent) 4th XI player. (<20 4th X1 games during previous two seasons). • Any other hard wicket club in Australia (< 20 1st XI games during previous two seasons). 	3Pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player who has not played 1st XI with another BCA club. • Player via club Junior program. 	2Pts

DISCOUNTS TABLE B

A	Junior - Players returning to their junior club, having played not less than three junior seasons with this same club.	50% Off
B	Loyalty – 1 point discount for each season of prior service to the one club to a minimum of 2-point player value.	1 point per season
C	Players returning from Premier Cricket to the club where they last played (a minimum of 2 seasons) or to their junior club (minimum of 3 seasons) shall return with the same ranking points as they left	As applicable



Examples of player points

- Junior who played all juniors at your club will be 2 points
- Player coming from Maryborough playing over 20 1st XI matches in last 2 seasons will be 6 points
- Player coming from another BCA club playing over 10 1st XI matches in the past 2 years is 7 points.
- All players who stay at the same club get a 1-point discount the following year. (Excepting Premier Cricket players who in the previous season may have played games locally before playing Premier Cricket. If the player's last game for the season was with a Premier Club, there is no loyalty discount to apply. A loyalty discount is only applicable if a player finished the season with their BCA club).
- The minimum a player can be is 2 points.