



Ballarat Cricket Association Governing Procedure 2

Player Points System- Premier 1st XI

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 Premier 1st XI matches only.

BCA Premier 1st XI Team Points Calculation & Rules



TABLE A

First class player (during previous two seasons)	10
Premier (or other state equivalent) 1st XI Player (20+ 1st XI games during previous two seasons)	9
Overseas contracted players (during previous two seasons)	9
Premier (or other state equivalent) 1st XI player (<20 games during previous two seasons)	8
ACCC Representative player (at any time during previous two seasons).	8
Premier (or other state equivalent) 2nd XI player (20+ 2nd XI games, during previous two seasons).	7
1st XI player with another BCA club (10+ 1st XI games in previous two seasons).	7
All other Overseas Players.	7
Premier (or other state equivalent) 2nd XI player. (<20 2nd XI games, during previous two seasons).	6
1st XI player with another BCA club (< 10 1st XI games in previous two seasons).	6
Any other turf club in Australia (20+ 1st XI games during previous two seasons)	6
Premier (or other state equivalent)) 3rd XI player. (20+ 3rd XI games, during previous two seasons).	5
Any other turf club in Australia (< 20 1st XI games during previous two seasons)	5
Premier (or other state equivalent) 3rd XI player. (< 20 3rd XI games, during previous two seasons).	4
Premier (or other state equivalent) 4th XI player. (20+ 4th X1 games during previous two seasons)	4
BCA Championship Division 1 and 2 Player (previously BCA 2nd XI Division 1 and 2) player at another BCA club less than 4 years out of juniors at junior club (10+ games during previous two seasons)	4
Any other hard wicket club in Australia (20+ 1st XI games during previous two seasons)	4
Premier (or other state equivalent) 4th XI player. (<20 4th X1 games during previous two seasons)	3
Any other hard wicket club in Australia (< 20 1st XI games during previous two seasons)	3
BCA Championship Division 1 and 2 Player (previously BCA 2nd XI Division 1 and 2) player at another BCA club less than 4 years out of juniors at junior club (10+ games during previous two seasons)	3
Player who has not played 1st XI with another BCA club.	2
Players via club Junior program.	2



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
D	Senior BCA Players returning to a previous BCA senior club, having played not less than three consecutive seasons with that club.	2-point reduction

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 Premier 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.

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