SEASON 2023/24 PLAYER POINTS INFORMATION & POLICY GUIDELINES

PREAMBLE:

- A club's 1st XI aggregate of player points shall not exceed **19 in seasons 2022/23 and 2023/24**.
- Any player who fits into more than one category shall be in the category which attracts the most points.
- Points to reduce by one for each consecutive season played after the initial assessment to a minimum of 1 point. Players who have been assessed in any given season but **not played 1st XI** shall **NOT** be entitled to a discount.
- Clubs can only claim a deduction for players under the category the player is assessed against.
- The points assessments below relate to the initial assessment of players, the deductions for time spent away from Premier and First Class are not applicable season on season. Once a player has been initially assessed the only discount applicable is to reduce by 1 point for each consecutive season played.
- In requesting an assessment of a player's points, clubs are required to provide full details of playing careers, including overseas and interstate records.
- Should an information breach be identified this will be subject to investigation and may result in loss of points for any game the player participated in.
- Test Cricket – Where a player has played Test Cricket in the previous 3 seasons and joins a VSDCA club they shall not be entitled to a discount year on year until such time as they have ceased playing Test Cricket for 3 seasons. Additionally, if a player leaves the VSDCA to play Test Cricket then returns to the VSDCA they shall not be entitled to any discounts and will be re-assessed as a new player.
- In situations where players fall outside the Guidelines or leave the VSDCA to play elsewhere in the off season, the Player Points Committee will make a recommendation to the VSDCA Board regarding an allocation of points.

  The VSDCA Board shall have the power to make interpretations and determinations in all situations relating to player points and their decision shall be final and binding.

DEFINITIONS / GLOSSARY:

Season	A 'Season' is defined as a full Australian Cricket Season being October 1 to March 31 (noting this date could be later if seasons were extended due to Covid) e.g. in assessing the term "if a player has not played First Class for 3 Seasons." If they have played one First Class game between October 1 – March 31 they will be considered to have played in that season. To be eligible for a discount they are required to be out of First Class Cricket for a period of three full Australian Cricket Seasons.
Premier Cricket	Premier Cricket is defined by Cricket Australia within each State and Territory and labelled 'Premier Cricket' within the online cricket management system the relevant State Body is using at the time.
First Class	As defined within ICC regulations as 'First Class'. Guidelines below may be subject to update via the ICC website. This includes Test Cricket. https://resources.pulse.icc-cricket.com/ICC/document/2020/08/10/f8e2b1fd-8ad2-44ca-a488-f865aacedb71/ICC-Classification-of-Official-Cricket-July-2020.pdf
International Equivalents to English County 2nd XI	Equivalents noted below, levels of cricket outside this list may be assessed by the player points committee as the same level if they are below First Class: - List A - Big Bash League, IPL and other T20 National tournaments - Australian State and Territory 2nd XI (usually called List A) - Games involving 'top 8' Associate Teams as defined by the ICC - https://resources.pulse.icc-cricket.com/ICC/document/2020/08/10/f8e2b1fd-8ad2-44ca-a488-f865aacedb71/ICC-Classification-of-Official-Cricket-July-2020.pdf
Senior VSDCA player	Must have played at least one game of VSDCA Pennant Cricket at 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th XI level. This does **not** include T20 Twilight Games, these games are not considered relevant for any discounts.
Junior player	This includes players who are returning to a club where they have played at least one non-VSDCA game, this includes junior games and other Non-VSDCA senior games (e.g. 5th XI in the VTCA, ECA, DDCA, CSB etc). Players with a record of having played only Craig Shield are not entitled to a discount.

	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	POINTS ALLOCATION
1	**First Class (Including Test Cricket)**	Deduct 1 point if the player has not played First Class cricket for 3 Seasons prior to the transfer. Deduct a further point for each subsequent Season in which First Class cricket has not been played, prior to the transfer, until the player is back to 1 point.	**5**
2	**Premier Cricket 1sts [as assessed by Cricket Australia regardless of which State/Territory player has played] (21 or more games), English County 2nds & international equivalents (see glossary)**	Deduct 1 point if the player has not played Premier Cricket 1sts or English county 2nds for two Seasons. Deduct a further 1 point for each additional Season in which the player has not played at the relevant level, until the player is back to 1 point.	**4**
3	**Premier Cricket 1sts (1-20 games inclusive)**	Deduct 1 point if the player has not played Premier Cricket 1sts for two Seasons. Deduct a further 1 point for each additional Season in which the player has not played at the relevant level, until the player is back to 1 point.	**3**
4	**Premier Cricket 2nd XI player**	Deduct 1 point if the player has not played Premier Cricket for two Seasons.	**2**
5	**VSDCA 1st XI player (16 or more games) from another current VSDCA club**	Deduct 1 point if the player has not played 1st XI in the previous two Seasons. Deduct a further 1 point for each additional Season in which the player has not played at the relevant level.	**4**
6	**VSDCA 1st XI player (1 – 15 games inclusive) from another current VSDCA club**	Deduct 1 point if the player has not played 1st XI in the previous two Seasons. Deduct a further 1 point for each additional Season in which the player has not played at the relevant level.	**3**
7	**VSDCA 1st XI player from a previous VSDCA club no longer affiliated with the VSDCA**		**1**
8	**VSDCA 2nd, 3rd & 4th XI player from another VSDCA club & Premier Cricket 3rd & 4th XI player**		**1**

9	**Any player from another cricket association e.g. VTCA, ECA, DDCA, Southern Cricket Bayside (CSB) but not limited to just these associations and international equivalents**		**1**
10	**All other players**		**1**
Discounts / Deductions For returning players		Deduct 2 points if a player is returning to a club where they were a former Senior VSDCA player from First Class or Premier Cricket 1st XI. Deduct 1 point if a player is returning to a club where they were a former Senior VSDCA player from Premier Cricket 2nd XI or VSDCA 1st XI. Deduct 1 point if a player is returning to a club where they were a former 'junior player' having played at least 1 Non-VSDCA game for that club.	