

QBL Points System Explained – 2017

The Queensland Basketball League (QBL) is a competition for Queensland basketball associations which underpins the WNBL and NBL and provides entertainment to spectators by showcasing the most talented basketball players within Queensland. The QBL provides a pathway for Queensland players, coaches and officials through the development opportunities that the QBL offers. For some this will be the pinnacle of their pathway and for others it will be a stepping stone on their pathway to the WNBL and NBL and National Representation.

The points system is designed to ensure that young, aspiring players (particularly those who have been developed by the association they represent in the QBL) are provided development opportunities while still allowing QBL clubs to introduce players to augment their teams.

Points System - The points applicable are outlined below:

Category	2016 Points
1. A player who is not an Australian citizen and who is required under the rules of FIBA to hold an annual Foreign Player's Licence (Excluding New Zealand)	12
2. Any player defined as restricted due to the minutes played in the NBL or WNBL	10
3. Any Australian citizen who played in a Euroleague Team or any Division 1 competition in the countries set out in the Restricted Foreign Leagues tables (note that all countries the player has competed in during the off season will be used to determine the points rating)	10
4. Any player defined as restricted due to the minutes played in the NBL or WNBL in the QBL Rules within the last two (2) years	5
5. Unrestricted NBL/WNBL Players	5
6. Any player that has an approved Permanent Resident Visa for Australia. (Note that this category does not apply to players that may have played in a restricted foreign country or be defined as restricted due to their NBL/WNBL status)	5
7. Any player who played in a foreign country other than those set out in Category 3 (note that all countries the player has competed in during the off season will be used to determine the points rating)	3
8. An NBL contracted Development Player	3
9. Players 24 years old or more as at 31 December 2017 who do not meet the above criteria	2
10. Players turning 16 or older, but under 24 years old as at 31 December 2017 who do not meet any of the above criteria	1
TOTAL POINTS APPLICABLE TO 15 REGISTERED PLAYERS PER TEAM	38
Special Conditions	
<u>1 point is added for each registered player over 15 registered players up to 20 registered players where the total points applicable is 43.</u>	
<u>If a team has less than 15 registered players, points are reduced by 1 point for each player less than 15.</u>	
New Zealand nationals who reside in Australia are now permitted to play in the QBL and their points rating will be determined upon their age and Basketball experience. Eg: If they last played in a Div 1 restricted foreign league they carry the applicable points rating of 10 however if they are under 24 years old as at 31 December 2017 and have never played in a restricted foreign league they would be a 1 point player.	
Special Dispensations	
Player Points are reduced by 50% if the player has played Under 18 Representative Basketball with the QBL association they are registering with. (Note: associations have the ability to apply for an exemption should a player have departed the program after U16 representative level to take up a scholarship or attend a boarding school. This exemption also applies if your association could not field an U18 team at a specific state championship)	
Player Points are reduced by 50% if the player has played QBL for the association they are registering with for 100 games (not including games in which they suited up and did not play). This points reduction does not apply to players who are classified as Restricted under the QBL rules.	
Loyalty rules for restricted players and Foreign Players – If a restricted or foreign player has competed for 100 games or eight consecutive seasons with a QBL club they would be deemed unrestricted as a part of this loyalty clause. This rule only extends to one player per team and this player will not receive a player points discount on their points rating unless they were a player that played Under 18's for the association.	

Important Information

The Queensland Basketball League (QBL) will continue to classify players of Pacific Island nationality as restricted players. Some leagues within Australia will allow players from the entire Oceania region to participate without restriction, provided they have satisfied government immigration requirements and FIBA Player Licence requirements however this is not the case within the QBL.

New Points Change for 2017 onward

Only players turning sixteen (16) during the QBL regular season will be permitted to play in the Queensland Basketball League from the 2017 season onward. This decision was made by the Board of Basketball Queensland as a strategic priority moving forward.

Restricted Foreign Leagues

1. Argentina	2. Brazil	3. Canada – excluding College Programs
4. China	5. Croatia	6. Czech Republic
7. France	8. Germany	9. Greece
10. Hungary	11. Israel	12. Italy
13. Lithuania	14. New Zealand (men only)	15. Poland
16. Puerto Rica	17. Russia	18. Serbia
19. Slovakia	20. Slovenia	21. Spain
22. Turkey	23. USA – excluding College Programs	

Process

The following process are undertaken:

1. If a team wishes to apply for a dispensation for players that have departed their association after U16 representative level to attend a boarding school or take up a scholarship need to write to the League Manager seeking the dispensation and provide written evidence from the player's parents and school to determine eligibility.
2. Once team nominations are received for the 2017 QBL season each team's points are allocated for each player (based on the preliminary work done) and the total points for each player and the team are provided to the QBL Club.
3. QBL Clubs have 14 days to appeal the points allocated by providing a written submission detailing why the points should be adjusted;
4. The League Manager can then assess the appeal and, if an obvious error or omission has been made, the League Manager can make an immediate correction.
5. If an appeal sits outside the scope of the QBL points system rules to which the League Manger is bound; and the intention and purpose of the points system is proven to have adversely effected a player by not upholding the core purpose of the QBL, the matter would then be referred to the independent tribunal for a decision (which would be final). The League Manager will be in attendance at any meeting of the tribunal; however, the League Manager may not vote or take part in the meeting except to provide information to the tribunal; and
6. The QBL Club must be advised of the decision by the Tribunal within 48 hours of it being made.
7. The League will notify all club delegates of the outcome of an appeal and will attach any information submitted by the Club by way of transparency.