



2019 QBL Player Points System

Background

In 2013 a new mechanism was introduced to support the role and purpose of this competition and to ensure that the QBL delivers the desired outcomes. Therefore, the points system listed below was implemented from the 2013 QBL season to encourage QBL Clubs to meet these expectations.

Purpose

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 with development opportunities while still allowing QBL clubs to introduce players to augment their teams.

Management

The QBL Club carries the responsibility for ensuring that the total points for their teams are within the maximum points available.

QBL Clubs must submit team lists together with all information required to determine the point applicable for each player no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the commencement of the season. The League Manager will then assess the team lists submitted and, based on this information and any other information available, will assess the lists submitted for accuracy. The League Manager will adjust the points of a specific player if, based on the facts as presented or easily obtainable, the points are in error. This process is in place to assist the QBL Clubs in determining the points for each player and to ensure, as much as possible, that the points for each team are within the maximum allowable, but **this in no way diminishes the responsibility of the QBL Club to ensure that the points for their teams are accurate.**

For the sake of transparency, individual player points for all QBL Teams will be published by the league to all QBL Club Delegates at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the 2019 QBL Season. In addition, individual player points for all QBL Teams will be published by the league to all QBL Club Delegates following Round 4 of the 2019 QBL season. If a player is added to a team during the season, the individual player points for that QBL team will be published to all QBL Clubs within seven (7) days of the player being added.

Appeals

QBL Clubs may apply to the League Manager to have the points of a player reassessed if they feel that there is a special circumstance which applies to the player and the Points Categories defined in the QBL rules do not accurately reflect the player circumstances. Such applications must be lodged in writing, stating the grounds of the appeal and must be accompanied by evidence that a **non-refundable** \$250.00 application fee has been deposited into Basketball Queensland's bank account (i.e. a copy of the receipt from an electronic transfer). This will be referred to an independent tribunal for assessment. Any decision on any such appeal made by the independent tribunal shall be final.

Contesting Points of Players in Other QBL Clubs

If a QBL Club wishes to contest the points classification of players of teams for other QBL Clubs, this must be lodged in writing to the League Manager within seven (7) days of each QBL Team List being published. All applications to contest the points of **each** player in an opposing team must be accompanied by evidence that a \$100.00 application fee has been deposited into Basketball Queensland's bank account (i.e. a copy of the receipt from an electronic transfer). This fee will be refunded if it is found that the contesting QBL Club has made a correct assessment.

The club that is having a player's points contested will be provided a copy of the written application contesting the points within 48 hours of the receipt of the application. The League Manager will refer all contested points applications to an independent tribunal for assessment. Any decision on any contested points shall be final.

Applications to contest points lodged more than seven (7) days after a QBL Team List is published will not be considered.

Player Points Allocation

The total points calculation for a QBL team is calculated in the following manner:

1. Points are determined by identifying the top fifteen (15) players in terms of point before any reductions granted through special dispensations (points reductions) are applied. If there is less than fifteen (15) players in a team's roster, all players in the roster will be considered; and
2. Any special dispensations are then applied to these players (the top fifteen (15) or all players in the roster if there is less than fifteen (15) players in the team roster) and the total points for these players is calculated; and
3. The maximum points that a team may have is dependent on the total number of players in their roster. The maximum number of players considered in the calculation is fifteen (15) and the minimum is nine (9). The maximum points available for team rosters is set out below:

Number of Player in Roster	Maximum Points
9	32
10	33
11	34
12	35
13	36
14	37
15	38

Teams may have a maximum of twenty (20) players in their roster, but only the top fifteen (15) will be used to determine the points available to a team. The points value of each of the players ranked from 16 to 20 in terms of their points value must be no more than one (1) point before any special dispensations are applied.

Points for each player will be calculated in accordance with the following table and will be determined by the players' situation one calendar month days prior to the commencement of the 2019 QBL season:

Category	Points
1. A player who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen who is required under the rules of FIBA to hold an annual Foreign Player's Licence.	12
2. Any Australian or New Zealand citizen who has played in the NBA (excluding the NBA Summer League) or the WNBA in the 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 seasons.	12
3. Any Australian or New Zealand citizen who has played an average of 14 minutes or more per game in games played in the 2018-19 NBL or WNBL season as published by Basketball Queensland from time to time.	10
4. Any player that has competed in a team at a FIBA Basketball World Cup and/or a FIBA World Cup Qualifier in the last twelve months. (The twelve-month period prior to the set submission date of team lists to the league manager)	10
5. Any Australian or New Zealand citizen who has last played in a Euro League Team or any Division 1 competition in the countries set out in the Restricted Foreign Leagues Table One. (Last played is to be considered the twelve-month period prior to the set submission date of team lists to the league. For the avoidance of doubt club or domestic competitions are not considered last played team or competition.)	10
6. Any Australian or New Zealand citizen who has last played in a competition in the countries set out in the Foreign Leagues Table Two. (Last played is to be considered the twelve-month period prior to the set submission date of team lists to the league. For the avoidance of doubt club or domestic competitions are not considered last played team or competition.)	5
7. Any Australian or New Zealand citizen who has played an average of 5 or more minutes, but less than 14 minutes per game in games played in the 2018-19 NBL or WNBL season as published by Basketball Queensland from time to time.	5
8. Any player that has an approved Permanent Resident Visa for Australia. <i>(Please 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).</i>	5
9. Any Australian or New Zealand citizen who has played less than an average of 5 minutes per game in games played in the 2018-19 NBL or WNBL season as published by Basketball Queensland from time to time.	3
10. Any player who has last played in a basketball league in a foreign country other than those set out in Category 5 and 6. <i>(Note: Australian players returning from a US College program other than NCAA Division 1 colleges are excluded from this Category).</i>	3

Category	Points
11. Players who do not meet any of the above criteria and reside more than ¹²⁰ 100 kms from the nominating QBL Club's home courts (to encourage clubs to use local players).	3
12. Players who do not meet any of the above criteria and reside within 120kms of the nominating QBL Club's home courts for the duration of the QBL season (i.e. players in this Category must be local players and cannot reside outside the local area of the QBL Club), regardless of where the player may have played as a junior representative player.	1

Restricted Foreign Leagues Table One		
1. Argentina	2. Brazil	3. China
4. Croatia	5. Czech Republic	6. France
7. Germany	8. Greece	9. Hungary
10. Israel	11. Italy	12. Lithuania
13. Puerto Rica	14. Russia	15. Serbia
16. Turkey	17. USA – excluding College Programs	18. Spain
19. Poland		

Foreign Leagues Table Two		
1. New Zealand (Men Only)	2. British Basketball League	3. Philippines
4. Slovenia	5. Slovakia	

Special Conditions

1. Players with Dual Citizenship are classed as Australian Citizens for the purposes of classification under this points system.
2. New Zealand nationals who reside in Australia are permitted to play in the QBL and their points rating will be determined by their basketball experience. For example: If they last played in a Division 1 restricted foreign league (Male ONLY) they carry the applicable points rating of 10, however, if they have never played in a restricted foreign league, they would be a Category 9 or 10 player.
3. Players who are registered to play in another State League cannot be listed in the player roster for QBL Clubs, meaning they cannot play in two state leagues at the same time.

Special Dispensations

Only one Special Dispensation can be applied to each individual player in any season.

1. Player Points are reduced by 50% if the player has played Under 16 and/or Under 18 Representative Basketball at a Queensland State Championships with the QBL association they are registering with. (Note: associations are eligible to apply for an exemption if the association could not field an Under 16 and/or Under 18 team at a specific Queensland State Championship if the player in question was registered at the association when they were eligible to play in Under 16 and/or Under 18 State Championships). The nominating association must produce evidence that supports this dispensation.
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2. Player Points are reduced by 50% if the player has played QBL for the QBL Club they are registering with for 100 games (not including games in which they suited up and did not play) prior to the commencement of the season. For the avoidance of doubt, player points will not be reduced for players who play their 100th game during the 2019 season. The reduction would apply in the following season. This points reduction does not apply to players who are classified as Restricted under the QBL rules.

3. **Loyalty rules for Restricted and Foreign Players** – If a restricted or foreign player has competed for 100 games or eight consecutive seasons with the same 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 16 and/or Under 18 Representative Basketball at a Queensland State Championship with the QBL Club they are registering with.

Penalties for Teams Breaching the Maximum Points

If a team has been found to have been in breach of the rules by fielding a team that is in excess of the maximum points available, they must restructure the team immediately (or after any appeal that may be open to them has been exhausted) to ensure that it comes within the maximum points available to the team and all games played during the season prior to restructuring the team while the team was in excess of the maximum points will be considered losses. The opposing teams who lost games to this team while over the cap will not be considered to have won these games.

The QBL Club may lodge an appeal within 48 hours of being notified of the breach. The appeal must be in writing, stating the grounds for the appeal and accompanied by evidence that a \$250 **non-refundable appeal fee** has been deposited into Basketball Queensland's bank account (i.e. a copy of the receipt from an electronic transfer).

All appeals will be referred to an independent tribunal for assessment. Any decision on any such appeal made by the independent tribunal shall be final.

