

Points System Allocations for Use in 2017 Championship Season for U/12 and U/14 A Grade Competitions

Over the past 12 months there has been a developing process designed to develop a more even competition for Junior A Grade Basketball, which will encourage more Clubs to play in A Grade. This is not an unusual process and a number of Associations have adopted variations around this premise. It is to apply for the Championship Season 2017 as a trial season and limited at the moment to this season on the basis that it is the season which matches the age playing arrangements of players in the JET program.

This process is referred to as the Points System and uses a points allocation given to a JET program player. Here are its key elements –

- A team playing in U/12 and U/14 A Grade will have a points cap of 16 points
- A team will be counted as 7 players with any vacant positions accruing one point per position
- A team will be able to play 8, 9 or 10 players in a game providing its top seven players match the cap and its additional players are one point players.
- Teams must be counted from the highest number through to the lowest when assessing the cap requirement
- Players in the JET program have been allocated 4, 3 or 2 points. The JET players have been the group included in this process as they have been selected by an independent group based upon ability and potential and are all receiving additional coaching within this program. Any attempt to judge the value of players outside the system adds a degree of complication and subjectivity not able to be managed. All players outside* of the JET program are given one point. *See dot point 8 below
- This allocation was administered by the JET Committee in consultation with a range of team coaches and was finalised in March 2017
- The guideline was that players deemed to be in the starting five or equivalent for the Blue team were given 4 points, allowing for some flexibility in teams where this number was not fixed to 5. The remaining players in the Blue team and those in the Gold team were allocated 3 points and players in the White team were given 2 points. (Agreed to by Clubs at Special Meeting held May 4, 2017)
- Players' points allocation only applies in their correct age group. An U/12 player playing in U/14 A Grade is counted as one point, even if they are a 4 point player in U/12s
- Players who are representative players for other Associations are all given 2 points (Agreed to at same meeting above)
- Once players have their allocation set it holds for the Championship season regardless of whether a JET player is moved within that framework
- The points for players are published below -

The introduction of the policy was delayed in August 2016 when it became apparent that implementation was not possible until the JET selections were finalised. It has come into practice in this 2017 Championship Season on the condition that it is a trial season which will be fully reviewed towards the end of the season. A range of comments will be sought from all parties at this time.