

# PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A POINTS CAP SYSTEM WITHIN BRISBANE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Within the BHL1 and 2 divisions there is a severe disparity in the standard of the teams. BHA has identified this and at the 2006 strategic planning meetings all attendees agreed that the association must take action to rectify this if the sport is to develop in the area. This proposal attempts to offer a solution to this problem by spreading the talent of players entering the competition and rewards club development of juniors.

In order to achieve more balance within clubs, this model suggests that various representative honours are ranked and assigned "points". The association sets the "points cap" which will indicate the maximum number of points that the Club may register for its players.

## *SUGGESTED RULES*

1. All Clubs completing in BHL grades are subject to this system.
2. The points system covers an entire Club, not just Division 1 and 2.
3. Once a Club exceeds the points cap it may not register any additional points scoring players until the Club is once again under the cap. The club may register as many players without points as it desires.
4. Any player who was registered with a club for the previous season may remain with that club even if their inclusion, due to improved representative status, results in the club exceeding their cap. However, the Club will still be subject to rule 3.
5. All players are subject to this system. There are no exceptions.
6. The following categories of players can received discounted points:
  - a. A player who has been with the senior Club since at least Under 13 attract zero points;
  - b. A player who joined a Club as a junior but after Under 13 attracts 50% of the assigned points;
  - c. A player who has nominated for selection for Brisbane and is not selected in any Premier League or Open team may play for another association at the Open level and attract zero points.
  - d. A Kookaburra player who will play less than the games required to qualify to participate in finals may receive a 50% points discount. Should the player meet the qualifying requirement he will be subject to full points. The points weighting must be advised by the club prior to season commencement.
  - e. Where a player has not made himself unavailable for selection for Blades and is not selected in that team then he may be selected for another NHL team and not receive points for that selection. That player will receive points to the representative level achieved in Qld.

7. Junior registered players that attract points are included in a clubs total even if they are not registered in a senior team as they may be utilised by senior teams on a temporary basis.
8. Players attract the points associated with the highest status level played for the previous season. The previous season is defined as being completed as at 31<sup>st</sup> December the previous year.
9. No player selected in Brisbane Premier League 2 or Brisbane Open shall be allocated additional points should they be promoted from those teams due to injury or illness of other players.
10. Overseas and Interstate player points are allocated at the discretion of the Board after considering a recommendation from the "CAP Committee". Representative levels from other States are matched to the equivalent Queensland level. An appeal may be lodged with the CAP Committee if it is considered the allocation is incorrect.
11. All new players to Brisbane must have a 'Status Form' signed by the player and their previous association confirming Representative Status.
12. Club player lists must be provided to the association no less than 4 weeks prior to the start of the season. The association will provide a "points total" to the club to ensure that both the association and the club are clear on the clubs current cap status.
13. With each registration / re-registration / de-registration the association will issue an updated "points total" to the club.
14. In the case of Joint Ventures, the total points shall be deemed as the combined total of all feeder clubs. For example, the total points for United Hockey will be the combined totals of Kedron Wavell Services and South West United Hockey Clubs.
15. A player may be included in the club, even if the club currently exceeds the points cap, should he meet the following criteria. His mother, father, brother or sister has played for the club for a minimum of 5 years. The player will retain the points allocated to him and the club will take those points into account when considering future players.

## ***BENEFITS***

There are a number of benefits to this system over other suggested models. The most significant benefit is this system encourages and rewards those clubs who invest in the development of juniors. Junior Development has been a major focus of BHA over the past few years.

Representative Players are public knowledge and selection information is available in the public domain. This introduces a certain amount of transparency to the model. As a suggestion, a page could be created on the BHA website that stated each clubs points total. This would enable players coming into the association to determine which clubs were open to take them.

Unlike a Draft system, the association would not need to dictate to any player, which club they must play for. The clubs themselves would know their current points level and turn players away if registering that player will result in their exceeding the cap.

### PROPOSED POINTS

Status	Points
Current Australian Player	100
Australian Under 21 Player	85
AHL Player	75
Queensland Under 21 Player	60
Australian Country Player	50
Australian Under 18 Player	45
Premier League Division 1 Player	45
Premier League Division 2 Player	35
Queensland Under 18 Player	35
Queensland Country Player	25
RTP Program Scholarship Holders	25
Open Player – Non Brisbane	20
Open Player – Brisbane	0

### Example of Club Representative List

Player	Rep Level	Points Allocated	Club Junior u/15	Club Junior u/13	Points Discount	Final Points Allocated
Bill Brown	AHL	75	N	Y	75	0
Sam Black	PL2	35	N	N	0	35
Ray White	Open Bne	0	N	N	0	0
Alan Blue	Qld u/18	35	Y	N	17.5	17.5
Matt Green	Qld u/18	35	Y	Y	35	0
Joe Bloggs	Open	20	N	N	0	20
Peter Jones	PL	45	N	N	0	45
Paul Smith	PL	45	N	N	0	45
William Tell	Australia	100	Y	N	50	50
Richard Gere	Aust u/21	85	N	N	0	85
Tom Cruise	PL	45	Y	Y	45	0
James Bond	PL	45	Y	N	22.5	22.5
Ron Howard	AHL	75	N	N	0	75
Paul Hogan	AHL	75	N	N	0	75
Don Lane	PL	45	Y	Y	45	0
Bert Newton	AHL	75	N	N	0	75
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>835</b>			<b>290</b>	<b>545</b>