

## Proposed Points Cap Ceiling

The proposed figure for the first year of this system has been based on the existing playing rosters for the Brisbane clubs that have reached the semi finals for the 2008 season.

It is considered that as these teams have made the semi finals they have the strongest playing rosters of the Brisbane clubs. Calculations were also done for the remaining Clubs and it was then reinforced that the proposed points allocation bore out this thinking.

It is worth reinforcing that the current playing roster at any club does not need to be altered should this proposal be accepted. Players at clubs in 2008 are able to remain at those clubs in season 2009 and beyond.

The points allocated to the semi finals clubs, using the proposed points allocation, are shown below. These figures are considered to be sufficiently accurate to form a basis for the suggested initial points ceiling.

| <b>Club</b> | <b>Number of Representative Players</b> | <b>Club Full Total</b> | <b>Club Discounts</b> | <b>Club CAP Total</b> |
|-------------|---|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Easts       | 22                                      | 1040                   | 125                   | 915                   |
| Bulimba     | 17                                      | 790                    | 85                    | 705                   |
| Commercial  | 14                                      | 575                    | 190                   | 385                   |
| Redcliffe   | 12                                      | 575                    | 110                   | 465                   |

The total points for these four clubs are 2470 points, after discounts have been applied. Average this over the four clubs and this provides a figure of 617.5 points (say 625). The discounted figures being used, rather than using the raw figures, are an attempt to provide a realistic impact of club developed juniors on club points totals.

Whilst these are the figures for 2008, a club's 2009 figures may change as the club's playing roster changes through events such as:

- some players may not be playing for them next year (eg returning home after completion of Uni course);
- a player or players may have had change of representative status - for example retirement from Blades or Australian teams
- natural attrition - for example retirements or moved away from Brisbane.
- a player has gained a higher representative honour then the previous year therefore he could possibly be allocated higher points

The suggested initial Points Cap is 625 points and reviewing the table above it is clear that only 2 of the existing 10 clubs, should the same players still be at the club next season, will be impacted by this proposal. The remainder of the clubs will still have an opportunity for representative players to be signed for them whilst all clubs continue their own junior development program.

Setting the points cap at this level also provides a target within which clubs can operate in the first year of the points cap as part of improving the overall competitiveness of the competition and recognises that the benefits of junior development will take longer to impact on the points level of clubs.

It is suggested that 625 points will be the initial Points Cap and this figure will be reviewed at end of season 2009 to ensure that it has been fair for the clubs. Should the figure be considered too high or too low then an adjustment may be made.