

R02 – COMMUNITY POINTS SCHEME

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Introduction

In addition to game points, teams in Sydney Outfielders can earn Community Points.

The Community Points Scheme recognises and rewards the contribution of teams and members who help run, support and strengthen the Association through volunteering at Designated Community Points Events.

Community Points contribute directly to a team's competition points tally during the Round Robin competition and may affect final Round Robin standings.

Community Points may only be earned and awarded before the morning after Round Robin Round 13. No event after that cut-off, including the Semi Finals or Grand Finals, is a Designated Community Points Event.

The Association will also seek volunteers for other important events throughout the season that do not attract Community Points.

1. Designated Community Points activities

The following activities are Designated Community Points Events for the 2026/27 season:

Event	Requirement	Community Points
Weekly Raffle	Provide required volunteers and complete raffle duties	1
Weekly Raffle Prize	Supply an approved donated main prize valued at \$100 or more	1

Activities that do not earn Community Points

Saturday Softball, weekend training and pickup games do not earn Community Points. The earlier proposal to award points for these sessions was not adopted. Other Association volunteering remains valuable, but only the designated activities in the table above earn points.

Examples of other volunteering activities include:

- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle and Pre-Season Open Day
- Rookie induction, training and rules-refresher activities
- Season Opening Party and Photo Day
- Mardi Gras Fair Day
- Mardi Gras float-build days
- Mardi Gras Parade

Members are encouraged to volunteer at these activities even though their participation does not affect competition standings.

2. Weekly raffles

Each team is allocated one Weekly Raffle during the eligible Round Robin period and may earn up to two Community Points: one for raffle duties and one for supplying an approved donated main prize. Teams may choose not to participate and will not earn the corresponding point. The published raffle schedule identifies each team's week; all prize requirements must be met before the Community Points cut-off.

Running the raffle — 1 Community Point

Teams must provide at least two eligible volunteers, unless otherwise advised, and satisfactorily complete the duties communicated by the Committee. Duties include selling tickets, taking payments and drawing the raffle. The cancellation protections below apply where scheduled games are cancelled or not completed.

Supplying a donated main raffle prize — 1 Community Point

A team may earn one additional point by sourcing and supplying a Committee-approved, donated main raffle prize worth at least \$100, at no cost to the Association. Approach local businesses, employers or people in the team's networks who may wish to contribute. Where possible, support queer-led and community-minded businesses. Members must not buy the prize themselves or pool money to purchase it. A member-funded purchase does not qualify merely because the Committee helps source it. If the Committee provides the prize instead, the team may still earn the separate raffle-running point by meeting its duties.

Provide the proposed prize description, approximate value, donor or business details, any redemption conditions, suitable images or promotional links, and confirmation that the donation is available. The Committee may request evidence of value. A higher-value prize or multiple prizes do not earn extra points. The Committee's prize-request template can be personalised for potential donors. Do not promise Association sponsorship, branding or promotional benefits without Committee approval.

Prize deadline and late submissions

Email proposed prize details to info@sydneyoutfielders.org.au at least 10 calendar days before your allocated raffle date. This allows time for Committee approval and promotional preparation. The 10-day deadline replaces the earlier requirement based on the raffle's publication date. Obtain approval before the prize or any associated arrangement is confirmed or promoted.

If the deadline is missed, the Committee may arrange and advertise another prize. A late donated prize is not automatically eligible for a point. It may still qualify if the Committee approves it and allocates it to another available raffle before the Community Points cut-off. It will not replace a prize already confirmed or advertised. The point belongs to the team supplying the prize, not the team running the later raffle. No point is awarded for a prize that cannot be accepted and allocated before the cut-off.

Cancellations and changes

If the scheduled games are cancelled, abandoned or not completed for any reason, the allocated team still receives its raffle volunteering point, whether or not the raffle proceeds. The same applies if the raffle itself is cancelled, postponed, relocated or cannot proceed for reasons outside the team's control. The team will not be required to make up those duties to retain the point.

If the raffle proceeds as planned but a team does not provide its required volunteers or fulfil its duties, the volunteering point will not ordinarily be awarded. The Committee will consider emergencies or circumstances outside the team's reasonable control before deciding.

The prize point is separate and is awarded only when the approved prize requirements are satisfied before the cut-off. If a prize becomes unavailable, the team must promptly notify the Committee and may offer a suitable approved replacement within the eligible period. Each approved prize can earn only one point, and no team may earn more than two points from its allocated raffle.

3. Volunteers and team participation

Community Points are awarded to the team, not to the individual volunteer.

Both Playing Members and Social Members may volunteer on behalf of their team and count towards its required volunteer numbers.

The League will communicate and coordinate volunteer opportunities. Each team's Social Chair (Social and Volunteering Member) should help encourage participation and share opportunities across the team. Captains are not expected to take on volunteer coordination themselves; they should work with their Social Chair and the Committee so the team knows its allocated week and requirements.

Teams are encouraged to actively include Social Members in their volunteering and social activities as part of making them a genuine part of the team and wider Sydney Outfielders community.

Where practical, volunteering should be shared across the team so that responsibility does not continually fall on the same members.

The Association will aim to distribute volunteer opportunities and time commitments as fairly as reasonably possible. However, some roles may naturally require more time than others.

Community Points are awarded for completing the specified requirement, not according to the amount of time contributed.

Providing additional volunteers or spending additional time on an activity does not generate additional Community Points unless an additional point has been specifically identified in this Scheme.

4. Administration and changes

Except where the cancellation protections in Section 2 apply, teams must complete the published requirements of an eligible Designated Community Points Event to earn points. Simply nominating a volunteer is not sufficient. Committee members may volunteer but will not count towards their team's required volunteer numbers.

If a nominated volunteer becomes unavailable, another Playing Member or Social Member from the same team may take their place. The Committee may make reasonable changes to event arrangements because of weather, venue availability or other unforeseen circumstances.

The Committee may introduce additional Designated Community Points Events before the cut-off by giving captains at least 21 days' notice of the new event, its requirements and points available. This 21-day notice requirement applies only to the introduction of additional designated events, not ordinary scheduling or operational changes. No new event may earn points after the cut-off.

The Community Points cut-off is the morning after Round Robin Round 13. No Community Points may be earned or awarded after that time. Events held after the cut-off, including Semi Finals and Grand Finals activities, are not Designated Community Points Events.

VERSION CONTROL

Dates record emailed issues or updates. *9 October: clarification and proposed amendment circulated; the version 1.1 reissue date is unconfirmed.

Version	Issue / update date	Change description	Author	Approval
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