

The Great Public Schools Association of Queensland

GPS POINT, PREMIERSHIP AND CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS POLICY

Effective 1 January 2026

Introduction

The GPS Points, Premierships & Championships Policy provides a unified framework for scoring, awarding premierships, and determining championship results across all GPS sports and activities. This policy ensures consistency, fairness, and clarity in how results are calculated and recognised.

Key principles include:

- One Premiership per Sport: Each sport has a single official premiership awarded to the Flagship Division or Team (e.g., Rugby 1st XV, Tennis 1st IV).
- Recognition: Other divisions may maintain ladders for competitive purposes but are not awarded premierships or recognised as official GPS winners.
- First Past the Post: Competitions are decided by total points at the conclusion of the season or championship. Joint winners are permitted where points are equal.
- Transparency: All scoring systems, including fixture-based and championship-based sports, are detailed within this policy.

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Previous amendments

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1. Purpose

To establish a consistent framework for awarding points, determining premierships, and calculating championship results across all GPS sports and activities.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all GPS member schools participating in GPS-sanctioned competitions, including fixture-based sports (e.g., Rugby, Tennis) and championship-based sports (e.g., Track & Field, Swimming).

3. Premierships

There is only one official premiership per sport, awarded based on the results of the Flagship Division or Team (e.g., Rugby 1st XV, Tennis 1st IV).

All other official divisions may maintain ladders for competitive purposes; however, these divisions do not receive premierships and are not recognised as official GPS winners.

4. Definitions

- **Bye:** A scheduled round where a team does not compete.
- **Championship Sports:** Cross Country, Rowing, Swimming and Track & Field
- **Fixture Sports:** Basketball, Chess, Cricket, Debating, Football, Rugby, Tennis and Volleyball
- **Flagship:** The team entered into the highest level team division offered by the GPS Association.
- Example 1st, Senior A, Premier or Championship Team.
- **Forfeit:** A match or event awarded to the opposing team due to non-participation.
- **Points:** Points awarded for results in individual or team events at an official GPS Fixture or Championships.
- **Premierships:** Points awarded for match results in round-robin competitions in Flagship Divisions.

5. Points System - Fixture

| | Basketball | Chess | Cricket | Debating | Football | Rugby | Tennis | Volleyball |
|----------------------|------------|-------|----------------|----------|----------|-------|--------|------------|
| Win / Win on Forfeit | 2 | 2 | 6 ¹ | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Draw/ washout | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Loss / Forfeit | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bye | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bonus Point | N | N | Y ² | N | N | N | N | N |

1: In the case of a forfeit, the winning team will receive points equal to the highest point scoring team in that round.

2: One Day Match Bonus Points will be awarded

6. Championship Points System – Swimming and Track & Field

- The GPS Championships winner (champion school) will be the school(s) with the highest aggregate for all events contested at the GPS Championships.
- Place points awarded for each individual and relay event:

| Event | 1 st Place | 2 nd Place | 3 rd Place | 4 th Place | 5 th Place | 6 th Place | 7 th Place | 8 th Place | 9 th Place |
|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| All | 10 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

- DNS, DNF, NM: 0 points.
- Tied competitors share the sum of points for the tied positions divided equally.

7. Carnival Points System – Swimming and Track & Field (Junior)

- The GPS Carnival winner (champion school) will be the school(s) with the highest aggregate for all events.
- Place points awarded for each individual and relay events:

| Division | 1 st Place | 2 nd Place | 3 rd Place | 4 th Place | 5 th Place | 6 th Place | 7 th Place | 8 th Place | 9 th Place |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 15 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| 2 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| 3 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| 4 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 5 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 6 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 8 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

- DNS, DNF, NM: 0 points.*
- Tied competitors share the sum of points for the tied positions divided equally.*

8. Championship Points System – Rowing

- The Old Boys' Cup (Premiership) is awarded to the overall Champion School who achieves the highest aggregate points at the GPS Head of the River Championship.
 - Points for the Old Boys' Cup are only awarded to the following championship crews:
 - 1st VIII
 - Open - 2nd & 3rd VIII
 - Year 11 – 1st, 2nd & 3rd VIII
 - Year 10 – 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Quad
 - The Old Boys' Cup can only be awarded if all championship point scoring events are completed.
- Place points awarded for events:

| Event | 1 st Place | 2 nd Place | 3 rd Place | 4 th Place | 5 th Place | 6 th Place | 7 th Place |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 4X Races | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 8+ Races | 14 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 |

- DNS, DNF, NM: 0 points.*
- Tied competitors share the sum of points for the tied positions divided equally.*

- The O'Connor Cup is awarded to the winning crew of the 1st VIII race.

9. Championship Points System – Cross Country

- In all events, the top six (6) finishers from each school shall score.
- The finishing places are adjusted to remove the results of non-scoring athletes, and order scoring athletes from 1st place to 54th place.
- Where n is the number of tied competitors, the place (adjusted) awarded for that placing and the next (n-1) place(s) will be summed, divided by n, and awarded to all tied competitors.
- Each event shall be scored separately.
- The school results shall be decided by the aggregate of places (adjusted) recorded by the scoring athletes of each school.
- The school with the lowest aggregate of places (adjusted) will be awarded 1st place in the event. Aggregate points will be applied to schools as follows:

| Event | 1 st Place | 2 nd Place | 3 rd Place | 4 th Place | 5 th Place | 6 th Place | 7 th Place | 8 th Place | 9 th Place |
|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| All | 10 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

- DNS, DNF, NM: 0 points.*
- Tied competitors share the sum of points for the tied positions divided equally.*

- If a school fails to finish with a complete scoring team, the school will be awarded zero (0) points for that event.
 - Exemption: At Lead-Up meets, incomplete scoring teams will be scored as though their missing runner(s) placed last in the event and awarded aggregate points as per 9 (f).
- If schools are tied, it shall be resolved in favour of the school whose last scoring member finishes nearer to first place.

10. Premiership Tie-Break Procedures

- a. First Past the Post:
The team or school with the highest total points at the conclusion of the competition is declared the winner.
- b. Joint Winners:
If two or more teams or schools finish on equal points, they will be declared joint winners. No tie-break procedures apply.

11. Premiership Trophies

- a. 1st V Basketball – GPS Basketball Trophy
- b. Premier Chess – GPS Chess Trophy
- c. 1st XI Cricket – Earle Williams Cricket Trophy
- d. Senior A Debating – Vicki Sargent Memorial Trophy
- e. 1st XI Football – GPS Football Trophy
- f. 1st XV Rugby – Queensland Secondary Schools Association Premier School Football Trophy
- g. 1st IV Tennis – J.N. (Jack) Radcliffe Trophy
- h. 1st V Volleyball – Peter Donaldson Memorial Trophy
- i. Cross Country Championship – Jack E Ross Trophy
- j. Rowing Championship – Old Boys Cup
- k. Swimming Championships - Queensland Secondary Schools Association Premier School at Swimming
- l. Track and Field Championships - The Sir John Goodwin Cup

12. Other Trophies

- a. 1st VIII Winning Crew - O'Connor Cup
- b. Gymnastics Carnival - Foundation Cup
- c. Cross Country Aggregate Lead-up Meets – Cross Country Shield
- d. Junior Cross Country Carnival – Junior Cross Country Shield
- e. Junior Swimming Carnival – Junior Swimming Shield
- f. Junior Track and Field Carnival – Junior Track and Field Shield
- g. Gymnastics Premiership - J. L. Young Cup for Gymnastics (Discontinued 2020)

13. Governance

Amendments to this policy require approval by the GPS Executive Officer and ratification by the GPS Management Committee.