

# Illawarra Rugby League

## 2nd Division Criteria 2024

1. Payment to players is not permitted. This also includes 'sign on fees'. A travel allowance or minimum out of pocket expenses is permitted to ensure playing in this competition does not disadvantage players.

2. No players are eligible to play in the Illawarra Rugby League Shield (2nd Division) competition within 2 seasons of such representation as specified below:

- NRL
- Jersey Flegg (U20s)
- State Cup competitions (NSW and QLD)
- Ron Massey Cup (NSW) and FOGS Cup (Qld)
- Mojo Cup
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade or A Grade in Sydney Metro or NSW Regions and/or
- Divisional representative or competitions considered to be of comparable standing (eg NRL = ESL)

***\*Please note that under the NSWRL PPIS Guidelines, a player is considered to be an experienced 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Player when they have played five or more 1<sup>st</sup> Grade games in any one season. If a player is under 5 games in one season, he will be considered a player with limited 1<sup>st</sup> Grade experience and is eligible to play.***

3. Players over the age of 35 as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January are exempt from rule number 2 unless they have played representative games in the last two years.

4. The maximum number of players that can transfer from one local 2<sup>nd</sup> Division club to another club in a year is three.

5. Points system to remain at 32 points for season 2024. All players will incur a minimum of 1 point.

6. All clubs competing in the Illawarra Mojo Cup competition who enter a team into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division competition must submit to the League the names of their top 17 1<sup>st</sup> Grade players prior to the commencement of the Illawarra 2<sup>nd</sup> Division competition. These players are not, under any circumstances, to be played in any grade lower than 1<sup>st</sup> Division and are in effect "quarantined" from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division competition. Additionally, the club must then nominate an additional ten top players who will be permitted to play no more than four games in the Illawarra Shield competition.

7. Where a club competes in the Illawarra League senior grades and the highest grade they contest is 1<sup>st</sup> Division, and also nominates for 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, the club shall be required to nominate its top 10 players who will be "quarantined" from competing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division competition.

New clubs wishing to join the competition, can apply for extra points for their first year in the competition. The extra points will be determined by the BOM.

Possible Points Table based on the players last two years.

	YR1	YR2	YR3
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade experience but over 35	4 points	2 points	1 point
Limited 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade experience	4 points	2 points	1 point
Local 1 <sup>st</sup> Division from another club	4 points	2 points	1 point
Local 1 <sup>st</sup> Division from same club	3 points	2 points	1 point
Reserve/B Grade from another competition	3 points	2 points	1 point
2 <sup>nd</sup> Division from another club or competition	2 points	1 point	1 point