House Points Plugin – Full Documentation

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Overview

The **House Points plugin** is a flexible, modern point-tracking system designed for [ProBoards](#) forums. While originally inspired by house-based systems (such as Hogwarts-style roleplay forums), it is fully adaptable for **any team**-, **group**-, **or category**-**based system.**

The plugin allows staff to award or deduct points from users, automatically tracks group totals, displays a live scoreboard, logs all point awards, and notifies users when their points change.

Core Features

Multiple Point Types

Create and manage multiple point types (e.g. *House Points, Homework Points, Reputation, Experience Points, etc.)*, each with its own rules and display behavior.

- Custom name and abbreviation
- Optional negative points
- Optional inclusion in scoreboard totals
- Optional display on the Points Log page.

Live Scoreboard

The Live Scoreboard displays group / team totals in real time.

- Supports images or icons to represent groups / teams.
- Optional group name display under scoreboard images
- Configurable board placement
- Automatically updates when points change.

Profile & Mini Profile Integration

Displays user points directly on:

- Profile pages
- Mini profiles in threads, messages, etc.

Staff can edit points directly from the profile if they have permission.

Points Log Page

A built-in **ghost page** (? points) that displays a full log of awarded points.

Each entry includes:

- Points awarded
- Who received the points.
- Reason the points were awarded.
- The staff member who awarded the points
- The date

Admins can customize the log page link text (e.g. *House Cup Race*).

Smart Notification System

Users are notified when their points change.

- Integrated with ProBoards' notification system
- Displays a notification bubble in the navigation bar.
- Displays a "New" badge in the Notifications tab of the user's profile.
- Notifications clear automatically when viewed.
- Reset-safe (Notifications clear the notifications tab when points are reset by an admin.

Reset System (NO Data Corruption)

Reset all points safely without iterating through every user.

- Uses a **reset version system.**
- Instantly resets displayed totals site-wide.
- Clears scoreboard totals and logs.
- Clears notifications automatically.

Required Plugins

The House Points plugin was designed and built to work with the Yootil Plugin. You can download or install the plugin from the ProBoards Plugin Library: Yootil Plugin.

You should place the Yootil Plugin above all other plugins on your forum.

Placeholders

Important: Some placeholders are required for specific features while others are optional.

Required Placeholders

Profile Template (Required)

Navigate to Admin > Themes > Layout Templates > User Profile and select the **Summary** tab.

At the top of the summary tab, just below **$[form.header]**, place the following code:

```
<div id="hp-profile-meta"

    data-user-id="$[user.id]"

    data-group-id="{if $[user.group]}$[user.group.id]{else}0{/if}">

</div>
```

Then place this code where you want to display your points in the profile on the summary tab.

```
<tbody id="hp-profile-slot"></tbody>
```

Mini Profile (Optional)

Navigate to Admin > Themes > Layout Templates > **Mini Profile** and add this code where you want to include mini profile point displays.

```
<div class="hp-mini-slot"></div>
```

Reset Points Tool (Admin Only)

To enable the reset too, create an admin-only custom page or a hidden board that only admins can access. If you choose to add this to a board, you will put it in that board's **Header**. If you add it to a custom page, you can place it anywhere on the custom page you would like.

```
<div id="hp-reset-ui"></div>
```

CSS Customization Guide

You can add custom CSS styling for the following classes:
*NOTE: Do not edit these unless you are familiar with CSS.

Scoreboard Classes

- .hp-scoreboard
- .hp-scoreboard-row
- .hp-scoreboard-item
- .hp-scoreboard-img
- .hp-scoreboard-label
- .hp-scoreboard-total
- .hp-pointslog-link

Profile & Mini Profile Classes

- .hp-row-item
- .hp-total-row
- .hp-edit
- .hp-edit-icon-img

- .hp-mini
- .hp-mini-line
- .hp-mini-abbr
- .hp-mini-val

Points Log Page Classes

- .hp-pointslog
- .hp-pl-table
- .hp-pl-points
- .hp-pl-user
- .hp-pl-reason
- .hp-pl-staff
- .hp-pl-date
- .hp-pl-back
- .hp-pl.note

Notifications Classes

- .hp-notif-injected-row
- .new-icon
- .tip-holder
- .tip-number

*NOTE: *.tip-holder & .tip-number are the same classes used for notification bubbles in the navbar for messages, and notifications in general. Be careful when editing these.*

Plugin Settings

Here is a quick breakdown of the plugin's settings.

Permissions Tab

Who can edit points?

Select which groups are allowed to edit user points.

Recommended*: Administrators / Global Moderators / Staff Groups with similar powers*

User Points Key Permissions

Controls write access to the hp_user key.

- Choose **the same groups** as point editors.
- Do **not** allow regular members to write to keys.

Totals Key Permissions

Controls write access to the hp_totals key.

- Must match the *User Points Key Permissions*
- Used for scoreboard totals, logs, and notifications.

Scoreboard Tab

Here is were you can modify multiple settings related to the points system's live scoreboard.

Scoreboard Board

Select the board / forum where you want the scoreboard to appear.

Scoreboard Mode

- Combined Totals (Recommended) – sums all enabled point types.
- Point Type (Advanced / future-proofed for expansion)

Points Log Page Link Text

Customize the text displayed under the scoreboard.

Examples:

- Points Log
- House Cup Race
- Score History

Points Tab

This is where you set up the points you want to use on your forum.

Points Type

In the admin UI for this part of the plugin, each row defines a point type with the following information:

- Type ID: Internal identifier (no spaces)
- Name: This is the display name for the point type
- Abbreviation: Short label shown in UI (on profile pages, mini profiles, etc.)
- Allow Negative: Allow deductions for this point type.
- Include in Scoreboard: Counts towards the scoreboard's totals.
- Show on Log Page: This point type will be shown on the log page every time a user earns this point type.

Default Starting Points

Sets starting points for new users (typically, 0).

Groups / Teams That Can Earn Points

Define which groups:

- Earn points,
- Appear on the scoreboard.
- Have images and display names.

Display Option Tab

There are multiple display options based on how you are using the plugin.

Edit Icon Image URL

Optional custom icon for editing points on profiles. By default, the plugin uses an SVG if no URL is added.

Show Points on Profiles & Mini Profiles

Toggle profile and mini profile displays.

Profile Display Style

Enables you to display point notifications on your profile tab in one of two ways:

- Table Rows (matches ProBoards)
- Block

Show Team Name Under Scoreboard Images

Displays the group names beneath the scoreboard's images.

Admin Tools Tab

Reset Tool

Resets all points safely.

- Clears scoreboard totals.
- Clears points log.
- Clears point-related notifications.
- Requires typing RESET to confirm.

NOTE: Make sure to follow the instructions on this tab to ensure it works and you have access to the reset option. Only admins should have access to this.

Frequent Asked Questions (FAQ)

Why is my plugin disabled?

You must complete Permissions, Point Types, and Reset Tool settings before enabling the plugin.

Why aren't points showing on profiles?

Check:

- Profile placeholders are installed and installed correctly.
- "Show Points on Profiles" is enabled in the plugin's settings.
- The user belongs to an eligible group.

Why don't notifications clear?

Notifications clear automatically when:

- The user views the Notifications tab.
- Points are reset site-wide.

Can I use this without houses?

Yes, absolutely! Houses are just groups. You can use:

- Teams
- Factions
- Classes
- Departments
- Any ProBoards group system

Is this plugin safe to reset?

Yes, the reset system does **not** loop through users and will not corrupt data.

Need Support?

Reach out to Teg on ProBoards Support.