

The International Manpoint Index

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Overview –

The 'Manpoint' system attempts to collate manly achievements into an easily accessible, user-friendly matrix. The system aims to provide indication as to how many Manpoints are liable to be gained through the pursuit of various achievements which have been classified under sections covering home, work, leisure and an additional section concerning the subtraction of said points for achievements considered unmanly.

The system is not intended as a comprehensive guide and whilst its composers hope that many of the most relevant achievements are included, users should be provided with sufficient information to help them make their own judgements with regard to pursuits not yet covered by the matrix.

Section 1) Manpoints to be awarded in and around one's manor

<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Points Awarded</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Additional points awarded for immediate high five response</i>
Training household pet to retrieve remotes, drinks, sausages etc	5	<i>Points can still be awarded if the item to be fetched is sufficiently heavy so as to force the beast to drag it.</i>	+10
Eating food that is five or more days past its sell-by date and/or is moulding	10		0
Erecting a shelf	10		+5
Using a power tool without having read the instructions and/or without wearing protective clothing	25		0
Sleeping in one's jeans	10		0
Changing the wheel of an automobile	20		+10 (<i>PLEASE NOTE – Additional Manpoint to be subtracted if wheel subsequently falls off automobile during transit</i>)
Cooking a meal which does not later lead to food poisoning and/or a trip to hospital	10		0
Owning a set of weights	15	<i>The weights need not actually be</i>	0

		<i>lifted.</i>	
Having a dedicated beer fridge in one's parlour	15		0
Eating 30+ Oz of steak in one sitting	20	<i>Sitting is restricted to a maximum of two hours.</i>	0
Undertaking basic maintenance of one's automobile using only a sledgehammer	30		0
Making, drinking potato smoothies	15		0
Erecting a shed/outhouse	20		0
Performing motorcycle maintenance in one's living room	15	<i>It is preferable that tarpaulins not be laid down be capture oil spills</i>	0
Watching an action film starring Jean-Claude Van Damme, Steven Seagal, Dolph Lundgren or similar	30		+0.5 (PLEASE NOTE – Half a Manpoint is gained after each explosion is toasted with a high five)
Blending something, anything	25		+10
Living in a log cabin out in the woods	40		0
Not shaving for several weeks on end	10		0
Owning a 50"+ flat screen, La-Z-Boy chair, £5000+ stereo or similar possessions	30	<i>Manpoints in this area are calculated according to how unnecessary the possession is X expenditure incurred in acquiring it.</i>	0
Summarising the content of the day's newspaper to assist its digestion by a lady	15		0
Building an extension onto one's own manor	50	<i>PLEASE NOTE – Manpoints to be subtracted if said extension collapses within the first three months of its erection.</i>	0

Section 2) Manpoints to be awarded at one's place of industry

<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Points Awarded</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Additional points awarded for immediate high five response</i>
Covering a colleague's desk with Post-It notes	5		+10
Wrapping a colleague's desk with tin foil	5		+10
Smuggling a bureau out of the workplace for one's personal use	30		+10
Employing the phrase 'step into my office because you're FIRED!'	10	<i>A stationary cupboard, foyer, mail room or phone booth are sufficient to serve as offices if one is not entitled</i>	0

		<i>to one's own office.</i>	
Employing the phrase 'you can't fire me, I quit!'	15		0
Employing the phrase 'you can't fire me, I don't even work here!'	20		0
Slicing off one's fingers as the result of a particularly nasty paper cut	15		0
Blackmailing one's boss à la Lester Burnham in <i>American Beauty</i>	45		+10
Jumping the company pool car through a ring of fire and/or over five or more vehicles	65	<i>Additional points are awardable if company board members are present in car at time of stunt.</i>	+10
Employing 'women's issues' as an excuse for calling in sick	15		0
Eating incriminating paperwork to cover up for a mistake/hiding in a cupboard	20		+5 (PLEASE NOTE – Additional Manpoint to be subtracted if paperwork is at any point regurgitated)
Having a manly profession e.g. ice road trucker, deep sea diver, woodsman etc	70	<i>Other acceptably manly professions include miner, cosmonaut, North Sea fisherman, RAF officer etc</i>	0
Being employed by a company that makes/maintains rockets and/or explosives and/or robots	65	<i>A significant number of additional points are awardable if one is employed by a company that makes/maintains explosive, rocket-powered robots</i>	0

Section 3) Manpoints to be awarded in the pursuit of leisure

Achievement	Points Awarded	Notes	Additional points awarded for immediate high five response
Seeing a fire engine	5	<i>PLEASE NOTE – Support vehicles are to be discounted.</i>	+5
Manning a barbeque	15		0
Opening up the bonnet of one's automobile	15	<i>It is not strictly necessary that one understands what one is looking at, merely that one appears to do so.</i>	+15
Commanding a golf buggy whilst under the influence of intoxicating liquor	30		0
Laying one's cloak across a puddle to allow a lady safe passage	25	<i>Not applicable if one possesses a particularly fancy cloak.</i>	0
Culturing a moustache	10	<i>Esp. a handlebar moustache</i>	0
Arriving at an engagement 48+ hours late	5		0
Catching an animal, killing it and then eating it	35	<i>Additional points are awardable depending on the size of the animal</i>	+10 (PLEASE NOTE - high five must take place upon

		<i>e.g. a Blue Whale would score higher than a Vole etc</i>	<i>completion of meal)</i>
Chopping down a tree in a public park	25	<i>It is preferable that an axe be used in this example</i>	0
Punching a Grizzly Bear, Shark or Giant Squid square in the face	60	<i>Other animals eligible for the accumulation of Manpoints upon punching include Elk, Lions, Polar Bears and Owls.</i>	0
Sticking one's tongue out at a neighbouring motor car driver whilst sitting in traffic	5		0
Wearing driving gloves	5		0
When on holiday, frequenting a British themed pub	10		0
Observing the scoring of a football goal	35	<i>It is preferable that the observation of the goal is accompanied by the enthusiastic waving of a clapper.</i>	+10
Racing a ride-on lawnmower	35		0
Attending a monster truck rally	35	<i>A high level of drunkenness is mandatory at such events.</i>	+10
Knocking the leather for six in a gentlemanly game of cricket	40		0
Wearing a suit made of tweed and/or smoking a pipe	30		0
Going on holiday in a hot air balloon	40	<i>It is preferable that the hot air balloon be homemade</i>	0
Walking on the grass despite signs instructing one not to do so	10		0
Being able to name three or more constellations visible in the night's sky	15		0
Employing dynamite to build/destroy something	20		0
Building a dangerously huge campfire	20		0
Singing along to classic rock whilst driving one's Mustang through a canyon	50	<i>Acceptable artists include the likes of Boston, Journey, Rainbow, 80s era Bon Jovi etc</i>	0
Flying a biplane	55	<i>It is preferable that flying goggles, a leather jacket and a scarf are worn in pursuit of this achievement</i>	+5 (PLEASE NOTE – High five must take place upon successful buzzing of tower)
Climbing Everest without the assistance of Sherpas or bottled oxygen	70	<i>Additional points are awardable if one wears 1920s standard apparel during ascent</i>	0
Discussing the politics of the day with the chaps at the Gentlemen's Club	30		0
Whilst on safari, shooting an elephant or rhinoceros	35		+10
Wearing a hat onto which is	15		0

built two (or more) beverage can holders			
Wrestling with, beating a pig	20		0
Boarding a moving train	15		0
Walking along the roof of a moving train, possibly when fighting an aggressor	30		0

Section 4) Achievements liable to effect a reduction in one's Manpoints

<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Points Awarded</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Additional points awarded for immediate high five response</i>
Wearing shorts	-5	<i>¾ length trousers are counted as shorts</i>	N/A
Dancing around a handbag	-10		N/A
Ordering any beverage served with cocktail parasols	-10		N/A
Applying lipstick, eye shadow, foundation etc for any reason other than a stag night	-20		N/A
Watching <i>Love Actually</i> , <i>Sex And The City: The Movie</i> , <i>Dirty Dancing</i> or similar	-40		N/A
Going for a Sunday stroll whilst wearing a frilly pink dress with fancy bonnet	-60		N/A
Skipping/playing hopscotch	-20		N/A
Stomping on a kitten/many kittens	-25		N/A
Knitting, wearing a shawl	-25		N/A
Asking for directions	-45	<i>Additional Manpoints are liable to be deducted if directions are sought despite the aid of a digitalised satellite navigation system</i>	N/A
Displaying any emotions other than hunger/weeping like a girl	-25		N/A
Attending a Girls Aloud concert	-40		N/A
Worrying about getting fat whilst eating chocolate	-20		N/A

APPENDIX A – OVERVIEW OF THE REVIEWED MANPOINT SCORING STRUCTURE

The most significant modification made to the Manpoint scoring structure in the 2nd Revision is the implementation of a firm baseline against which Manpoints are awarded. Whereas Manpoints awarded under the previous system were compared against an ill-defined benchmark which caused frequent debate, all Manpoints awarded according to the new Revision are marked in relation to a maximum possible score of 100 per each individual achievement.

For ease of calculation, it is preferable that Manpoint scores increase/decrease in increments of 5, although smaller intervals can be employed if compromise is required in the face of debate.

No achievement, no matter how great, can effect the award of any more than the maximum of 100 Manpoints. It is important to note that whilst 100 Manpoints are technically awardable for a sufficiently impressive achievement, great care should be taken when awarding higher number of Manpoints so as not to detrimentally devalue the worth of the Manpoint.

If Manpoint inflation becomes an issue, The Manpoints Press reserves the right to introduce any checks it sees fit to protect the integrity of the system.

APPENDIX B – MANPOINT WEIGHTING

The quantity of Manpoints to be awarded for any achievement is decided taking into consideration any of the following factors –

- Extremity of achievement/likelihood of inflicting bodily injury in pursuit of goal
- Complexity of task and level of man skill involved
- Likelihood that an explosion will be caused
- Frequency with which the achievement is commonly made
- How awesome the achievement is

APPENDIX C – CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO THE AWARDING OF MANPOINTS

The most important consideration to take into account when dealing with any conflict arising from the awarding of Manpoints is that the debate must be framed by gentlemanly conduct, rational thought and sound logic. If such qualifiers are absent, serious thought should be given as to whether either party has the authority to be awarding Manpoints in the first place.

The first step to take in the case of a Manpoint dispute is to consult Appendix B and check the relative merits of the debated achievement against the weighting. Most disputes can be resolved in this manner.

If the weighting system has been taken into account and the dispute still persists, the next step is to apply for a Manpoint Freeze Order under which the debate is put on hold and then taken to a Manpoint Court for discussion and judgement. Manpoint Courts must be composed of five independent men, each of whom must hold a minimum of 500 Manpoints to qualify for a seat on the Court. Sitting in a semi-circle and wearing handkerchiefs on their heads, the Court will hear from both parties, consider the evidence put forth and then pass a legally binding judgement. Their judgement will then act as precedent for future cases with the total points awarded being subjected to a -10 reduction to cover Court costs.

If, in extreme examples, the dispute still persists despite the Court's intervention, the only remaining recourse is a sword fight between the two parties. The fight must take place in sufficiently impressive surroundings e.g. the grounds of a castle, lava pit, on the moon etc and is required to conclude with the mortal wounding on one of the contestants. As punishment for failing to resolve the dispute in a manly manner and allowing escalation, the surviving contestant becomes ineligible to win Manpoints for the remainder of the fiscal year.