



AFL Players' Association SERVICES FOR PLAYERS

It's your association - make the most of it!



The AFL Players' Association is the representative body of all AFL Footballers and seeks to protect and advance the collective interests of its members, AFL Players.



OUR MISSION

To act in a unified and professional manner, enhancing the security and personal development opportunities for past, present and future AFL Footballers.

WHAT SERVICES ARE THERE FOR PLAYERS?

In 1999, player feedback highlighted the need to promote and support the personal development of players off the field, both during their football careers and in the years immediately following their retirement.

To address this need, the AFLPA established a network of personal support and development services throughout Australia, for all AFL players. Past Players may access this service up to three years (Past Rookies up to one year) from their last playing year. All services offered to players fall under the umbrella of the AFLPA Player Development Program (PDP).

* These programs are managed in conjunction with AFL SportsReady Limited

The program has been designed to focus on all aspects of a player's development, including education and training, career development, psychological and personal support, welfare, and the career transition process. As a result, all areas of the program are linked to ensure that each player maximises their involvement and has access to the full range of services available.

The AFLPA commits over \$1.8 million each year to the Personal Services, Career Transition, Indigenous Support, Career & Education and Grants & Scholarship programs under the AFLPA Player Development Program.

INDIGENOUS SUPPORT

Cross-Cultural Awareness

Education, awareness, and support for players and clubs in developing an Indigenous friendly environment

Indigenous Players Camp

Forum for Indigenous Players, held every 2 years

Mentor & Family Support

Support for players and their families

PERSONAL SUPPORT

Counselling

Strictly confidential service where players can get support for issues off field, this may include relationships, dealing with stress, transition, or injury management

Specialist Referral Network

Strictly confidential service where players can access specialist advice for support of the field, this may include gambling, depression, post-natal depression, alcohol or other drugs

Financial Education

Educational seminars and training on budgeting, tax, investing, superannuation and managing finances

Mens Health

Educational seminars and confidential advisory services for players and their partners

Mental Health Education & Initiatives

Increase awareness and support of mental health and targeted initiatives

Support for Partners

Partners of players may access a range of services via the AFLPA; this may include counselling, specialist referral network, career counselling; educational guidance and indigenous support

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Mike Fitzpatrick Scholarships

Annually \$50,000 is allocated to potential AFL footballers who require financial assistance in meeting their educational and financial commitments

Education & Training Grants

Grants to assist players in subsidising their education expenses

Computer Grants

Grants to assist players in subsidising a purchase of a computer

Past Player Hardship Fund

A fund to assist past players suffering from financial injury or health related hardship

Research Endorsement & Grants

Support for researchers undertaking relevant research within the AFL Industry

CAREER TRANSITION

Induction Camp

2-day induction for newly drafted players entering the AFL

AFL Player Apprenticeship*

Comprehensive & nationally accredited program for newly drafted players into the AFL. Aimed at developing the skills and competencies required of a elite AFL players

Business Ownership

Comprehensive 3 stage education program for players with their own small business

Career Transition (R&D)

Support program for recently retired &/or delisted players transitioning into life after football

Job Ready

Comprehensive program in assisting past players transition into their next career after football

Employment Placement

Assistance in accessing business networks

Next Goal*

Work Placement Program for players with an identified career path

Next Bounce*

Work Placement Program for aspiring AFL Umpires

Next Coach*

Work Placement Program for aspiring AFL Coaches

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CAREER & EDUCATION

Career Counselling

Facilitating sound career choices via exploration of work values and interests, counselling, assessment, and personal profiling

Educational Guidance

Assistance in selecting appropriate educational courses and programs – University, TAFE & short courses

EAFUN

National network of Elite Athlete Friendly Universities supporting players with their studies

Education Support Program

Support for players with literacy & numeracy needs

Tutorial Support

Support for players requiring tutoring for educational courses

Forums

Interactive and educational sessions covering a range of life and professional skills

Traineeships

Managed by AFL SportsReady, to provide players with support and assistance in undertaking a traineeship or apprenticeship

IT Skills Training

Specialist training in IT skills

Internships*

Work Experience Program for players

Need more Information?

To access services provided by the AFLPA contact:

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Or your club's Player Development Manager.

More information on player services, including computer, education and training grant application forms can be accessed on our website.

