



What is the 'Next Goal' Program?

The 'Next Goal' Program is part of the AFL Players' Association's Career Transition Program and has been developed in conjunction with AFL SportsReady.

The program has been implemented to provide opportunities and support for players looking for practical work experience during their football careers. It aims to enhance the post-football employment prospects of suitably qualified and/or career oriented and recently retired AFL Players.

How does it work?

The 'Next Goal' Program is designed to be flexible enough to accommodate the needs of footballers. The number and frequency of hours worked each week are structured in accordance with a player's football obligations. Players are aligned with employers in an industry, field or discipline suiting the player's requirements, interests and previous experience or qualifications. The employer must be willing to provide work experience and training to the player.

What are the expectations?

The player is expected to complete the equivalent of between six and eight weeks full-time employment in the workplace as part of the 'Next Goal' Program. Players on a current AFL club list should be available for up to 15 hours a week maximum, for their work experience placement. There are 30 day and 10 day placements available to players. 30 day placements are designed for players with an established career in mind. 10 day placements are for players who want to try a new industry without any long term commitment.

The application process

- (1) Contact Rayden Tallis at AFL SportsReady to obtain a 'Next Goal' information pack.
- (2) Apply to the AFL Players' Association by filling out the 'Next Goal' application form by the due date.
- (3) UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS: The player is advised of the reasons, he may re-apply in the next round of applications and is encouraged to meet with an AFLPA Career & Education advisor.
- (4) SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS: The player is advised and AFL SportsReady will begin working with the player to source an appropriate potential employer.

**There are five rounds of the 'Next Goal' Program in 2007.
Applications must be received by the closing date for each round.**

**Round 1: FEBRUARY, 25th Friday
Round 2: MARCH, 30th Friday
Round 3: JUNE, 15th Friday
Round 4: SEPTEMBER, 28th Friday
Round 5: NOVEMBER, 30th Friday**

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