



NAB AFL DRAFT

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Nurturing the dream

The National Australia Bank supports football at all levels.

At NAB, we believe in people with ideas and dreams. Since 2002 we've helped the most talented young footballers in the land realise their dreams through the NAB AFL Rising Stars Program.



Ahmed Fahour
CEO, NAB Australia

It's an initiative that we support with great pride, but our commitment to the game doesn't end there. This year we strengthened our AFL ties from the grassroots right through to the elite level by supporting the NAB AFL Auskick development program and the NAB Cup played pre-season. We like to think of it as the first and last stepping-stones on the football pathway.

Many of the players who have been exposed to NAB's AFL programs will realise an even bigger dream when a League club selects them in the NAB AFL Draft.

For the players, it is the final step in their long journey to reach the main stage. For NAB, it's part of our goal to help people get what they want.

So to every young player in the 2007 NAB AFL Draft, may success be your reward for hard work, commitment and above all, having a dream.

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Bryce Gibbs received a nomination for the 2007 NAB AFL Rising Star Medal.

Selecting future stars

The NAB AFL Draft signals the start of some exciting careers.

The NAB AFL Draft, the NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft and the NAB AFL Rookie Draft are integral to the continued development of the AFL competition.

More than 2000 players have been given the opportunity to play with an AFL club since the first Draft in 1986. Some of these have turned out to be among the most influential players of their generation.

In 1998 for example, we saw the names of Jude Bolton (Sydney No. 8) Lenny Hayes (St Kilda No. 11), Brendan Fevola (Carlton No. 38) and Andrew Embley (West Coast No. 57) appear on AFL lists for the first time. We only hope that newcomers from the 2006 NAB AFL Draft, including Joel Selwood (Geelong No. 7), Andrejs Everitt (Western Bulldogs No. 11) and Ricky Petterd (Melbourne No. 30) can reach similar heights over the next few seasons.

The Draft also provides opportunities for players who may have reached the end of their time at one club, for any number of reasons, the chance to further their career at another.

In 2007, Chris Tarrant (Collingwood to Fremantle) and Jason Akermanis (Brisbane

Lions to Western Bulldogs), among others, made such moves during the exchange period.

Mal Michael (Brisbane Lions to Essendon) and Cameron Cloke (Collingwood to Carlton) were two players to change clubs via the 2006 NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft.

In 1997, the AFL introduced the Rookie Draft, which enables clubs to list players between the ages of 18 and 23 who may be upgraded to the primary list during the season.

This has allowed some late developers the opportunity to play at the highest level.

This booklet is designed to provide general information on the AFL Player Drafts and an overview of the Draft procedure. It is not intended that this booklet should serve as a complete guide to the AFL Player Rules governing the Drafts.

It also notes the Rookie listing procedures.

This booklet has been compiled from several of the AFL rules relating to players. Any further interpretations required should be directed to the AFL.

Rod Austin,
AFL Football Administration Manager



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COVER: (Left to right) Justin Westhoff (selection No. 71 in 2006), Matt Priddis (rookie elevation 2006), Graham Polak (traded in 2006 from Fremantle to Richmond), Martin Clark (international rookie elevation 2007).

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NAB Draft Key Dates

FATHER-SON

Friday, October 5, 2007 at 2pm
nominations lodged with AFL

Monday, October 8, 2007 bidding meeting
at 10am (Telstra Dome)

TRADE PERIOD

Monday, October 8 to
2pm Friday, October 12, 2007 (Telstra Dome)

NAB AFL Draft

List Lodgement (1)

Wednesday, October 31, 2007 by 2pm

- Maximum 35 players
- Rookie promotion
- Retained (2nd Year) rookies
- Scholarship Player transfer to:
 - Primary List (Rule 33.4.2)
 - Rookie List (Rule 33.5.1)
- International Scholarship Player
 - Primary List (Rule 34.4.2)
 - Rookie List (Rule 34.5.1)
- Retention of (3rd year) International Rookie (Rule 21.4(d))

Draft Nominations Close

Wednesday, November 14, 2007 by 2pm

List Lodgement (2)

Friday, November 16, 2007 by 2pm

Delisted Players Nominate

Wednesday, November 21, 2007 by 2pm

NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting at 10am

Saturday, November 24, 2007

NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft

Uncontracted Listed Players Nominate

Tuesday, November 27, 2007 by 2pm

List Lodgement (3) and TPP Estimates

Friday, November 30, 2007 by 2pm

International rookie player nominations

Delisted Players Nominate

Friday, December 7, 2007 by 2pm

NAB AFL Pre-season Draft Selection meeting at 10am

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

NAB AFL Rookie Draft

Meeting at 10.30am

Tuesday, December 11, 2007



Club officials at last year's NAB AFL Draft.

Exchanges explained

Exchanges Period

At any time between Monday, October 8 and 2pm on Friday, October 12, 2007 and subject to the other provision or Rule 4.3, a club may:

- exchange players on its Primary List for players on the Primary List of another club; or
- exchange players on its Primary List for the Draft selections of another club; or
- exchange players on its Primary List for a combination of players and Draft selections of another club; or
- exchange a Draft selection(s) for a Draft selection(s) of another club.

By 2pm on Friday, October 12, 2007 (or by such other time as determined by the General Manager, Football Operations), the clubs involved in an exchange must provide to the AFL:

- (i) notification of such exchange in the form prescribed in Schedule 1 as per Form 8; and
- (ii) completed Statutory Declarations in the form prescribed in Schedule 1 as per Forms 9 and 10.

Any exchange made shall take effect from the next NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting.

Limits on Exchange

- (a) no more than five players shall be exchanged by any one club before a National Draft selection meeting;
- (b) no more than three players from a club shall be exchanged in any one transaction or series of related or interdependent transactions; and
- (c) a club shall not exchange Draft selections other than those to which it is entitled at the National Draft selection meeting in that year.

A club shall not be entitled to exchange a player received in any exchange until the following year.

Multiple Club Exchanges

Where the exchange of a player and Draft selections involves more than two clubs, it is not a requirement that each club make an exchange between each other.

Further Exchange

A club may exchange a Draft selection it has received from another club, provided the selection is not traded directly back to the original club.



Dean Solomon was traded by Essendon to Fremantle in 2006.

What happens now?

Your guide to the key questions.

If I nominated for the NAB AFL Draft last year, do I need to nominate again?

No. Once you have nominated, your application remains valid for three years. You only need to nominate again if your last nomination was lodged in, or before, 2004.

I have been delisted by an AFL club and want to continue playing AFL football. What do I do?

You will have to re-nominate for the Draft. You are able to nominate up until four days before the Draft.

If I previously nominated for the NAB AFL Draft and outlined terms and conditions that are no longer relevant, can I change my demands?

Yes you can. To do this you will need to complete a new nomination form with an accompanying letter explaining that you wish to alter the details. You must lodge this form 30 days before the Draft.

If I am selected at the NAB AFL Draft, am I bound to the club that selects me?

Yes, for a period of 23 months, unless a contract is entered into. However, if you are unable to agree to contract terms with the club within 60 days of drafting, you can apply for independent arbitration of the matter and in special circumstances, an appeal may be made under exceptional and compelling circumstances.

If my father played with an AFL club, can I automatically play with the same club?

The AFL have introduced a bidding system for Father-Son draft selections if the father meets the criteria set out in the AFL rules.

See page 14 for process.



The Western Bulldogs selected Brian Harris at No. 71 in 2001.

If I am drafted, are there set terms and conditions that AFL clubs must offer a player?

Draft Choice	Base \$	Match \$	Nil Games	1 to 5 games	6 to 10 games	11 plus games	Maximum bonus
1st Round	53,700	2600	Nil	2500	2500	2500	7500
2nd Round	48,700	2600	Nil	2500	2500	2500	7500
3rd Round & Subsequent Rounds	46,300	2600	Nil	2500	2500	2500	7500

The base is inclusive of payments for superannuation and hospital/medical insurance. Increases in the second year are also fixed and relative to home and away and finals matches played in the first year.

I live in country Western Australia and play with my local country club. Am I eligible for the Draft if I nominate?

To be eligible for the NAB AFL Draft, you need to have been registered and played at least one game in the WAFL competition. This is the same for South Australia, where players must have played in the State League competition.

If I did not nominate for the NAB AFL Draft in November, can I then nominate for the NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft in December 2007?

No, because part of the eligibility criteria for the NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft is that a player must have been eligible for, but not selected at, the NAB AFL Draft. The only exception is a player who has been delisted by an AFL club.



Jimmy Bartel was drafted by Geelong at pick 8 in 2001.

Draft in detail

Saturday, November 24

Club Participation

Each AFL club (providing it is eligible) shall participate in the NAB AFL Draft, and must have at least three selections.

Timetable

Friday, October 5, 2007

All players eligible to be selected under Father/Son Bidding System must nominate by 2pm.

Monday, October 8, 2007

The AFL Father/Son Bidding Meeting starts at 10am.

Wednesday, October 31, 2007

All clubs must lodge a Primary List of up to 35 names, which includes players who have been promoted from the Rookie List and those eligible to be nominated under the Father/Son Rule.

A club may retain, with the players' permission, rookie players on its Rookie List for a second or third season, as well as scholarship players.

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

All new players wishing to be drafted by an AFL club must nominate by 2pm.

This nomination stands for three years, and then must be re-submitted.

Friday, November 16, 2007

Clubs must lodge their Primary Lists on this date, before the NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting, to enable the Draft Selection Order to be established.

Wednesday, November 21, 2007

All players delisted by an AFL club must

complete and lodge a Draft Nomination form by 2pm on November 21 to be eligible for the NAB AFL Draft.

Saturday, November 24, 2007

The NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting starts at 10am.

Players Eligible to be Drafted

A player who has nominated is eligible to be drafted if he satisfies the following requirements:

- (a) The player must have attained the age of 18 years or will attain the age of 18 years on or before April 30 the following year;
- (b) The player must not be bound to an AFL club;
- (c) If invited, the player must attend the NAB AFL Draft Camp or other AFL approved or organised test or evaluation, unless the General Manager, Football Operations considers that there is a reasonable explanation for the player's non-attendance; and
- (d) The player has:
 - (i) been previously registered with the AFL; or
 - (ii) been registered continuously from June 1, immediately preceding the NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting and has played at least one game in the season immediately preceding the NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting in the State League competition conducted by AFL Victoria, the WAFC, SANFL, the AFL (NSW/ACT) Commission, AFL Canberra or AFL Queensland; or
 - (iii) been registered continuously from or before June 1, immediately preceding

the NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting with any recognised club or school competition in Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales, Northern Territory, Queensland or the Australian Capital Territory; or

- (iv) been a bona fide resident for the continuous period of three years preceding the NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting in a country other than Australia.



Campbell Brown was drafted by Hawthorn at No. 32 in 2001.

Drafted Player Bound for 23 Months

Any player chosen by a club at the NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting, or otherwise included on the Primary List of a club, will be ineligible to be included on the Primary List of any other club for a period of 23 months from the date upon which he is selected or included on the Primary List.

This rule does not apply where the player enters into a Contract of Service with the club for at least one AFL season, is exchanged, or is deleted from a club's Primary List.

Minimum Contract Term for Certain Players

If a club drafts a player who has not been drafted previously, the club must offer that player a Contract of Service for a minimum of two AFL seasons.

However, a player listed for the first time who is over the age of 23 years may be offered a single-year contract.

Draft Age

The Draft Age is 18 years as at April 30, 2008.

Draft Nomination Form

All players wishing to be drafted by an AFL club must complete a Nomination Form (attached to back cover) and lodge it with:

For South Australian players, lodge form with Daniel Thomas, SANFL, PO Box 1, West Lakes SA 5021

For West Australian players, lodge form with Karl Pirrottina, WAFC, PO Box 275, Subiaco WA 6904

All other players to lodge with AFL Football Operations Department, GPO Box 1449, Melbourne Vic 3001

An automated email response, where possible, will be sent once the nomination is approved.

Due Dates

- All new nominations by 2pm on Wednesday, November 14.
- Players delisted by an AFL club by 2pm Wednesday November 21.

Once the nomination form is lodged with the AFL, and subject to compliance with any other requirements in relation to future Drafts, it will stand as a continuing nomination for the next three NAB AFL Drafts.

Any player who last nominated for the NAB AFL Draft in or before 2004 will be required to re-nominate to be eligible for selection.

Nomination By Delisted Players

All players delisted by AFL Clubs on Wednesday October 31 or Friday, November 16, 2007 must complete and lodge a Draft nomination form with the AFL by 2pm on Wednesday, November 21 to be eligible for the NAB AFL Draft.

Nominated Football Payments

A player (other than a first-year draft choice or a second-year player) may specify in the nomination form the football payments he will require over two years if he is selected at a Draft Selection Meeting.

By specifying these requirements, the player will be taken to have made an offer to the club which selects him to accept employment in return for the specified payments.

The club that selects a player who has specified payment requirements will be deemed to have accepted the offer.

Immediately following the Draft Selection Meeting, the player and the club will execute a Contract of Service making provision for the specified payments.



Hamish McIntosh was drafted by Kangaroos at No. 9 in 2002.

Minimum Payments Apply

Notwithstanding any other provision of these rules, a player who nominates for inclusion in any Draft without specifying the payments he requires or who nominates payments less than the minimum or fixed football payments which apply to the player in the Collective Bargaining Agreement, will be entitled to payments from the club that selects him in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Arbitration Process

A player who nominates in accordance with these rules but does not specify the football payments he requires shall be bound by the provisions listed under AFL Rule 7 Arbitration.

Varying Financial Terms

If a player wishes to vary his nominated financial terms and conditions or withdraw his nomination he can do so by:

- Lodging a new nomination and specifying new financial terms and conditions, which will revoke any earlier nomination, or
- Lodging a written request to the AFL Football Operations Department.

NB: A player will not be able to vary or withdraw his nomination in the period 30 days before any Draft selection meeting.

Exceptional and Compelling Circumstances

A player selected by a club can apply to the Appeal Board to be released from the club that has selected him on the grounds of exceptional and compelling circumstances which make it harsh and unconscionable for the player to remain bound to that club.

Special Conditions: Special Assistance

Any club that has 16 premierships points or less at the end of the home and away season is entitled to one priority draft selection at the conclusion of the first round of selections at the NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting.

Any club that has 16 premierships points or less at the end of the home and away season in two or more consecutive seasons is entitled to one priority draft selection prior to the first round of selections at the NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting.

Where one or more clubs are entitled to a priority draft selection, the selection shall occur in reverse order to the order in which the respective clubs finished on the ladder.

A club entitled to a priority draft selection may trade that selection, provided that any exchange complies with the rules.



Nick Malceski was drafted by Sydney at No. 64 in 2002.

NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft in detail

Tuesday, December 11

Club Participation

The NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft is a non-compulsory Draft for AFL clubs.

Timetable

2pm Tuesday, November 27, 2007

The deadline for listed and uncontracted players to lodge nomination forms to declare themselves available for the NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft.

Friday, November 30, 2007

All clubs are required to have decided the extent of their player list and lodge this list with the AFL. Should that list be reduced below 38 players an eligible club must select the number of players it requires to fill its list. For example, should an eligible club nominate 36 players by this date, it must pick up two players in the NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft.

Friday, December 7, 2007

All delisted players wishing to nominate must do so by 2pm on Friday, December 7, 2007 to be eligible for the NAB AFL Pre-season Draft.

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

The NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft is held at 10am via Microsoft Live meeting technology.

Binding Period

Any player selected at the NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft shall be bound for 23 months, but with the same appeal provisions as for the NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting.



Saint Brett Voss was the No.1 pick in the 2001 NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft.

Draft Nomination

Delisted players must lodge a Draft nomination form (attached to the back cover) with the AFL.

All other players must have nominated and be eligible for the previous NAB AFL Draft.

Players Eligible to be Drafted

A player who has nominated in accordance with these rules and is eligible under AFL Rules may be selected at the Pre-Season Draft Selection Meeting provided that:

- (a) the player has attained the age of 18 years or will attain the age of 18 years on or before December 31; and
- (b) the player;
 - (i) has been deleted from a club list; or
 - (ii) the listed player is uncontracted and has nominated for the Pre-Season Draft Selection Meeting; or
 - (iii) the player was eligible and available to be selected at the immediately preceding Draft Selection Meeting and had not been selected.

Any player who satisfies the above criteria will be eligible to be drafted.

Disputes

Any dispute between a player and a club will be referred to the AFL Arbitrator after the NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft.

Total Player Payments

A participating club may not select any player at the NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft Selection Meeting unless it can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the AFL that it can accommodate the player's nominated football payments within its Total Player Payments.

Order of Selection

Clubs shall select players in reverse order to which they finished on the final premiership ladder in the previous football season.



Swan Craig Bolton was No.3 in the 2003 Pre-Season draft.

Like father, like son

The Father-Son system explained.

Player Eligibility – Victorian-Based Clubs

Provided a player has not previously been registered as a player at an AFL club, a club may include a person on its Primary List if the person's father played 100 or more senior grade matches (being either home-and-away or finals matches) with that club.

West Australian and South Australian-Based Clubs

The West Coast Eagles Football Club may include a person on its Primary List if that person's father played 150 or more senior grade matches (being either home-and-away or finals matches) at one of the following clubs prior to but not including 1987: Claremont, East Perth, West Perth or Subiaco.

The Fremantle Football Club may include a person on its Primary List if that person's father played 150 or more senior grade matches (being either home-and-away or finals matches) at one of the following clubs prior to but not including 1995: South Fremantle, East Fremantle, Perth or Swan Districts.

The Adelaide Football Club may include a person on its Primary List if that person's father played 200 or more senior grade matches (being either home-and-away or finals matches) at one of the following clubs prior to but not including 1991: Norwood, Glenelg, Sturt or South Adelaide.

The Port Adelaide Football Club may include a person on its Primary List if that person's father played 200 or more senior grade matches (being either home-and-away or finals matches) at one of the following clubs prior to but not including 1997: Port Magpies, Woodville, West Torrens, North Adelaide, Central Districts or West Adelaide.

NSW and Queensland-Based Clubs

A person is eligible to be included on the Primary List of:

- (i) the Sydney Swans if his father satisfies the criteria under the above by playing for the South Melbourne Football Club (as it was then known); or
- (ii) the Brisbane Lions if his father satisfies the criteria under the above by playing for the Fitzroy Football Club (as it was then known).

No Prior Registration

A person cannot be included on a club's Primary List under the above if he has, at any time, been registered with the AFL as a player with any club.

Bidding System

A club can nominate an eligible father-son draftee, with the player's written consent, for the upcoming NAB AFL Draft.

At a meeting held prior to the Trade Period each other club in the competition then has the option to bid, in reverse ladder order, for that player.

If a bid is made, the club that nominated the father-son player must use its next available selection if it wishes to retain hold on that player.

If the club nominating the father-son player declines to match the selection nominated, the club with the successful bid must use that selection at the draft.

Any club that makes a successful bid on a father-son selection is bound to the pick they nominate.

If no bid is made by another club, the club that nominated the father-son eligible player will forfeit its last selection in the draft.

Rookies: Extra opportunity

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Rookie List Players

In addition to maintaining the maximum number of allowable players on their Rookie List, each club may include a maximum of three extra players on its Rookie List provided those players are:

- (a) former Scholarship List players at that club who have been nominated;
- (b) former International Scholarship List players at that club who have been nominated;
- (c) in the case of a club which is based in Sydney or Brisbane metropolitan area, a player that satisfies the criteria.

Any Contract of Service between a club and a rookie player must specify that the contract will expire or terminate on October 31 of the relevant year.

Participation by a club at the NAB AFL Rookie Draft Selection Meeting is voluntary.

Timetable

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Brisbane Lions and Sydney Football Clubs nominate their eligible Rookie List players by 10.15am.

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

NAB AFL Rookie Draft Selection Meeting at 10.30am.

Eligibility

A player is eligible to be included on the Rookie List of a club only if the player satisfies the age requirements and the player:

- (a) is an Australian Citizen, resides in Australia and was nominated for but was not selected at a Draft Selection Meeting; or
- (b) had not been registered in an Australian

- football competition for five years before his inclusion on a Rookie List; or
- (c) is an international player.

Age Requirements

A player must satisfy the following age requirements in order to be included on a club's Rookie List:

- **Minimum Age**

A player must have attained the age of 18 years or will attain the age of 18 years on or before December 31.

- **Maximum Age***

A player must be under the age of 23 years on December 31. If a player attains the age of 23 years after this date, a club may retain him on its Rookie List until the end of the season. If a club includes an international player on its Rookie List, the player may be 24 years old for the final year of his Contract of Service.

** One position on each club's rookie list may be used for a player over the age of 23 if he has not previously been on an AFL list.*

Minimum Payments

A Rookie player will be paid the payments, medical benefits, superannuation entitlements and other benefits contained in the Collective Bargaining Agreement, or as otherwise determined from time to time by the AFL.

Rookie Draft Selection Meeting

The NAB AFL Rookie Draft Selection Meeting will be held at a time determined by the General Manager, Football Operations and may be held after the NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft each year and wherever practicable, on the same day as the NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft.

Players will only be included on a Rookie

List after being selected at the NAB AFL Rookie Draft Selection Meeting.

Clubs will select players in reverse order to the order in which the clubs finished on the ladder.

Sydney and Brisbane-Based Clubs

A club based in the Sydney or Brisbane metropolitan area may include one or more players on its Rookie List during the period between the NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft Selection Meeting and the start of the NAB AFL Rookie Draft Selection Meeting, provided that the following requirements are fulfilled:

- (i) the player has not previously been listed on a Rookie or Primary List;
- (ii) the player must reside in NSW or the ACT in the case of a club based in the Sydney metropolitan area, or Queensland in the case of a club based in the Brisbane metropolitan area, and have done so for the three years before his inclusion;
- (iii) before the Pre-Season Draft Selection Meeting, the club must provide the AFL with written evidence of the club's and the player's agreement to be listed as a Rookie. The agreement must specify that the player can and will only be listed on the club's Rookie List if he is not selected by any club at the Pre-Season Draft Selection Meeting;
- (iv) if the player is ultimately included on the club's Rookie List, the club and the player must, as soon as is practicable, enter into a Contract of Service and lodge that and any other requested documents with the AFL.

If there are two or more clubs entitled to include a player on their Rookie List under this rule, the club that finished lowest on the ladder will be given first choice to include a player on its Rookie List.

If a club based in the Sydney or Brisbane metropolitan area includes less than the maximum number of players on its Rookie List



Paul Bevan was promoted from Sydney's Rookie list in 2004.

allowable under this rule, it may participate in and select players at the Rookie Draft Selection Meeting.

If a club based in the Sydney or Brisbane metropolitan area includes more than three players on its Rookie List under this rule, it shall forfeit its last and each previous draft selection at the NAB AFL Rookie Draft

Selection Meeting for each such player included on its Rookie List.

Listing Prior to Rookie Draft

A club may include on its Rookie List:

- International player(s); or
- Players who have not been registered in an Australian Football competition for three years immediately before their inclusion on the Rookie List, before the NAB AFL Rookie Draft Selection Meeting, provided it obtains the written consent of the General Manager, Football Operations no more than 14 days before the NAB AFL Rookie Draft Selection Meeting.
- A scholarship list player from his club, who was available but not selected at the NAB AFL Draft.

NOTE: Any international rookie or non-registered Australian rookie may be retained for a third year with his agreement when lists are lodged on October 31.

Rookie Player Not Bound to Club

A Rookie player shall not be bound to a club if he is listed on a club's Rookie List but the parties do not enter into a Contract of Service. In such circumstances:

- (i) the player may play for a club competing in any competition other than the AFL; and
- (ii) the player is eligible to be selected by any club at the next AFL Draft Selection Meeting if he has previously or again nominates himself for selection.

Retention of Rookie List Players

A club may retain a Rookie List player for a second season provided it nominates such players at the time of the compulsory list lodgement.

A rookie may also be listed for a third year with his club prior to the Rookie Draft, subject to that player having been available for the National and Pre-Season Drafts.



Aaron Davey was promoted from Melbourne's Rookie List in 2004.

Nominated Rookies

An eligible club with 38 players on its Primary List that has listed fewer than two veterans is entitled to nominate up to two players from its Rookie List as being available for selection during the home and away and finals series. Payments are equivalent to that of a third-round draft selection, 50 per cent of which is outside the Total Player Payments.

Primary List

A club may apply to the AFL to transfer a player or players from its Rookie List onto its Primary List on the day when its Primary List is lodged with the AFL prior to the NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting or under the Long-Term Injury Rule or at any time between the NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting and the day when

its Primary List is lodged with the AFL prior to the NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft Selection Meeting if a player's name has been deleted from that club's list.

Rookie Player Payments Outside TPP

All payments made by a club to a player listed on its Rookie List are excluded as Football Payments for the purposes of calculating a club's Total Player Payments (TPP).

If a club proposes to promote a player from its Rookie List to its Primary List, the club must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the investigations manager that it can accommodate within its TPP the payments required by the player before his inclusion on the Primary List.

When a rookie player is included on a Primary List, other than as a replacement for a player suffering from a long-term injury, the payments

to be included from that date in the club's TPP will include a proportion of the player's base payment as well as match payments.

Relocation of Interstate Player

If a club includes a player on its Rookie List, the club will relocate the player and pay or reimburse all reasonable relocation costs of the player.

If a rookie player relocates as a result of his inclusion on a club's Rookie List but he is subsequently not included on the club's Primary List before or at the end of his Contract of Service, the club will, if requested within two months of the end of his contract, pay the rookie player's reasonable expenses in relocating the player back to where he lived before his inclusion on the club's Rookie List.

A club is not obliged to pay the relocation expenses if the player is included on the Primary List or Rookie List of another club, regardless of where that other club is located.

NSW/ACT Scholarship Program

Each club may contract up to a maximum of two (2) Scholarship players per year and may maintain a Scholarship List of up to a maximum of six (6) players at any one time.

A player is eligible to be included on the Scholarship List of a club as follows:

- He has been domiciled in the NSW Development Region for at least three (3) continuous years before his inclusion on a club list;
- He has been a student at a school in NSW or ACT for at least three (3) continuous years before his inclusion on a club list;
- Is aged between fifteen (15) and seventeen (17) years prior to 31 December in the year he is first included on a club list.

Primary List

Subject to the Scholarship List player meeting age requirements, a club may apply to the AFL to transfer a player or players from its Scholarship List onto its Primary List on the day when its Primary List is lodged with the AFL prior to the NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting.

Rookie List

Subject to the Scholarship List player meeting age requirements, a club may apply to the AFL to transfer a player or players from its Scholarship List onto its Rookie List, provided it nominates such player or players prior to advising the AFL of its Primary List and such player consents to being nominated on the Rookie List.



Player Agents

Accreditation a Must

AFL Player Agent Accreditation for all AFL player agents is compulsory, which assists in ensuring that agents representing AFL players are knowledgeable, competent and operate ethically in the best interests of the AFL players they represent. AFL Rules require that any AFL player (or prospective AFL player) who wishes to use a player agent to represent him in contract negotiations with an AFL club must use an AFL Accredited Player Agent.

There are no rules preventing an AFL player from representing himself, or from having a parent or legal guardian represent him in all aspects of his contract negotiations with an AFL club. However, there may be some advantage in using a person experienced in this field.

Accredited Player Agents must complete the AFL Player Agents Accreditation process – managed by the AFL Players’ Association. Accreditation is granted to those who pass the accreditation and examination process which includes but is not limited to:

- Demonstrating a thorough knowledge of AFL Rules and Regulations, the Standard Playing Contract, the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Players Code of Conduct and other relevant documents and information;
- Passing a national criminal history check; and
- Securing professional indemnity coverage (annually).

For further information, contact Kim Gregg, Manager Football and Licensing Administration on (03) 9926 1357 or visit www.aflpa.com.au.

Player Agents

List of Accredited Player Agents at 18 July 2007
For an up-to-date list of player agents visit www.aflpa.com.au

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Terry Caldwell	Laceout Promotions	Box 1121 BC, Unley SA 5061	08 8357 7588	08 8373 4411
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Peter Jess	P & B Jess Enterprises Pty Ltd	PO Box 215, Essendon VIC 3040	03 9375 4225	03 9370 2197
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Jim Pana	Sirocco Enterprises	PO Box 475, North Melbourne VIC 3051	03 9629 7409	03 9614 8837
Tom Petrero	Stride Sports Management	Level 1, 395 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000	03 8623 2810	03 9614 0975
Liam Pickering	International Management Group (IMG)	Level 3, 480 St Kilda Road, Melbourne VIC 3004	03 9864 1111	03 9864 1112
Michael Quinlan	Top Dog Management	Level 7, 20-22 Albert Road, South Melbourne VIC 3205	03 9682 0000	03 9682 5955
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Dan Richardson	Elite Sport Properties	Level 3, 649 Bridge Road, Richmond VIC 3121	03 9421 3000	03 9421 3300
Kym Richardson	Aussie Sports Action	PO Box 10002 Gouger Street, South Adelaide SA 5000	08 8327 1744	08 8327 1744
Paul Ryan	Ryan Commercial Lawyers	PO Box 530, Melbourne VIC 8007	03 9628 9600	03 9614 1299
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Draft Queries

Please direct all inquiries concerning the NAB AFL Draft and NAB AFL Pre-Selection Draft Selection Meetings to:

NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting, Australian Football League, AFL House, 140 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands, Vic, 3008, or GPO Box 1449 Melbourne 3001.

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This document has been compiled from several rules within the AFL's Rules. Should any further interpretation of these rules be required, please call the AFL.

Diary Dates 2007

Father-Son

Friday, October 5, at 2pm
nominations lodged with AFL
Monday, October 8
Bidding Meeting at 10am

Exchange Period

Monday, October 8 to 2pm –
Friday, October 12

List Lodgement (1)

Wednesday, October 31, by 2pm
- Maximum 35 players
- Rookie promotion
- Retained (2nd year) rookies
- Scholarship player transfer to:
* Primary List (Rule 33.4.2)
* Rookie List (Rule 33.5.1)
- International Scholarship Player
* Primary List (Rule 34.4.2)
* Rookie List (Rule 34.5.1)
- Retention of (3rd year) International Rookie
(Rule 21.4(d))

Draft Nominations Close

Wednesday, November 14, by 2pm
List Lodgement (2)
Friday, November 16, by 2pm

Delisted Players Nominate

Wednesday, November 21, by 2pm

NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting

Saturday, November 24, at 10am

Uncontracted Listed Players Nominate

Tuesday, November 27, by 2pm

Nomination of Scholarship Listed Player and International Scholarship Listed Player to Rookie List (Rule 21.3.5)

Wednesday, November 28, by 10am
(14 days prior to Rookie Draft)

Nomination of an International Player and a Player Not Registered for Three (3) Years (Rule 21.3.4)

Wednesday, November 28, by 10am
(14 days prior to Rookie Draft)

List Lodgement (3) and TPP Estimates

Friday, November 30 by 2pm

Delisted Players Nominate

Friday, December 7, by 2pm

NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft Selection Meeting (Microsoft Live Meeting)

Tuesday, December 11, at 10am

Nomination of Eligible Rookie Players

Tuesday, December 11, by 10.15am
Brisbane Lions and Sydney Football Clubs
nominate their eligible Rookie List players

Nomination of Rookie Player for a 3rd Year (Rule 21.4(c))

Tuesday, December 11, by 10.15am

NAB AFL Rookie Draft Selection Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, at 10.30am

NOTE: All times referred to in this document are Eastern Standard Time.

Notes



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Nick Riewoldt and Danyle Pearce are now playing for the same team

NAB AFL Rising Stars Program

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