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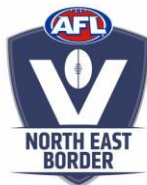
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2019 NGA Player Pathway & V/Line Cup Program



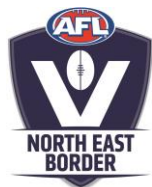
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AFL Next Generation Academy Background

The Next Generation Academies (NGA's) are a joint initiative between the AFL and AFL Clubs aimed at the attraction, retention and development of all talented players (both male and female), whilst growing participation in the under-represented segments of our community.

A key objective of the NGA's is to increase the talent pool of Indigenous and Multicultural players. These groups are significantly under-represented in the AFL comparative to the population, and therefore AFL Clubs are incentivised through draft concessions for their role in growing this talent pool. However, the primary function of the NGA's is to provide a Club based talent program to all kids, using the AFL Clubs' profile and expertise to raise awareness and interest in the programs.

Each AFL Club has a designated region to run their own Next Generation and/or Club Academy Program, which may involve a variety of activities including:

- Australian Rules Football Clinics and skills sessions
- 'Come and Try' days involving an introduction to Australian Rules football
- Leadership and Teamwork programs
- Fitness Testing and training programs
- Education sessions (i.e. Cultural Awareness, Nutrition, Health Living, etc.)

Participants will be exposed to an elite football environment through top-level coaching, first-class facilities and expertise across health, fitness and personal development. Each Clubs program may differ slightly but will involve multiple sessions across each of these key areas and will be conducted through school holidays and/or out of hour's programs.

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In partnership with the Richmond Football Club and the Murray Bushrangers, the NGA Program is an AFL program with specific talent outcomes whilst developing players of varied abilities.

Managed by AFLNEB, the Richmond NGA boasts the highly credentialed and experienced Coaching structure required to provide a high-level experience and to meet the demands and expectations of the game at all levels.

In 2019, Murray Bushrangers Head Coach, Mark Brown will oversee the training programs and is supported by AFLNEB Coaching Manager Jeff Chandler and locally selected Accredited Coaches and AFLNEB Development Managers.

The NGA players physical conditioning will be overseen by TAC Cup High Performance Management staff who will have players tested, assessed and advised on the Talented Player Pathway testing standards. Each participating player will receive individual skill assessment sheets which identify areas where further improvements are required and remedial drills.

AFLNEB shall maintain testing records of each individual participant as they progress through the 12, 13, 14 and 15-Year-Old programs associated with the NGA. The recording of a player's sequential performance testing will allow for monitoring of an individual's progress and assist in identifying corrective and or progressive training routines.



The 2019 NGA Program is designed to achieve 4 specific outcomes:

Sequential Player Development and Improvement

Age appropriate programs which target a player's ability to develop in the key elements of the game and increases their ability to meet the skill and physical standards expected of players entering higher grades of football.

High Quality, Enjoyable and Positive Experiences

The NGA Program must be of a higher quality than could reasonably be expected at a junior club. The quality expected extends to venues, training programs, training standards, coaching expertise and delivery, equipment and communications for all participants, coaches and managers and which foster a sense of excitement and positiveness.

Preparation for Talented Player Pathways

Acknowledging the significant gap between junior club football training and higher levels of the game, the NGA Programs must ensure all participating players are prepared and informed of the expectations when entering the Talented Player Pathways.

Improved Participants Football Capabilities

Whilst the focus of the NGA Program provides for a talent outcome, it must also provide the opportunity to club participants of all abilities to develop their skills and become better footballers or be better prepared to continue participating in higher age divisions.



Following its inaugural year in 2018, the Richmond NGA has expanded for 2019 and will provide a clearly defined entry to the Regions Talented Player Pathway Programs.

The redefined purpose of the NGA is:

1. To identify and develop talented players aged 11-15 years of age and transition into the Talented Player Pathway Programs; and
2. To provide the opportunity to club participants of all abilities to develop their skills

The objectives of the NGA program is:

1. Define a talented pathway for more talented players
2. To increase a player's skills and knowledge which supports progression in the game
3. Ensure the overall experience of participants is enjoyable and positive

AFLNEB will limit NGA Squad sizes and not every nominated player will be selected and invited to participate in the program.



2019 NGA V/Line Cup Squads

New for 2019 is the incorporation of the Under 15 V/Line Cup Squad selection and preparation process into the Richmond NGA Program.

Only residential eligible players, participating in the NGA Program shall be eligible for selection in the Regions Division 1 & 2 V/Line Cup teams.

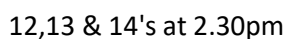
Annually during January, Junior Clubs will be requested to nominate suitable players in designated age groups which will be screened with the NGA Squads to be announced by March 1st.

Nominations will be accepted for talented players aged 12, 13 and 14 to participate in the NGA Development Program, a precursor for the Under 15's in future years.

For 2019, Clubs will be requested to nominate age eligible players for consideration in the 2019 V/Line Cup selection process.

Consistent with the AFL Next Generation Academy guidelines, players from multi-cultural and indigenous backgrounds are encouraged to participate and where identified, will be invited to participate in the program.

2019 Player nomination forms will be sent directly to all clubs with teams under 16 and below or can be downloaded from the AFLNEB website www.aflneb.com.au or by contacting AFLNEB Football Development Manager Zac Guilfoyle at zac.guilfoyle@afl.com.au





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Wangaratta Base

Wednesday July 3rd

12,13 & 14's at 2.30pm

Under 15 V/line at 5.30pm

Wednesday July 10th

12,13 & 14's at 2.30pm

Under 15 V/line Cup Squad - Combined Squads only

Wednesday July 8th

No Session

Wednesday July 10th

Venue and time are TBC - Trial Game

Final Preliminary Under 15 V/Line Cup Squad Selections announced by July 30th, 2019

2019 NGA Schedule - Phase 4.

Final Under 15 V/Line Cup Preparations - Combined Squads

Wednesday August 28th

Training

Wodonga at 5.30pm

Wednesday September 4th

Trial Game

Venue and time TBC

Wednesday September 11th

Training

Wangaratta at 5.30pm

Wednesday September 18th

Training

Wodonga at 5.30pm

Jumper Presentation following training

Monday September 23rd - Wednesday September 25th

V/Line Cup Carnival in Shepparton

12, 13 & 14 Year Old Trial Games

Wodonga Squads v Wangaratta Squads

3 Age Group Games

Thursday September 26th

Venue and times TBC



Following nomination and ultimately the selection and invitation to participate in the NGA Program, participants will be provided further details and information relevant to the program and any applicable fees associated with the pathway to the V/Line Cup and the Talent Pathway.

Program Summary 12, 13 & 14 Year Old's

Selected players in the 12, 13 and 14-year-old Development Squads will participate in a minimum of 4 NGA Training Sessions and 1 Trial Game.

Training sessions are delivered at 2 bases, Wodonga and Wangaratta and are conducted during School Holiday periods.

Program Summary Under 15 V/Line Cup

Selected players in the Under 15 V/line Cup Squads will participate in a minimum of 6 NGA Training Sessions including a trial game prior to the Squads being cut ahead of Final Carnival preparation training.

Final preparations involving a preliminary squad will commence a 4-week training program leading into the carnival and will include a Trial Game against another Region where a final cut to the squads will be made and the Division 1 and Division 2 squads will be confirmed.

Following the final training session prior to the Carnival, AFLNEB will invite players and their parents and guardians to the V/line Cup Jumper presentation hosted by the Commercial Club, Albury.

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