

AFL NORTH COAST 2017 REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

AFL North Coast will be fielding representative teams in the Under 13, Under 15, Under 17, and Youth Girls age groups comprising players from all clubs playing in the Junior Competition, i.e. from Manning Valley Mustangs in the south to Grafton Tigers in the north.

“NORTH COAST FORCE”

In a really exciting development, all of the region’s most talented footballers will play together in one rep team in each age group. These teams will be known as the “North Coast Force” and will play in newly designed uniforms which celebrate the coming together of the entire region (see picture below).

Program Format

- The program is open to all interested players from across the region, with training to be held in two satellite locations, i.e. Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie.
- Selection into the North Coast teams will be based on performance and attitude at three satellite training sessions and the selection trial game.
- Skill level, game sense, commitment to the rep program, and payment of the players’ fee will all be taken into consideration by the selectors.
- The players’ fee (\$50) is only payable by those who are selected in the teams. This fee covers the cost of the rep team polo and cap.



Program Dates

Selection training sessions (Port and Coffs):

- Wednesday 3 May 2017
- Wednesday 17 May 2017
- Wednesday 7 June 2017

Selection match (compulsory)

- Saturday 10 June 2017 – long weekend

Team training sessions (Port and Coffs):

- Wednesday 28 June 2017
- Wednesday 5 July 2017

Northern NSW Carnival (Coffs Harbour):

- Tuesday 11 & Wednesday 12 July 2017

North Coast teams will come together on Monday 10 July for team training, jumper presentations, education sessions, and a team dinner.

Coaches, Managers, & Runners

Coaches, Managers, and Runners are required for all rep teams. Anyone interested must be available for the program dates as outlined.

- Head Coaches must hold a minimum of a current Level 1 coaching accreditation
- Assistant Coaches must at least be working towards completing the Level 1.
- Head Coaches and Assistants will be appointed across alternate training centres (i.e. if the Head Coach is from Port, the Assistant will be from Coffs).
- Managers will ideally have experience in a similar role (possibly in another sport).
- Runners should have experience in the role and must understand how the Laws of the game apply.

For further information please contact AFL North Coast Representative Football Co-ordinator Matt Anderson on 0407 631 430.

Expressions of interest for all positions must be sent to paul.taylor@afl.com.au by **Friday 28 April**.

Pathways from the Northern NSW Carnival

The Northern NSW Carnival involves teams from North Coast, Hunter Coast, Central Coast, and Northern Rivers/North West. Selectors from AFL NSW/ACT will be at the Carnival to identify players that are suitable for further development in various talent development programs.

1. 24 x Under 13 and 24 x Under 14 players will be selected for the Talented Player Program (TPP) in Albury.
2. Up to 30 players to the age of 14 will be identified for the North Coast Academy of Sport AFL Program that will run from November 2017 to March 2018.
3. Players may be recommended to the Sydney Swans Academy for consideration.
4. Players may be recommended to the NSW/ACT Female Academy.
5. Players may be identified for further opportunities that lead towards the NSW/ACT Rams Under 16 team.

“NORTH COAST FORCE”

We decided on the name “North Coast Force” based on the definition:

Force: Anything that is able to make a big change in a person or thing.

This fits well with our vision for AFL North Coast, “A RISING **FORCE** IN LOCAL SPORT, STRIVING TO BE NUMBER ONE”. To achieve this vision we need all players, parents, coaches, umpires, volunteers, and administrators to work together and always portray our sport and competition in a positive way.

In addition to the new name and new uniforms, we’re also in the process of having a logo specially designed for the Force rep teams. Watch this space for an exciting announcement in the coming weeks!



Join the Force in 2017!

For further info contact Matt Anderson, 0407 631 430