



Education Roadshow

Saturday, March 1

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REPRESENTATIVE OPPORTUNITIES IN 2025

SENIORS

June 28 in Gunnedah

Men:

North West Blue Heelers vs.
North Coast Force

Women:

Tri-Series
North Coast Force
Central West Hawks
North West Blue Heelers

Women will be playing for the
Regional Australia Bank Cup

JUNIORS

Northern NSW Championship
July 8 to 10 in Coffs Harbour

North Coast Force Teams:

- Under 13 Boys
- Youth Girls 13s
- Under 15 Boys
- Youth Girls 15s
- Under 17 Boys
- Youth Girls 17s



AFL NORTH COAST PLAYER NUMBERS

CLUB	2022	2023	2024
Bellingen	62	66	47
Byron Bay	0	66	(49)
Casino	40	0	0
Coffs Breakers Juniors	93	96	102
Coffs Breakers Seniors	105	80	95
Grafton Juniors	40	36	33
Grafton Seniors	84	74	86
Lower Clarence Suns	0	25	35
Macleay Valley	0	3	13
Nambucca Valley Juniors	75	84	126
Nambucca Valley Seniors	25	19	37
North Coffs	0	13	33
Northern Beaches Juniors	73	91	98
Northern Beaches Seniors	91	60	67
Port Macquarie Juniors	116	128	138
Port Macquarie Seniors	114	94	111
Sawtell/Toormina Juniors	95	134	162
Sawtell/Toormina Seniors	103	80	107
<u>South West Rocks</u>	24	42	40
TOTAL	1140	1191	1330 (1379)
GROWTH/DECLINE	-	+4.47%	+11.67%

⁷WARREN BAGNALL MEMORIAL SHIELD

Senior Club Championship



MENS & WOMENS

Win on forfeit	6 points
Win	5 points
Draw	3 points
Loss	1 point
Loss on forfeit	-1 point

RESERVES & UNDER 18s

Win on forfeit	4 points
Win	3 points
Draw	2 points
Loss	1 point
Loss on forfeit	-1 point

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BLUE CARD

Junior Age Groups Only

A Junior Player who displays unsportsmanlike behaviour or is deemed to require a “cool off” at the discretion of the field Umpire may be ordered from the Field of Play by an Umpire under a blue card.

A Player ordered off under a blue card isn't permitted to resume playing the match for a period of ten (10) consecutive playing minutes, excluding breaks between quarters.

Where a blue card is different to a yellow card, all Players who are ordered from the Field of Play with a blue card can be replaced immediately.

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E-POINTS SYSTEM

Rule 16.4.2

The goal of the E-Points is to promote a fun, safe and respectful match day environment. It is a penalty-based system where poor match day behaviour from Players, Officials and Supporters negatively impacts their Team's ladder position with the loss of "points for". It actively incentivises Clubs to ensure that measures are in place to ensure their members exhibit positive conduct during match days.

It is important to acknowledge that an appropriate response to issue management is only one part of the E-Points System. Beyond the management of behavioural issues, an improved and more enjoyable environment for all can reflect in a Club's capacity to retain Players and recruit Volunteer support.

E-POINTS SYSTEM

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Circumstance	Base Sanction (matches)	Result
Player or Official charged with a Reportable Offence	1 – 3	If the Reported Person accepts the Early Guilty Plea Offer, the team will have twenty (20) points deducted from their “points for” total. If found guilty by the Tribunal, the team will have thirty (30) points deducted from their “points for” total.
	4+	If the Reported Person accepts the Early Guilty Plea Offer, the team will have forty (40) points deducted from their “points for” total. If found guilty by the Tribunal, the team will have fifty (50) points deducted from their “points for” total.
Player, Official or Spectator charged with a Policy Breach	1 – 3	If the Charged Person accepts the Early Guilty Plea Offer, the team will have thirty (30) points deducted from their “points for” total. If found guilty by the Tribunal, the team will have forty (40) points deducted from their “points for” total.
	4+	If the Charged Person accepts the Early Guilty Plea Offer, the team will have fifty (50) points deducted from their “points for” total. If found guilty by the Tribunal, the team will have sixty (60) points deducted from their “points for” total.
Failure to adhere to the principles of the Mercy Rule as determined by the CMC	Not Applicable	First breach – written warning from CMC Subsequent breaches – the team will have thirty (30) points deducted from their “points for” total.

E-POINTS SYSTEM QUESTION

**INTRODUCE THIS
YEAR OR DO A
'SOFT LAUNCH'
PRIOR TO
INTRODUCING
E-POINTS IN 2026?**

**The agreement reached at
the Education Roadshow
was to have a soft launch in
2025.**

⁷ **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY TO MOVE BETWEEN SENIOR MENS and RESERVES**

Rule 11.2.5 (B)

If, in a particular Round, a Team is scheduled for a bye, or has its fixture cancelled or postponed for any reason, no Player who was in that Team in the previous Round is eligible to play in a lower Grade.

There are always unusual circumstances

A Club may apply to the CMC in writing for an exemption from Rule 11.2.5(B): where there are exceptional circumstances as to why the Player should be allowed to play down in a lower Grade; and where any such application is made no later than 48 hours prior to the Match in which permission is sought for the Player to play.



FIRST AID

Minimum qualifications updated in the National Policy Handbook last year and require all First Aiders to register as a "Medical Officer" on PlayHQ.

As per the National Policy Handbook:

Clubs must ensure that at each Match or training session:

- at least one Sports Trainer or First Aid Provider with Appropriate Minimum Qualifications (see Section 15.3) for the relevant level of Australian Football is in attendance;
- a first aid kit and adequate sport-specific rescue/transport equipment (e.g. stretcher) are available;
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	COMMUNITY FOOTBALL
Recommended	AFL Level 1 or Level 2 Sports Trainer or Qualified Medical Professional
Minimum	AFL First Aider or Qualified Medical Professional

A Sports Trainer or First Aid Provider in a junior competition must hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) or otherwise meet the working with children requirements for NSW.

FIRST AID OFFICER DEFINITIONS

Per Section 15.3 of the National Community Football Policy Handbook

AFL First Aider means a person who has:

- (A) obtained a nationally accredited first aid and CPR qualification which is current and up-to-date and includes assessed competencies HLTAID011 (Provide First Aid) and HLTAID009 (Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation); and
- (B) has completed the AFL First Aid and Concussion Management online module within the previous 12 months.

*HLTAID011 (Provide First Aid) remains valid for 3 years after completion.
HLTAID009 Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation remains valid for 1 year
(and must be renewed annually).*

Qualified Medical Professional (QMP) means a person who:

- (A) is a qualified and AHPRA registered medical practitioner, paramedic, physiotherapist, or nurse with appropriate first aid competencies (including or equivalent to HLTAID00311 (Provide First Aid) and HLTAID009 (Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation); and
- (B) has completed the AFL First Aid and Concussion Management online module within the previous 12 months.



NORTHERN RIVERS MEETING

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Tuesday, March 4 at Byron Bay

Hosted by AFL Queensland

