



AFL GOLDFIELDS PARTICIPATION & TALENT PATHWAYS



VFLW



ACADEMY



Open Age
Representative



Open Age
Club Competition



U/18
Interleague



NAB
League
Academy



Youth Girls U/18
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Next
Generation
Academy



Youth Girls U/15
Club Competition



U/13-15
Interleague

Kick Start & All
Nations (U15 Girls)



Junior Girls U/13
Club Competition

Junior Boys Football
(Until aged 14)



(5-12 years)

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Auskick (ages 5-12) - Mixed and All-Girls

NAB AFL Auskick is a simple and fun introduction to Australian Rules Football. It's a place to run around, jump, handball, kick footballs, but most importantly- laugh, make friends and have fun! Sessions run weekly by volunteers in clinics across the country. Both mixed and all-girls clinics are on offer, however the all-girls option is not available at every clinic. <https://play.afl/auskick>

Mixed Juniors (8-14)

Under AFL Victoria's Female Football guidelines, girls are able to play in mixed-gender teams and competitions until the age of 14. Mixed junior competitions, along with girls-only juniors, are the next step up from Auskick <http://www.aflgoldfields.com.au/>

U13 Junior Girls (9-13)

AFL Goldfields offers an Under 13 Junior Girls competitions in two clusters- the RDFNL and BFNL. Girls-only junior competitions, as well as mixed juniors, are the next step up from Auskick. <http://aflgff.com.au/>

Youth Girls (14-18)

Like our Under 13 competition, AFL Goldfields offer split Under 15 and Under 18 competitions- Riddell and Ballarat. A natural progression from Juniors, Youth Girls focusses on fun, friendship, fitness and active lifestyles. Suitable for those first-timers new to football, as well as those who have come through the ranks since Auskick. <http://aflgff.com.au/>

Kick Start & All Nations (U15 Girls)

The U15 Kickstart program uses AFL as a vehicle for participation, education, health/ well-being, employment and talent pathways for Indigenous participants state wide. The U15 All Nations program is about nurturing natural talent and creating young leaders in the process with a strong cultural identity <https://aflvic.com.au/kickstart-and-all-nations-squads-announced/>

Senior Womens (18+)

The next step up from Youth Girls, our open age womens competition sees an increase in activity, communication and teamwork, but not without the fun component! Given the growth of female sport, newcomers are always welcome to join a club. <http://aflgff.com.au/>

AFL Goldfields Interleague (14+)

Nominations and try-outs are open to players in our competition aged 14 and over, for our three representative sides- Under 16, Under 18 and Senior. These teams combine players from the both Riddell and Ballarat competitions, and compete against other female leagues from around the state. Players are nominated by their coaches and a panel of selectors who finalise the training invitations. Please contact your local coach/coordinator for details: <http://aflgff.com.au/the-league/representative-programs>

AFL Goldfields Academy (13+)

Nominations and try-outs are open to players in our competition aged 13- 15yo and at Open Age Level.

- **Ballarat Junior Girls Academy: Under 13 – Under 15**
- **Riddell Junior Girls Academy: Under 13 – Under 15**
- **AFL Goldfields Women's Academy: 18 years +**

The program runs for 8 weeks; 4 weeks pre and post-Christmas. The Academy is based on improving the specific ball skills and game knowledge capability of players in the league, as well as preparing our most talented players for future representative opportunities. At the same time the Academy aims to increase the depth of talent within the AFL Goldfields Junior and Senior ranks by exposing more players to a higher level of coaching with other talented players for an extended period. Players are nominated by their coaches and a panel of selectors who finalise the training invitations for this program. Please contact your local coach/coordinator for details

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Western Bulldogs Next Generation Academy (15-16)

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. The Western Bulldogs have NGA hubs in Ballarat, Hamilton, Horsham, Warrnambool and Footscray. Players are nominated by their coaches and a panel of selectors who finalise the training invitations. Please contact your Leagues Female Football manager for details:

<https://www.westernbulldogs.com.au/team/next-generation-academy>

GWV Rebels NAB League Academy (16-18)

This selection-based program runs from pre-Christmas through until mid-year. Mirroring the pathway available to boys, this program offers the opportunity for players to progress their football to the next level, in terms of knowledge and skill both on and off the field. This program is run based on selection through the Talent Search & invitation-only trial process.

<https://www.therebels.com.au/>

AFL Vic Country/Metro State Team (16-18)

Representing your region within your state against other state teams in the U18 Championships. This program is run based on selection through the invitation-only trial process linked with the NAB League U18 Competition. <https://womens.afl/talent-pathway/u18s>

AFLW Academy

Successful athletes come together for accelerated AFL and personal development camps over a 12-month period, designed as an introduction into the AFLW Elite player pathway, giving each player the tools and knowledge necessary to take their football to the next level. This program is run based on selection through the invitation-only trial process of which players must be aligned with a NAB League club or identified through local football.

VFLW

The major state-level competition for females in Victoria, currently with 13 participating clubs. The season replicates that of the VFL and has done so since its re-structure from the Victorian Women's Football League in 2016. Players can be selected through any of the above academy and local competitions via invitation or talent search sessions which start mid-September through to late November. <https://vfl.com.au/women/>

AFLW

The premier national female football competition- the top level that is now a possibility for young aspiring AFLW players since its inaugural season in 2016. Selections are made through the AFLW Draft in late October each year, which players can nominate for through the local Draft nomination system in early September. <https://womens.afl/>