NAB AFL WOMEN’S DRAFT 2019
The inaugural NAB AFL Women’s Draft was held in Melbourne on October 12, 2016, with Nicola Barr taken by the GWS Giants as the game’s historic first selection.

In 2017, it was Izzy Huntington who was the first choice for the Western Bulldogs in a star-studded first round that also saw eventual NAB AFLW Rising Star Chloe Molloy go to Collingwood and 2018 AFLW Grand Final best on ground Monique Conti also find her way to the Bulldogs.

The 2018 AFLW Daft saw both Cats and North Melbourne join the competition with Nina Morrison going to the Cats with the #1 pick; whilst Carlton made history by pre-selecting Abbie McKay (daughter of Carlton champion Andrew) as the first ever Father – Daughter player listed in AFLW.

Now we turn our attention to the 2019 NAB AFL Women’s Draft which will usher in the next generation of stars.

Within this document you will find all you need to know about what lies ahead and specifically, what nominating for the Draft actually means. It will step you through the process for the Draft and who is eligible, as well as providing details about the league as it continues to evolve.

It is an exciting time for the game with Gold Coast Suns, St Kilda, Richmond and the West Coast Eagles all joining the competition for the 2020 season.

The AFL looks forward to Clubs being able to finalise their lists in preparation for the 2020 season and we thank you for your consideration in nominating to be drafted and wish you all the best in your future footballing endeavours.

Good Luck!

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ABOUT THE NAB AFLW DRAFT

• The NAB AFLW Draft will be held on the 22nd October, 2019 at the Melbourne Showgrounds.
• All players wishing to be considered for selection are required to nominate for the draft by going to https://womensdraft.afl.com.au/ between the 2nd – 20th September 2019.
• Players are free to nominate in any State (one State only) they choose but no relocation costs will be provided by the AFL or Club to a player who:
  • Would not have reasonable need to relocate to their closest Club’s primary training ground (reasonable need to relocate based on a reasonable travel time post training with initial consideration of an hour by motor vehicle); and
  • Elects to nominate in a different draft to that AFLW team.
• An exception to this will be made for players who nominated for their local draft in the 2018 NAB AFL Women’s Draft but were not selected and have subsequently decided to nominate in a different State for the 2019 NAB AFL Women’s Draft
• Where the player is eligible, the following relocation costs can be provided as follows:
  • Actual costs of the transport of player to the location and return at the end of the player’s contract, connection of utilities and loan for security deposit
  • Relocation allowance with the following allowable costs:
    • Temporary accommodation of up to four months (temporary accommodation requires active searching for permanent accommodation)
    • Living allowance
    • Removal / storage of household goods
    • Reimbursement for the purchase of essential household goods (maximum payment
    • Reasonable removal costs if the player returns home within the first two years
Relocation costs as agreed by AFL and AFLPA in the CBA applicable to AFLW players shall be payable by each Club where a player meets the criteria set out above. The agreed relocation entitlement will be included in the CBA applicable to AFLW players.
• The NAB AFL Draft order is based on reverse 2019 AFLW Competition finishing positions (subject to the trading of draft picks and any compensation draft picks allocated by the AFL through the expansion process).
• Clubs can choose to make selections in the Draft subject to the number of Primary List spots they have available at the commencement of the draft.
• AFLW Clubs will be provided with a full list of draft nominees after nominations have closed, with an update provided following the father-daughter bidding process (see below).

FREE AGENCY

• If a Club elects to keep a spot open, they will have until 5pm on October 25th to select and advise the AFL of their final Primary Listed player
• Clubs can select players from within their own State or from another State (or overseas), subject to the player agreeing.
• Only players who nominated for the Draft are eligible to be signed

FATHER DAUGHTER RULE

• A player can be nominated by an AFLW Club based on the father-daughter rule if their father played at least 1 AFL game for that Club
• Where relevant an AFLW Club must submit a father-daughter nomination form to the AFL between the 2nd – 20th September 2019 (note the player must have separately nominated for the 2020 AFLW draft)

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KEY QUESTIONS

HOW DO I NOMINATE FOR THE NATIONAL DRAFT?

You must nominate online via https://womensdraft.afl.com.au/ Once the form has been completed online, you will receive an email to alert you that the nomination has been approved by the AFL.

PLAYERS ELIGIBLE TO BE DRAFTED

A player who has nominated is eligible to be drafted in the Primary AFLW Draft if she has satisfied the following requirements:

1. The player must have attained, or will attain the age of 18 years, on or before 31 December 2019;
2. The player must not be bound to an AFLW Club; and
3. The player has been:
   a. registered continuously from 1 June immediately preceding the NAB AFLW Draft Selection Meeting and has played at least one game in the season immediately preceding the NAB AFLW Draft Selection Meeting in any recognised Club or school football competition in Australia; or
   b. a bona fide resident for a continuous period of three years preceding the NAB AFLW Draft Selection Meeting in a country other than Australia,

unless the General Counsel considers that there is a reasonable explanation for the player not having satisfied this item 3 and should nonetheless be eligible to be drafted.

IF I AM SELECTED AT THE NAB AFLW DRAFT, AM I BOUND TO THE CLUB THAT SELECTS ME?

Yes, for a period of 6 months (the length of the player contract).

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I’M DRAFTED?

The Club that selects you will be in contact to congratulate you and communicate the next steps, including your induction and training details.

WHAT IS THE FREE AGENCY PERIOD?

Each Club will have the option to retain a spot on its list that can be filled by October 25. This will allow Clubs to consider interstate players that may be willing to move (on their own accord) after not being selected in the draft.

RELOCATION OF INTERSTATE PLAYER

If a player chooses a State to be drafted in that they do not currently reside, there will be no relocation costs covered by either the AFL or the club should their participation require the player to move States.

FATHER-DAUGHTER LISTING

A player can be nominated for a Club based on the father-daughter rule if their father played at least 1 AFL game for the Club.
ABOUT THE NAB AFL WOMEN’S LEAGUE

WHICH CLUBS ARE INVOLVED?

Adelaide Crows, Brisbane Lions, Carlton, Collingwood, Fremantle, Geelong Cats, Greater Western Sydney Giants, Melbourne, North Melbourne and the Western Bulldogs all participated in the 2019 AFLW Competition.

For the 2020 season, Gold Coast Suns, Richmond, St Kilda and the West Coast Eagles will join the competition.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL GAMES BE PLAYED

The competition will be played in the first half of the year, with the final fixture – including format and schedule of games to be released by the end of October.

Players will be required to travel throughout the course of the competition but all reasonable expenses in doing so will be covered by the AFL/AFLW Clubs.

WILL PLAYERS BE REQUIRED TO BE FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES?

No, you will be part time with access to the best facilities, coaches and player development programs on offer. The training requirements will all be laid out for you in advance and every measure possible will be put in place to avoid any impact on your work or study.