



AFL Cairns By-Laws

Season 2023

3.2 Contracted Players

3.2 Clubs are required to submit a signed Player Contract Agreement for all players that participate in the Men's Senior competition at any stage in the season, regardless of whether they are a paid player or not.

3.5 Age Eligibility – Senior Competitions

3.5 (b) The minimum age that a female player can play in the AFL Cairns Senior Women's competition is 15 years, as long as written Parental Consent is gained by the club.

AFL Cairns may, at their discretion, provide an exemption in exceptional circumstances. Clubs are responsible for submitting requests for exemptions in writing to AFL Cairns.

3.14 Permits

3.14 (c) (iii) Players that are registered with an NTFLL team may play in the AFLC competition on a Season Permit, including in the AFLC Finals Series, however, must meet the finals eligibility criteria.

4.6 Late Starts and Match Forfeit

4.6 (g) Forfeit Penalties:

COMPETITION	PENALTY
Seniors	200 Units + Cost of Umpires
AFLCW	200 Units + Cost of Umpires
Development	100 Units + Cost of Umpires
Div 3	50 Units + Cost of Umpires

AFL Cairns reserves the right to apply additional fines and/or punishments at their discretion for match forfeits in any grade.

4.8 Timekeepers' Duties

4.8 (g) (i) Match Duration (Time of Quarters)

COMPETITION	TIME OF QUARTERS	TIME OF BREAKS
Seniors	H&A: 20 mins + time on Finals: 20 mins + time on	6/20/6
Development	H&A: 20 mins, no time on Finals: 17 mins + time on	5/15/5
AFLCW	H&A: 15 mins, no time on Finals: 13 plus + time on	5/10/5
Div 3	H&A: 15 mins, no time on Finals: 15mins, no time on	5/10/5

4.13 Playing Uniform

4.13 (e) (i) Either black or skin tone visible under garments can be worn in AFL Cairns competitions.

4.14 Runners

4.14 (c) (i) Clubs shall be entitled to use two (2) runners for each grade in AFL Cairns competitions.

4.14 (d) (vi) Runners will be permitted to carry water bottles whilst delivering messages to players if the Club cannot provide at least three (3) water carriers.

4.19 Umpires Escorts

4.19 (a) No umpire escort is required by Home Clubs at any AFL Cairns venue, unless directed by the Competition Manager.

4.25 Set Penalties

4.25 (c) (iii) Any player that receives four (4) yellow cards within a 12-month period will automatically have the fourth yellow card upgraded to a one (1) match suspension. For every additional card (yellow or red) received by the same player in the same period, an automatic one (1) match suspension will apply. Clubs may choose to refer these decisions to the tribunal.

6.2 Admission to Grounds

6.2 (b) (i) Admission prices for all AFL Cairns venues in season 2023 will remain at \$6.

6.2 (b) (ii) Concession admission will be free.

6. Compliance

6.16 Broadcast Rights AFL Cairns retains the exclusive right to undertake, license and deal with all rights relating to any broadcast, transmission, recording and communication via television, radio, internet, mobile device or other technology (whether presently known or hereafter devised) of each Australian football match administered by AFL Cairns.

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8.1 Finals Eligibility

8.1 (c) A player must play a minimum of three (3) Home & Away games with any team (Seniors or Development) in their registered Club to be eligible to play Senior finals.

8.1 (d) (i) A player must play a minimum of three (3) Home & Away games in the Development team, with their registered Club to be eligible to play finals.

8.1 (d) (iv) A player must play a minimum of two (2) Home & Away games in the Division 3 team, with a registered Club to be eligible to play finals in Division 3 only. They will not be eligible to play in Development or Senior finals unless they meet the criteria in 8.1 (c) or 8.1 (d).

8.1 (h) A player must play a minimum of three (3) Home & Away games in the Senior Women's team to be eligible to play finals.

13. Player Points System & Salary Cap

13 (a) AFL Cairns has adopted a Player Points System (PPS) for the Men's Senior competition. Details are provided in the AFLC – Player Salary Cap & Player Points System – 2023 document.

13 (b) Once AFLC receives a player's contract, they will assign that player a Player Point in accordance with the AFLC PPS.

13 (c) A salary cap applies to the AFL Cairns Men's Senior competition and Clubs must comply fully with all the relevant rules as per the AFLC – Player Salary Cap & Player Points System – 2023 document.