



# NEAFL & QAFL Player Interchange Agreement

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## Introduction

This document determines the movement and alignment of players between the North East Australian Football League (NEAFL) and the Queensland Australian Football League (QAFL).

This Agreement will be reviewed at the end of each season.

## Club Alignments

		NEAFL Clubs		
		Aspley Football Club*	Redland Football Club	Southport Football Club
QAFL Clubs	Maroochydore Football Club	Wilston Grange Football Club	Sherwood Districts Football Club	Broadbeach Football Club
			Morningside Football Club	Labrador Football Club
			Mt Gravatt Football Club	Palm Beach Currumbin Football Club
				Surfers Paradise Football Club

*\*In order to evenly distribute the number of NEAFL primary listed players across the Brisbane based QAFL clubs, Aspley will be able to nominate a selected number of players to enter the Redland Mini Draft. These nominations must be approved by the respective NEAFL & AFLQ Operations Managers.*

## Maroochydore Football Club

Maroochydore will not have live picks in any of the Mini Drafts. Instead, prior to the mini draft, any NEAFL primary listed player can choose to nominate Maroochydore as their aligned QAFL club. These nominations must be approved by the respective NEAFL & AFLQ Operations Managers.

## Player Club of Origin

- Any NEAFL registered player who transferred from a current QAFL club (Club of Origin) to the NEAFL club, or has been a junior registered player at a QAFL club (Under 17 or below), can be automatically aligned back to that QAFL club should the player elect that club as their club of choice.
  - Any anomalies, or where excessive numbers apply, alignment will be determined at the discretion of the AFLQ State Football Operations Manager.
- Any NEAFL registered player who was aligned to a QAFL club the previous year may choose to be automatically realigned to that club without re-entering the Mini Draft.
  - In the event where an excessive number of players are eligible to nominate a particular QAFL club, players who had been drafted by that club, but was not their club of origin, may be required to re-enter the Mini Draft.

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- In the event a player has not played in the NEAFL for more than 12 months, but has previously been aligned to a QAFL club, they will be entered back into the mini draft unless the player submits an application to AFLQ to be pre-aligned to that QAFL club, in which case AFLQ will determine the application in its absolute discretion.
- Players who do not elect to align to their QAFL club of Origin, or the QAFL club they were previously aligned to, will enter the Mini Draft.
- NEAFL 'Development List' players will be encouraged to align themselves to QAFL clubs of their choosing.

## **Primary List Players**

- All players on a NEAFL club's list of thirty-five (35) players.
- All thirty-five (35) players contracted by and registered at a NEAFL club.
- All thirty-five (35) players aligned to a QAFL club via the Mini Draft.

## **Development List Players**

- Can include up to five (5) Under 21 players.
- Have played less than twenty (20) NEAFL games prior to the start of the upcoming season.
  - NEAFL games played as a top-up player for an AFL Club are not included
- Can play NEAFL football at any stage of the season regardless of list implications including, 'without being required to be on the Primary List'.
- Primary registration can be with the NEAFL, QAFL or community football club unless otherwise determined by the AFLQ State Football Operations Manager.

## **Mini Draft**

A process for aligning NEAFL players to QAFL clubs. Each NEAFL club conducts a Mini Draft enabling its aligned QAFL club to select available NEAFL players. To be conducted prior to the start of the NEAFL and QAFL season, whichever comes first.

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**Mini Draft** - the following is an example only

Southport Football Club					
	Player Name	Previous Club	Club of Origin	Mini Draft Entry	QAFL Club Alignment
1.	Jed Wise	Eastlake, ACT	N/A	Yes	Mini Draft
2.	Henry Mallan	Broadbeach	Broadbeach	No	Broadbeach
3.	Cleve Hughes	Richmond, AFL	Labrador JFC	No	Labrador
4.	Sam Smith	Surfers Paradise	Surfers Paradise	No	Surfers Paradise
5.	Bill Jones	Southport JFC	N/A	Yes	Mini Draft
6.	Greg Hams	Broadbeach	Broadbeach	No	Broadbeach
7.	Henry Allan	Labrador	Labrador	No	Labrador
8.	Simon Black	Box Hill, VIC	N/A	Yes	Mini Draft
9.	Craig Jones	Surfers Paradise	Surfers Paradise	No	Surfers Paradise
10.	Willy Jock	Surfers Paradise	Surfers Paradise	No	Surfers Paradise
11.	Kieran Smith	Broadbeach	Broadbeach	No	Broadbeach
12.	Jed Lamb	Burleigh	N/A	Yes	Mini Draft
13.	Walter Gregg	Palm Beach	Palm Beach	No	Palm Beach
14.	Fred Clean	Mt Gravatt	Mt Gravatt	No	Mt Gravatt
15.	Glenn Hide	Coolangatta	N/A	Yes	Mini Draft
16.	Harry Madden	Labrador	Labrador	No	Labrador
17.	Luke Patrick	Broadbeach	Broadbeach	No	Broadbeach
18.	Patrick Luke	Coomera	N/A	Yes	Mini Draft
19.	Simon Jack	Surfers Paradise	Surfers Paradise	No	Surfers Paradise
20.	Max Jax	Burnie, TAS	N/A	Yes	Mini Draft
21.	James Froe	Byron Bay	N/A	Yes	Mini Draft
22.	Dean Greggs	Surfers Paradise	Surfers Paradise	No	Surfers Paradise
23.	Josh Pimani	Labrador	Labrador	No	Labrador
24.	Larry Jones	Southport JFC	N/A	Yes	Mini Draft
25.	Kieran Quirk	Surfers Paradise	Surfers Paradise	No	Surfers Paradise
26.	Nigel Smart	Labrador	Labrador	No	Labrador
27.	Warren Onions	Griffith, NSW	N/A	Yes	Mini Draft
28.	Peter Dimantina	Palm Beach	Palm Beach	No	Palm Beach
29.	Joe Moore	Surfers Paradise	Surfers Paradise	No	Surfers Paradise
30.	Wendall Kleen	Toowoomba	N/A	Yes	Mini Draft
31.	Andrew Walker	Broadbeach	Broadbeach	No	Broadbeach
32.	Ryan Harris	Griffith Uni	N/A	Yes	Mini Draft
33.	Jeremy Vines	Burleigh	Palm Beach JFC	No	Palm Beach
34.	Xavier Norman	Palm Beach	Palm Beach	No	Palm Beach
35.	Brent Fitzpatrick	Broadbeach	Broadbeach	No	Broadbeach

QAFL club	Previous Ladder Pos.	Players Pre-aligned	Draft Picks	Total NEAFL Players
Labrador	9th	5	4	9
Broadbeach	6th	6	3	9
Palm Beach	3rd	4	4	8
Surfers Paradise	2nd	7	1	8
		22	12	34*

\*1 player pre-aligned to Mt Gravatt

**Draft Selection Order (example only):**

1. Labrador	2. Broadbeach	3. Palm Beach	4. Surfers Paradise
5. Labrador	6. Broadbeach	7. Palm Beach	8. Labrador
9. Broadbeach	10. Palm Beach	11. Labrador	12. Palm Beach

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## 1. Order of Selections – Mini Draft

- 1.1 QAFL clubs shall have the right to select a draft player, in turn, in the reverse order of the position in which they finished at the end of the previous Home & Away season ('the selection order').
- 1.2 Players must be allocated a QAFL club via the Mini Draft. If a QAFL club passes on a 'live' draft selection in the Mini Draft that selection falls to the club with the next pick in the draft.
- 1.3 The 'selection order' will be distributed to all clubs prior to the Mini Draft.

## 2. Players

- 2.1 No officer, agent or servant of a QAFL club shall contact or interview a registered player of an NEAFL Club for the purpose of gaining the services of that player as a footballer without first seeking written permission from the NEAFL Club with which the player is registered.
- 2.2 Player Interchange Agreement rules 1 to 9 herein apply to the NEAFL Primary List of thirty-five (35) players.
- 2.3 The AFLQ State Football Operations Manager and/or duly appointed CARD (Clearance and Registration Disputes) committee shall have the final say in any dispute between NEAFL and QAFL clubs.

## 3. Relegation of Player – other than injury or discipline

- 3.1 Any players whom are relegated (maximum of 4 per round per QAFL club) to the QAFL from the NEAFL, for reasons other than injury or discipline, upon return must play at least one (1) senior game with their QAFL aligned club, unless agreed upon in writing by both NEAFL and QAFL clubs involved. This game must be in the first fixture after relegation. QAFL clubs not selecting relegated NEAFL players in their senior team will incur a fine of 100 units (\$500) per breach.
  - In the event a player is omitted from their local NEAFL club, and chooses the following week to play as a top-up player for an AFL club, the player will forfeit the right to be automatically selected in the senior team for their QAFL club should they not be required by the AFL club the following week.
- 3.2 For Round 1 of any QAFL season, a minimum of three (3) NEAFL players who are available for selection, must play QAFL senior football at their aligned QAFL club.



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- 3.3 A Player whom, after being relegated from the NEAFL team for reason other than injury or discipline, does not gain selection in the QAFL senior team with which he is registered for a period of two (2) consecutive matches may, with the approval of his NEAFL Club, make application for transfer to another QAFL club.
- 3.4 On receipt of an application for transfer of a player under clause 3.3, the AFLQ State Football Operations Manager must offer the services of that player to the club with the next pick in the aligned Mini Draft. However, consideration may also be given to clubs which require further on-field support. This action is taken at the discretion of the AFLQ State Football Operations Manager and/or CARD committee.
- 3.5 When a NEAFL club has a bye, a maximum of four (4) players only, from the list of twenty-three (23) who played in the game immediately prior to the bye, will be eligible to play for their QAFL club in the bye week.
- 3.6 Any player added to a NEAFL primary list after the initial mini draft will be aligned to a QAFL club at the discretion of the AFLQ State Football Operations Manager.
- 3.7 In addition to all of the rules above, where a NEAFL primary listed player is available for selection at QAFL level, they must be selected in either the QAFL senior or reserve team.

## 4. Eligibility of players from NEAFL Clubs to play for QAFL clubs

- 4.1 If a QAFL club has the opportunity to select but declines to select a NEAFL player, the QAFL club will not have the opportunity to further select a draft player until all other clubs have had the opportunity to make a selection in the order of selection referred to in section 1, 'Order of Selections - Mini Draft'.
- 4.2 A QAFL club which has selected, or has the right to select, a draft player ('the first club') may agree with another QAFL club ('the second club') to exchange the draft player, which the first club has selected or has the right to select, for a registered player of the second club or for a draft player which the second club has either selected or has the right to select. Exchanges must be completed within 1 hour of the draft concluding.
- 4.3 Before selecting a draft player, a QAFL club and the aligned NEAFL club must take into consideration the interests of the player, the interests of the NEAFL club (as the case may be) and the interests of the QAFL competition having due regard to the desire of the QAFL to maintain a highly competitive competition.
- 4.4 A NEAFL player, whom is ruled unfit by a NEAFL medical officer to play in a round of NEAFL matches, will be ineligible for selection and must not be listed on the Team Sheet of any QAFL club in any match in the concurrent round of QAFL matches.

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- 4.5 If a NEAFL draft player desires to transfer from the QAFL club with which he registered because of a dispute with the club, he must give written notice of such dispute, including full and complete details of the dispute, to the AFLQ State Football Operations Manager and to the club. The AFLQ State Football Operations Manager and/or CARD will deal with the dispute as deemed fit.
- 4.6 In relation to rule 4.5 above, any NEAFL draft player who desires to transfer from the QAFL club with which he was registered in the period between the mini draft and Round 1 of the QAFL season will be allocated to another QAFL club via a lottery system as determined by the AFLQ State Football Operations Manager.

## 5. Player Payments

- 5.1 It is acknowledged and agreed by each NEAFL & QAFL club, with whom a player is listed by or contracted to, that the following will be the remuneration for each contracted NEAFL player who plays a QAFL match.

Paid by NEAFL Club	Paid by QAFL Club
QAFL Senior Match (Primary List) – Up to \$100	QAFL Senior Match (Primary List) – \$0
QAFL Reserves Match (Primary List) - \$0	QAFL Reserves Match (Primary List) - \$0

- All NEAFL Development List players are to be paid by their respective QAFL club for games played in the QAFL Senior or Reserves competition, as negotiated by the player and the club. NEAFL clubs do not pay Development List players for these games.

## 6. Finals Eligibility

- 6.1 Any player, who is primary listed with or contracted to a NEAFL club, must play a total of not less than four (4) matches for premiership points in the Home & Away season in a team or teams of the QAFL, before being eligible to compete in the QAFL finals in that season, unless rule 6.2 applies.
- 6.2 When a NEAFL club is competing in a Home and Away or finals round on the same weekend as an aligned QAFL club finals match, the NEAFL player will be eligible to play in the QAFL match irrespective of qualification.
- 6.3 The eligibility of a player to participate in the QAFL finals in any season will be determined by the AFL Queensland Senior Community Competitions Rules & Procedures.

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- 6.4 Where a NEAFL primary listed player is not selected by his NEAFL club and plays for an AFL club on the same weekend, this game will count towards finals eligibility for their aligned QAFL club in the senior grade (not reserves).
- 6.5 National U18 Championship & U18 Academy matches that fall on the same weekend as a scheduled QAFL fixture will count towards the final's eligibility for the player's aligned QAFL club (seniors only, not reserves) for NEAFL primary listed players.
- 6.6 If there is any conflict between this clause 6 and the QAFL Rules, then the QAFL Rules will prevail.

## 7. Indemnity

- 7.1 The NEAFL Club, with which the player is registered, must indemnify the aligned QAFL club, with which a player plays a match, against all loss and damage sustained directly or indirectly by the QAFL club as a consequence of the player playing a match with that club except where the loss or damage is sustained by virtue of the QAFL club's negligence.

## 8. Inconsistency

- 8.1 Where there is any inconsistency between a NEAFL player contract signed by a player and any contract entered into between the player and the aligned QAFL club, the provisions of the NEAFL player contract will prevail.

## 9. Suspension of Players

- 9.1 A QAFL club cannot suspend a contracted player of a NEAFL Club without the approval of the NEAFL club and the NEAFL Operations Manager.
- 9.2 Any player who is suspended in the NEAFL competition will be ineligible to win the QAFL competition Best & Fairest in the season in which they serve the suspension.

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