



# NORTH WEST BLUE HEELERS 2022 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Blue Heelers program is designed to fast track the skill and game sense development of individual players, supporting them in their efforts to be the best player they can be.

Through its partnership with the QBE Sydney Swans Academy, the Blue Heelers development program is now the first step in the talent pathway for players wishing to progress in the sport. The program also includes the region's representative teams, with opportunities for players to compete in Under 13 (mixed), Under 15, Under 17, and Youth Girls Under 17 at the Central West carnival on the June long weekend and the Coffs Carnival from 1 to 13 July.

## Program Format

- Open to all players intending to play with a club in the AFL North West competition in 2022.
- Selection into the North West teams will be based on performance and attitude at the selection trials.
- Skill level, game sense, and commitment to the program will all be considered by the selectors.
- A players' fee (\$100) is payable by those who are selected in the teams. This fee covers the cost of the rep team clothing and umpire fees at both carnivals.

## Selection Trials

- **Sunday 27 March** from 10:00am to 12:00pm in Tamworth (venue t.b.c.)
- **Sunday 3 April** from 10:00am to 12:00pm in Armidale (venue t.b.c.)
- Players are not required to attend both sessions, but those that do will have two chances to impress!

*All players nominating will be advised of the selection outcome by email by Friday 8 April. To nominate, please go to [www.aflnorthwestnsw.com.au](http://www.aflnorthwestnsw.com.au) and search for "Blue Heelers". Players who are unavailable for selection dates or playing commitments should contact Paul Taylor at [paul.taylor@afi.com.au](mailto:paul.taylor@afi.com.au).*

## Program dates (for players selected in program)

- **Training session 1** – Wednesday 27 April (6:30pm to 8:00pm), Tamworth and Armidale
- **Training session 2** – Wednesday 11 May (6:30pm to 8:00pm), Tamworth and Inverell
- **Training session 3** – Wednesday 25 May (6:30pm to 8:00pm), Tamworth and Armidale
- **Training session 4** – Wednesday 8 June (6:30pm to 8:00pm), Tamworth and Inverell
- **Hunter Carnival** – long weekend in June 2022 (dates t.b.c.)
- **Training session 5** – Wednesday 22 June (6:30pm to 8:00pm), Armidale
- **Coffs Harbour Carnival** – Monday 11 to Wednesday 13 July (second week of school holidays)

*Majority of sessions run in two locations to minimise travel, session 5 conducted in Armidale to enable training in teams groups to further build cohesion.*

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