



Sunday, March 2

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# EDUCATION ROADSHOW



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**AFL NORTH WEST  
REPRESENTATIVE  
PARTNER**



**NORTH WEST BLUE  
HEELERS SPONSOR**



# REPRESENTATIVE OPPORTUNITIES IN 2025

## SENIORS

June 28

### Men:

North West Blue Heelers vs.  
North Coast Force

### Women:

Tri-Series  
North West Blue Heelers  
Central West Hawks  
North Coast Force

Women will be playing for the  
Regional Australia Bank Cup

## JUNIORS

Northern NSW Championship  
July 8 to 10 in Coffs Harbour

### North West Blue Heelers Teams:

- Under 13 Boys



# SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE JUMPERS



# NORTHERN HEAT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



Jayda de Groot



Macey Carlyon



Hayden Peters



Billy Thom



Zach Johnson



# PERMIT AGREEMENT

Being finalised over next fortnight



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Where a blue card is different to a yellow card, all Players who are ordered from the Field of Play with a blue card can be replaced immediately.

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Rule 16.4.2

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It is important to acknowledge that an appropriate response to issue management is only one part of the E-Points System. Beyond the management of behavioural issues, an improved and more enjoyable environment for all can reflect in a Club's capacity to retain Players and recruit Volunteer support.

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<b>Player, Official or Spectator charged with a Policy Breach</b>	1 – 3	If the Charged Person accepts the Early Guilty Plea Offer, the team will have thirty (30) points deducted from their “points for” total.  If found guilty by the Tribunal, the team will have forty (40) points deducted from their “points for” total.
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<b>Failure to adhere to the principles of the Mercy Rule as determined by the CMC</b>	Not Applicable	First breach – written warning from CMC  Subsequent breaches – the team will have thirty (30) points deducted from their “points for” total.

# E-POINTS SYSTEM QUESTION

**INTRODUCE THIS YEAR OR DO A 'SOFT LAUNCH' PRIOR TO INTRODUCING E-POINTS IN 2026?**

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A Sports Trainer or First Aid Provider must hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) or otherwise meet the working with children requirements for NSW.

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**AFL First Aider** means a person who has:

- (A) obtained a nationally accredited first aid and CPR qualification which is current and up-to-date and includes assessed competencies HLTAID011 (Provide First Aid) and HLTAID009 (Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation); and
- (B) has completed the AFL First Aid and Concussion Management online module within the previous 12 months.

*HLTAID011 (Provide First Aid) remains valid for 3 years after completion.  
HLTAID009 Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation remains valid for 1 year (and must be renewed annually).*

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**Qualified Medical Professional (QMP)** means a person who:

(A) is a qualified and AHPRA registered medical practitioner, paramedic, physiotherapist, or nurse with appropriate first aid competencies (including or equivalent to HLTAID00311 (Provide First Aid) and HLTAID009 (Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation)); and

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RESULTS:

- Travel less often
- All age groups together on same day at same venue
- Kids play more footy at each Gals Day
- Competition Matches in U12 & U14 age groups to be 2 x 17.5 min halves

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# JUNIOR GALA DAYS IN 2025

Dates of the first three Gala Days will be:

- **May 4**
- **May 25**
- **June 15**

## ▪ **MATCH TIMINGS**

- Under 10 (non-competitive)
  - 9.30am to 10.30am
- Under 12
  - Game 1: 10.45am to 11.25am
  - Game 2: 11.35am to 12.15pm
  - Game 3: 12.25pm to 1.05pm
- Under 14
  - Game 1: 1.15pm to 1.55pm
  - Game 2: 2.05pm to 2.45pm
  - Game 3: 2.55pm to 3.35pm



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- The current challenge is there's no footy for 15 and 16 year-olds
- **FUTURE RE-INTRODUCTION OF AN UNDER 16 or UNDER 17 AGE GROUP**
  - When
  - Day of the Week
  - Discussion Paper being created



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