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The NAB AFL Draft represents one of the most important and memorable moments in an AFL player's career. It's the day when dreams can come true for those talented young players who have made their way through the NAB AFL Rising Star Program.

NAB would like to congratulate all of the draftees who have found their future AFL homes, and we wish them well on the next step in their football journey.



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Young talent time

Drafts refresh and revitalise AFL playing stocks.

The NAB AFL Draft, the NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft and the NAB AFL Rookie Draft are integral to the continued development of the AFL competition.

More than 3000 players have been given the opportunity to play with an AFL Club since the first Draft in 1986. Some of these have turned out to be among the most influential players of their generation.

In 2004 for example, we saw the names of Brett Deledio (Richmond, No. 1), Lance Franklin (Hawthorn, No. 5) Nathan van Berlo (Adelaide, No. 24) and Travis Cloke (Collingwood, Father-Son), appear on AFL lists for the first time. We only hope that newcomers from the 2012 NAB AFL Draft, including Jimmy Toumpas (Melbourne, No. 4), Oliver Wines (Port Adelaide, No. 7) and Joe Daniher (Essendon, No. 10) can reach similar heights over the next few seasons.

The Draft also provides opportunities for players who may have reached the end of their time at one Club the chance to further their career at another.

In 2013, Josh Caddy (Gold Coast to Geelong) and Brian Lake (Western Bulldogs to Hawthorn), among others, made such moves during the exchange period.

All players are to nominate for the Draft via the AFL website NAB AFL Draft Nomination process and complete the form electronically, print it out, sign it and lodge with the AFL by the date set out in this booklet. To nominate, go to **nabafldraftnom.com.au**.

This booklet is designed to provide general information on the AFL Player Drafts and an overview of the Draft procedure. It is not intended that this booklet should serve as a complete guide to the AFL Player Rules governing the Drafts.

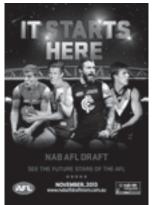
It also notes the Rookie-listing procedures. This booklet has been compiled from several AFL player rules. Any further interpretations

required should be directed to the AFL.

Andrew Dillon General Manager Legal Counsel and Integrity Services

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COVER: (from left) Jack Viney (Melbourne), Lachie Whitfield (GWS Giants), Zach Tuohy (Carlton) and Angus Monfries (Port Adelaide) have benefited from the draft and trade system.

Key questions

Important information you need to know

If I nominated for the NAB AFL Draft last year, do I need to nominate again?

No. Once you have nominated, your application remains valid for three years. You only need to nominate again if your last nomination was lodged in, or before, 2010 or you are no longer on a Primary or Rookie list.

I am no longer on a Primary or Rookie list of an AFL Club but want to continue playing AFL football. What do I do?

You will have to re-nominate for the Draft.

If I am selected at the NAB AFL Draft, am I bound to the Club that selects me?

Yes, for a period of 23 months, unless a contract is entered into. However, if you are unable to agree to contract terms with the Club within 60 days of drafting, you can apply for independent arbitration of the matter and, in certain situations, an appeal may be made under exceptional and compelling circumstances.

If my father played with an AFL Club, can I automatically play with the same Club?

The AFL has introduced a bidding system for Father-Son draft selections if the father meets the criteria set out in the AFL rules. See page 13 for the process.



The top 10 picks from the 2012 NAB AFL Draft – (back row) Oliver Wines, Sam Mayes, Jake Stringer, Jack Macrae, Nick Vlastuin; (front row) Jimmy Toumpas, Jono O'Rourke, Lachie Witfield, Lachie Plowman, Joe Daniher.

How do I nominate for the National Draft?

You must nominate online via *nabafldraftnom.com.au*. Once the form has been completed online, you will be required to print the form, sign it and mail it to the AFL prior to it being approved.

I live in country Western Australia and play with my local country Club. Am I eligible for the Draft if I nominate?

To be eligible for the NAB AFL Draft, you need to have been registered and played at least one game in the WAFL competition. This is the same for South Australia, where players must have played in the State League competition.

If I did not nominate for the NAB AFL Draft in November, can I then nominate for the NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft?

No, because part of the eligibility criteria for the NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft is that a player must have been eligible for, but not selected at, the NAB AFL Draft. The only exception is a player who has been delisted from the Primary List by an AFL Club, who can stipulate if their nomination form is to be held over for the Pre-Season Draft.

NAB Draft Nomination Process

All players wishing to be drafted by an AFL Club must complete a nomination form via the NAB AFL Draft Nomination process. Once the form has been completed online, you will be required to **print the form, sign it and lodge it with the AFL**.

To nominate, go to **nabafldraftnom.com.au**. See attached sample on page 5.

All players to lodge the form with AFL, NAB Draft Nomination Form, GPO Box 1449, Melbourne, VIC, 3001.

Once the form is submitted to the AFL, an automated email response, where possible, will be sent once the nomination has been approved.

NAB AFL Draft Nomination Process

Step 1. Go to *nabafldraftnom.com.au* to nominate for the Draft.

Step 2. Complete the Draft form on the internet.

Step 3. Save, print out and sign the form.

Step 4. Post the form to the AFL. c/- AFL NAB Draft Nomination Form, GPO Box 1449, Melbourne, VIC, 3001

FORM 11 — AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Nomination for Draft RULES 6.2 (c) AND 7.3



All players wishing to be drafted by an AFL Club must complete this nomination form and sign at the foot of page 2. Players can nominate in two categories: CATEGORY 1 PLAYERS

Players (other than first-year draft choice players or such players in their second year) may nominate the football payments they require for a minimum period of two years. Those players (Category 1 players) must complete Sections A and B of this nomination form (Section B overleaf).

CATEGORY 2 PLAYERS

Players may nominate generally without specifying financial terms and conditions by completing section A. Those players (Category 2 players) must not complete Section B of this nomination form.

A CATEGORY 1 PLAYER can only be drafted by an AFL Club prepared to meet the player's financial terms and conditions set out in Section B (overleaf) of this nomination form.

A CATEGORY 2 PLAYER may be drafted by an AFL Club and contracted on terms and conditions to be agreed between the player and the Club. NOTE: You will be notified by email once your nomination has been approved and registered.

SECTION A (All players must complete this section)

I	
of (address)	
Post Code Phone	email
am currently a registered player of the	
in the	
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Junior Club

HEREBY NOMINATE and declare that I am available for selection and consent to selection subject to the Rules (as hereinafter defined) for the next three (3) Draft Selection Meetings ("the Draft") unless drafted.

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE, DECLARE AND AGREE with the AFL:

1. I was born in...... day of, 19 (Country of birth)

3. That I am not prevented by any contract, agreement, arrangement or understanding from being selected by any Club at the Draft Selection Meeting.

4. That I shall at all times comply with and observe each and all of the Player Rules of the AFL, the Rules and Regulations of the AFL, the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the AFL and any determination or resolutions of the AFL Commission made from time to time ("the Rules").

5. That the Rules impose restraints which are no more than reasonably necessary to achieve the objectives of the AFL set out in the Rules.

SECTION B (This section to be completed by Category 1 players only)

If selected at the Draft, I shall accept employment with the AFL Club selecting me and shall enter into a contract with that Club for the period of at least two (2) years and for the following remuneration:

Term: (years) concluding October 31, 20.....

REMUNERATION: (please attach additional documentation if space provided is not sufficient)

Year 1:

Year 2:

(if further years, specify remuneration sought for each year)

I shall advise the AFL immediately in writing should any Club selecting me at the Draft Selection Meeting purport to or does any act or thing which would cause or which may have the effect of causing me to receive any lesser payments than those set out in Section B of this nomination form. NOTE: Remuneration for the purposes of this nomination form shall comprise a monetary amount for each year and the player shall not specify any other benefits or other non-financial conditions of employment.

THIS SECTION MUST BE SIGNED BY EACH NOMINEE		
Signed:	(Nominating Player)	Date:
Where a person has not attained the age of (18) years at the date of signing, this nomination	on must be countersigned	by one of his parents or his legal guardian.
Parent/Guardian:		(Full Name)
Signed:	(Parent/Guardian)	Date:
PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE BELOW THIS LINE		
Lodged with the AFL on:		at(time)
Signed:		(For and on behalf of the AFL)
THIS NOMINATION FORM MUST BE SENT TO:		
AFL FOOTBALL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT, GPO BOX 1449, MELBOURNE VIC 3001		



KEY DATES NABAFL Draft

Father-Son and Academy Bidding Meeting

Friday, October 4, 2013, 2pm

Father-Son Bidding Nominations and Academy bidding Nominations lodged.

Father-Son and Academy Bidding Meeting

Monday, October 7, 2013, 10am

Exchange (Trade) Period

Monday, October 7, to 2pm Friday, October 25, 2013

List Lodgement (1) and TPP Estimates (1)

Thursday, October 31, 2013, 2pm

Out-of-Contract Listed AFL Primary List Players Draft Nomination Form Lodged

Wednesday, November 13, 2013, 2pm

NOTE: Out-of-Contract Listed players who lodge a nomination form at this time are delisted automatically and must stipulate they are either entering the National Draft or the nomination form is to be held over for the Pre-Season Draft (thus by-passing the National Draft).

New or Expired (after 3 years) Draft Nomination Form Lodgement

Wednesday, November 13, 2013, 2pm

NOTE: Nominations expire after three (3) years and these names are automatically deleted from the data base. Players in this category must renominate for the National Draft.

List Lodgement (2) and TPP Estimates (2)

Thursday, November 14, 2013, 2pm

Delisted Primary List Draft Nomination Form Lodgement

Monday, November 18, 2013, 2pm

NOTE: Delisted Primary List Players may nominate for the National Draft or stipulate if their nomination form is to be held over for the Pre-Season Draft.

Non-Retained Rookie Players Draft Nomination Form Lodgement

Monday, November 18, 2013, by 2pm

NOTE: Rookie Listed Players not retained by their Club must renominate for the National Draft to be eligible for the Pre-Season and Rookie Drafts. If a non-retained Rookie does not nominate for the National Draft, he will not be eligible for the Pre-Season and Rookie Drafts.

NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2013

Gold Coast Convention Centre

Richmond coach Damien Hardwick with Nick Vlastuin, the Tigers' first selection (No. 9 overall) at the 2012 NAB AFL Draft at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre.

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KEY DATES Pre-season and Rookie Drafts

International Players and Players not registered or played for three (3) years inclusion on Rookie List Form Lodgement. Friday, November 8, 2013, 2pm

NSW Scholarship Listed Players and International Scholarship Listed Players Inclusion on Rookie List Form Lodgement Monday, November 25, 2013, 2pm

Brisbane Lions, Gold Coast Suns, GWS Giants and Sydney Football Clubs Eligible Pre-Selected Rookie, Father-Son Pre-Selected Rookie and Academy Pre-Selected Player nominations submitted to the AFL Monday, November 25, 2013, by 2pm AFL Club List Lodgement (3) Monday, November 25, 2013, 2pm

NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft Selection Meeting (via Telstra Webex) Wednesday, November 27, 2013, at 11am

NAB AFL Rookie Draft Selection Meeting (via Telstra Webex) Wednesday, November 27, 2013, at 11.10am

Final List Lodgement and Final TPP estimates Monday, December 2, 2013, at 2pm

NOTE: All times are EST.

Fostering potential far and wide

NAB has been a proud partner of the AFL for over a decade, and at the core of this partnership is a commitment to not only sponsor the game, but to grow it.

Throughout 2013, this longstanding association has continued with our focus on 'Footifying Australia'. This is a new term we use at NAB to describe the conversion of a non-footy fan to an avid footy fan, sharing our passion for Australia's game.

Through NAB AFL Auskick, NAB Cup and the NAB AFL Rising Stars Program and the NAB AFL Draft, we have been Footifying Australia for many years. We have supported some of the AFL's stars from the grassroots up, whilst growing the game in all corners of our great country. What links these programs to NAB is a shared, simple and enduring belief in potential. So, to every young player who has been nominated for the 2013 NAB AFL Draft, may success be a reward for your hard work and commitment. Not only do you represent the very best in football, but you stand as fine representatives of Australian youth.

Kevin Ramsdale General Manager Consumer Marketing, NAB.



NAB AFL Draft in detail

Players Eligible to be Drafted

A player who has nominated is eligible to be drafted if he satisfies the following requirements:

- The player must have attained, or will attain the age of 18 years, on or before December 31, 2013;
- **b**. The player must not be bound to an AFL Club;
- c. If invited, the player must attend the NAB AFL Draft Combine or other AFL-approved or organised test or evaluation, unless the General Manager, Football Operations considers that there is a reasonable explanation for the player's non-attendance; and
- d. The player has:
 - i. been previously registered with the AFL; or
 - ii. been registered continuously from June 1, immediately preceding the NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting and has played at least one game in the season immediately preceding the NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting in the State League competition conducted by AFL Victoria, the WAFC, SANFL, the AFL (NSW/ACT) Commission, AFL Canberra or AFL Queensland; or
 - iii. been registered continuously from or before June 1, immediately preceding the NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting with any recognised Club or school competition in Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales, the Northern Territory, Queensland or the Australian Capital Territory; or
 - iv. been a bona fide resident for a continuous period of three years preceding the NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting in a country other than Australia.

Drafted Player Bound for 23 Months

Any player chosen by a Club at the NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting, or otherwise included on the Primary List of a Club, will be ineligible to be included on the Primary List of any other Club for a period of 23 months from the date upon which he is selected or included on the Primary List. This rule does not apply where the player enters into a Contract of Service with the Club for at least one AFL season, is exchanged, or is deleted from a Club's Primary List.

Minimum Contract Term for Certain Players

If a Club drafts a player who has not been drafted previously, the Club must offer that player a Contract of Service for a minimum of two AFL seasons. However, a player listed for the first time who is over the age of 23 years may be offered a single-year contract.

Draft Age

The minimum Draft age is 18 years as at December 31, 2013.

All Primary List Players/Non-Retained Rookie List Players

All primary list and non-retained rookie list players delisted by AFL Clubs must complete and lodge a Draft nomination form with the AFL by 2pm on Monday, November 18, 2013, to be eligible for the AFL National Draft.

Nominated Football Payments

A player (other than a first-year draft choice or a second-year player) may specify in the nomination form the football payments he will require over two years if selected at a Draft Selection Meeting.

By specifying these requirements, the player will be taken to have made an offer to the Club which selects him to accept employment in return for the specified payments

The Club that selects a player who has specified payment requirements will be deemed to have accepted the offer.

Immediately following the Draft Selection Meeting, the player and the Club will execute a Contract of Service providing for the specified payments.

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Nomination by Uncontracted Player

A player on the list of an AFL Club who is not contracted on or before October 31 for the following year/s will be entitled to nominate for the National Draft.

Minimum Payments Apply

Notwithstanding any other provision of these rules, a player who nominates for inclusion in any Draft without specifying the payments he requires, or who nominates payments less than the minimum or fixed football payments which apply to the player in the Collective Bargaining Agreement, will be entitled to payments from the Club that selects him in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Arbitration Process

A player who nominates in accordance with these rules but does not specify the football payments he requires shall be bound by the provisions listed under AFL Rule 7 Arbitration.

Varying Financial Terms

If a player wishes to vary his nominated financial terms and conditions or withdraw his nomination, he can do so by:

- Lodging a new nomination and specifying new financial terms and conditions, which will revoke any earlier nomination; or
- Lodging a written request to the AFL Football Operations Department.

Exceptional and Compelling Circumstances

A player selected by a Club can apply to the Appeal Board to be released from the Club that has selected him on the grounds of exceptional and compelling circumstances which make it harsh and unconscionable for the player to remain bound to that Club.

Academy Players Rule

On the Friday prior to the Exchange Period, eligible clubs must lodge with the AFL a list of draft eligible Academy players it wishes to include on its Primary List. On Monday of the Exchange period, in conjunction with the Father-Son Selection Meeting, each club may "bid" for the player and if successful forfeit its designated draft selection.



NAB AFL Pre-Season and Rookie Draft in detail

Pre-Season Draft

Wednesday, November 27, 11am

Draft Nomination

Delisted Primary List Players must lodge a Draft nomination form (via **nabafldraftnom.com.au**) with the AFL by 2pm on Monday, November 18. Delisted Primary List Players must stipulate if their nomination form is to be held over for the Pre-Season Draft. All other players must have nominated and been eligible for the NAB AFL Draft.

Players Eligible to be Drafted

A player who has nominated in accordance with these rules and is eligible under AFL Rules may be selected at the Pre-Season Draft Selection Meeting provided that:

- a. the player has attained the age of 18 years or will attain the age of 18 years on or before December 31; and
- **b.** the player:
 - i. has been deleted from a Club Primary List; or
 - ii. is listed but uncontracted and has nominated for the Pre-Season Draft Selection Meeting; or
 - iii. was eligible and available to be selected at the immediately preceding Draft Selection Meeting and had not been selected.

Any player who satisfies the above criteria will be eligible to be drafted.

Total Player Payments

A participating Club may not select any player at the NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft Selection Meeting unless it can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the AFL that it can accommodate the player's nominated football payments within its Total Player Payments.

Rookies: Extra Opportunity

Wedesday, November 27, 11.10am

Rookie List Players Eligibility

A player is eligible to be included on the Rookie List of a Club only if the player satisfies the age requirements and the player:

- a. is an Australian Citizen, resides in Australia and was nominated for but was not selected at a Draft Selection Meeting; or
- had not been registered or played in an Australian Football competition for three years before his inclusion on a Rookie List; or
- c. is an International Player.

Timetable

Wednesday, November 27, 2013 New South Wales and Queensland Clubs nominate their eligible Rookie List Players by 11.05am

Wednesday, November 27, 2013 NAB AFL Rookie Draft Selection Meeting at 11.10am

In addition to maintaining the maximum number of allowable players on its Rookie List, each Club may include a maximum of three extra players on its Rookie List provided those players are:

- a. former Scholarship List players at that Club who have been nominated; or
- **b.** former International Scholarship List players at that Club who have been nominated; or
- c. in the case of a Club which is based in Sydney or Brisbane metropolitan area, a player who satisfies the Rookie criteria;
- d. International including one Irish player
- e. players who have not been registered or played in an Australian Football competition for three years.
- f. Academy Players

Age Requirement

Minimum Age

A player must have attained, or will attain, the age of 18 years on or before December 31, 2013.



Minimum Payments

A Rookie player will be paid the payments, medical benefits, superannuation entitlements and other benefits contained in the Collective Bargaining Agreement, or as otherwise determined from time to time by the AFL.

New South Wales and Queensland-Based Clubs

A Club based in the NSW or Queensland metropolitan area may include one or more players on its Rookie List during the period between the NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft Selection Meeting and the start of the NAB AFL Rookie Draft Selection Meeting, provided that the requirements are fulfilled.

Listing Prior to Rookie Draft

A Club may include on its Rookie List:

- International player(s); or
- Players who have not been registered in an Australian Football competition for three years immediately before their inclusion on the Rookie List (i.e. before the NAB AFL Rookie Draft Selection Meeting), provided it obtains the written consent of the General Manager, Football Operations no more than 14 days before the NAB AFL Rookie Draft Selection Meeting; or
- A Scholarship List player from his Club, who was available but not selected at the NAB AFL Draft; or
- An International Scholarship player from his club who was available but not selected at the NAB Draft.

Rookie Player Not Bound

A Rookie player shall not be bound to a Club if he is listed on a Club's Rookie List but the parties do not enter into a Contract of Service.

In such circumstances:

- the player may play for a Club competing in any competition other than the AFL; and
- the player is eligible to be selected by any Club at the next AFL Draft Selection Meeting if he has previously or again nominates himself for selection.

Retention of Rookie List Players

A Club may retain a Rookie List player for a second or third season provided it nominates such players at the time of List Lodgement (1) and the player agrees to this.

Father-Son Pre-Selected Rookie Player Nominations

A Club may include one or more eligible Father-Son players on its rookie list during the period between the NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft Selection Meeting and the start of the NAB AFL Rookie Draft Selection Meeting, provided that the requirements are fulfilled.

Academy Pre-Selected Player Nominations

A Club may include one or more eligible Academy players on its Rookie List during the period between the NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft Selection Meeting and the start of the NAB AFL Rookie Draft Selection Meeting, provided that the requirements are fulfilled.

Nominated Rookies and Mid-Season Nominated Rookies

An eligible Club with 38 players on its Primary List is entitled to nominate up to two players from its Rookie List as being available for selection during the home and away and finals series. Payments are equivalent to that of a third-round draft selection, 50 per cent of which is outside the Total Player Payments.

A Club may nominate one Player from its Rookie List as being available for selection during the home and away and finals series matches any time after the end of Round 11 and before the Tuesday after the final round of the season.

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Primary List

A Club may apply to the AFL to transfer a player or players from its Rookie List on to its Primary List on the day when its Primary List is lodged with the AFL prior to the NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting, or under the Long-Term Injury Rule or at any time between the NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting and the day when its Primary List is lodged with the AFL prior to the NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft Selection Meeting if an uncontracted listed player was deleted from that club's list.

Relocation of Interstate Player

If a Club includes a player on its Rookie List, the Club will relocate the player and pay or reimburse all reasonable relocation costs of the player.

Alternative Talent Rule

The player may not have been registered or played in an Australian Football competition for at least three years, and played in a recognised elite sporting competition. Clubs may offer one spot under this rule.

Scholarship Program

Primary List

Subject to the Scholarship List player meeting age requirements, a Club may apply to the AFL to transfer a player or players from its Scholarship List on to its Primary List on the day when its Primary List is lodged with the AFL prior to the NAB AFL Draft Selection Meeting.

Rookie List

Subject to the Scholarship List player meeting age requirements, a Club may apply to the AFL to transfer a player or players from its Scholarship List on to its Rookie List, provided it nominates such player or players prior to advising the AFL of its Primary List and such player consents to being nominated on the Rookie List.



Father-Son Rule

Father-Son Rookie Listing

Father-Son players not nominated for the bidding system can be pre-selected by that Club if they have nominated for but not been selected at the National or Pre-Season Draft.

Player Eligibility - Victorian-Based Clubs

Provided a player has not previously been registered as a player at an AFL Club, a Club may include a person on its Primary List if the person's father played 100 or more senior grade matches (being either home and away or finals matches) with that Club.

West Australian and South Australian-Based Clubs

The West Coast Eagles Football Club may include a person on its Primary List if that person's father played 150 or more senior grade matches (being either home and away or finals matches) at one of the following Clubs prior to but not including 1987: Claremont, East Perth, West Perth or Subiaco.

The Fremantle Football Club may include a person on its Primary List if that person's father played 150 or more senior grade matches (being either home and away or finals matches) at one of the following Clubs prior to but not including 1995: South Fremantle, East Fremantle, Perth or Swan Districts.

The Adelaide Football Club may include a person on its Primary List if that person's father played 200 or more senior grade matches (being either home and away or finals matches) at one of the following Clubs prior to but not including 1991: Norwood, Glenelg, Sturt or South Adelaide.

The Port Adelaide Football Club may include a person on its Primary List if that person's father played 200 or more senior grade matches (being either home and away or finals matches) at one of the following Clubs prior to but not including 1997: Port Adelaide Magpies, Woodville, West Torrens, North Adelaide, Central Districts or West Adelaide.

NSW and Queensland-Based Clubs

A person is eligible to be included on the Primary List of:

- the Sydney Swans if his father satisfies the criteria by playing for the South Melbourne Football Club (as it was then known); or
- the Brisbane Lions if his father satisfies the criteria by playing for the Fitzroy Football Club (as it was then known).

No Prior Registration

A person cannot be included on a Club's Primary List under the Father-Son system if he has, at any time, been registered with the AFL as a player with any Club.

Bidding System

A Club can nominate an eligible Father-Son draftee, with the player's written consent, for the upcoming NAB AFL Draft.

At a meeting held prior to the Trade Period, each other Club in the competition then has the option to bid, in reverse ladder order, for that player.

If a bid is made, the Club that nominated the Father-Son player must use its next available selection if it wishes to retain a hold on that player.

If the Club nominating the Father-Son player declines to match the selection nominated, the Club with the successful bid must use that selection at the Draft.

Any Club that makes a successful bid on a Father-Son selection is bound to the pick they nominate. If no bid is made by another Club, the Club that nominated the Father-Son eligible player will forfeit its last selection in the draft.

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Joe Daniher (right), the son of former Essendon defender Anthony Daniher, was selected by the Bombers under the Father-Son Rule.

Player Agents

Accreditation is mandatory

It is compulsory for all AFL player agents who represent AFL players to be accredited through the AFL Players' Association accreditation system.

This ensures that all player agents:

- who negotiate a player's contract with an AFL Club are accredited. A player can represent himself or have a parent or legal guardian represent him in all aspects of contract negotiation with an AFL Club, however, it is beneficial to utilise an agent whose experience and expertise assists in this process;
- contracting new AFL players (or representing players renewing contracts) must sign players to a **Standard Representation Agreement** (between the agent and player) which ensures basic consistency and standardised practice across the industry;
- are knowledgeable, competent and operate ethically in the best interests of AFL players; and
- are bound by strict rules and regulations monitored by the Agents' Board accordingly.

Incoming player agents must complete the accreditation process, which is open from May 1 to June 30 annually. Accreditation is granted to those who are successful in all aspects of this process, including but not limited to:

- passing the comprehensive agents' exam;
- demonstrating a thorough knowledge of AFL Rules and Regulations, the Standard Player Contract, the Collective Bargaining Agreement, Players Code of Conduct, Agents Regulations/Code of Conduct and other relevant regulatory documentation and information;
- passing a national criminal history check; and
- securing professional indemnity insurance annually.

For further information, contact Braden Stokes, Player Relations Coordinator, on (03) 8651 4383 or email bstokes@aflplayers.com.au.

Player Agents

List of accredited player agents at August, 2013 For an up-to-date list of player agents visit www.aflpa.com.au

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