

Sydney University NEAFL 2015

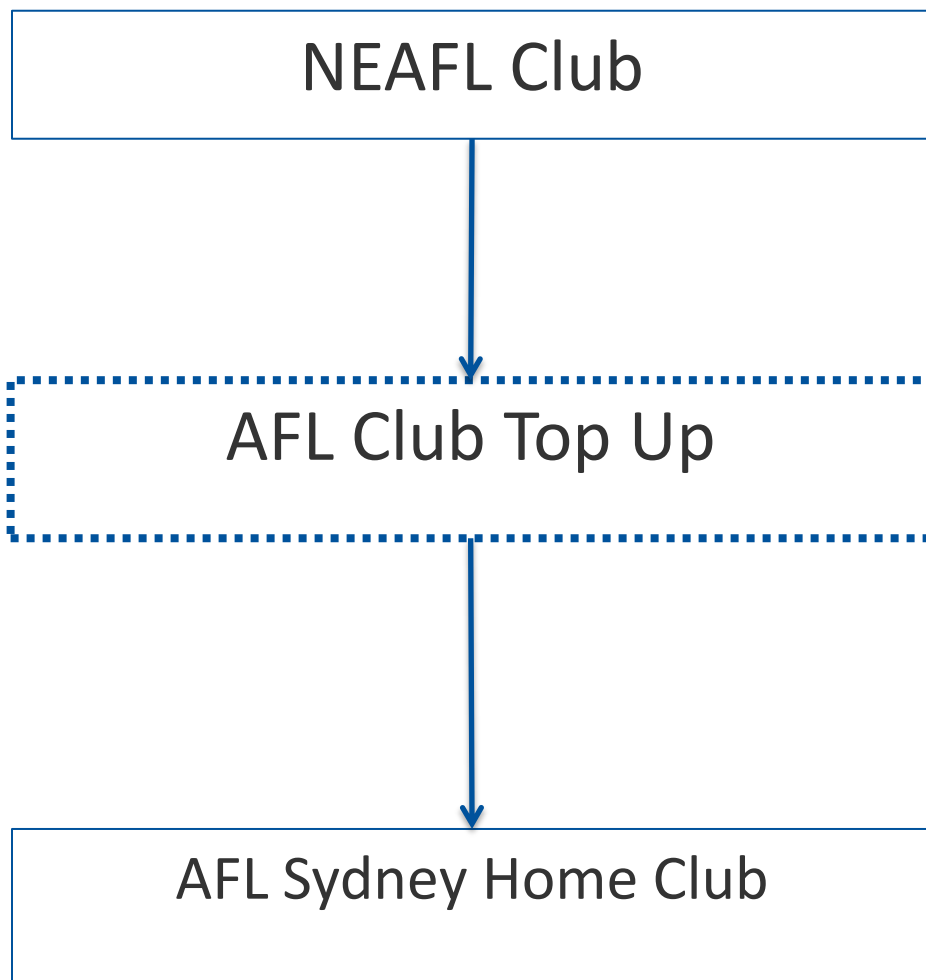


AUSTRALIA'S GAME

Key Goals

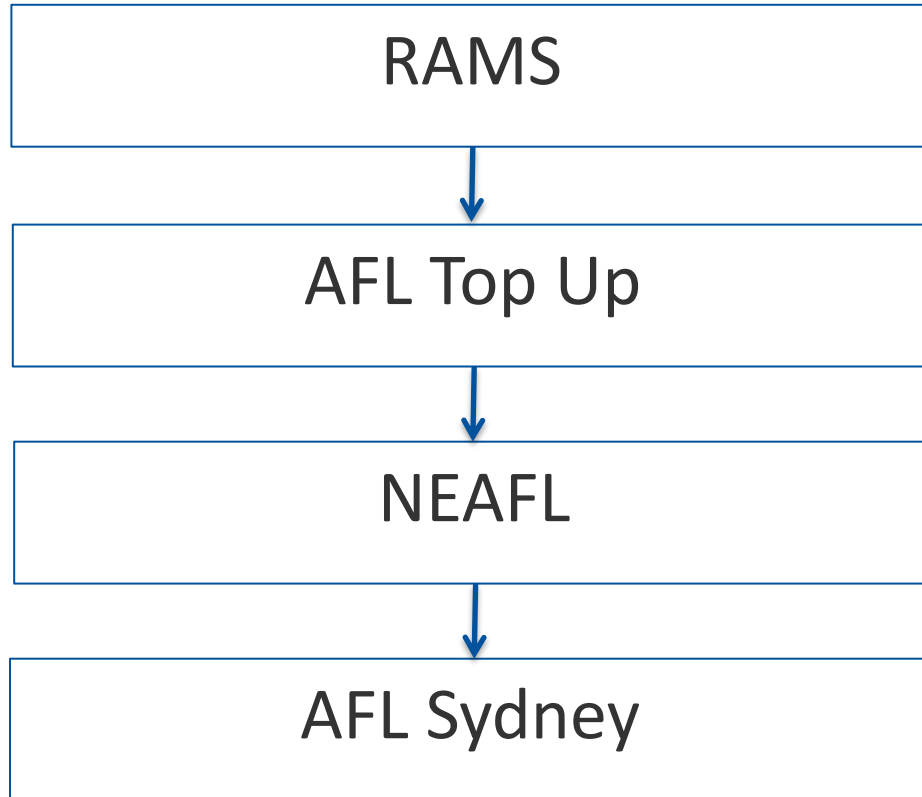
- » A clear separation of the NEAFL team from the Sydney University AFL Sydney Premier Division team via removing a traditional promotion/demotion system between the teams as well having the teams train separately on different nights and/or venues.
- » If a player makes the NEAFL Primary/Rookie list from an AFL Sydney team, his registration will be still be held at his home club so that the player maintains strong links with his club of origin.
- » Allow players to return to their home clubs when not selected by Sydney University NEAFL thus removing the difficult position a young player would find himself in if he is to potentially play against his former club/teammates.
- » A stronger AFL Sydney competition with players who are not eligible under the new Sydney University rules being returned to AFL Sydney at the start of the season as well as non AFL Sydney players (i.e. NEAFL recruits) who are not selected on a weekly basis will play for an AFL Sydney Premier Division club via a mini-draft.
- » The best young players who are still aspirational to have the opportunity to chase their dream by playing State league football without having to move interstate.
- » NEAFL Teams representative of key regions in NSW/ACT;
 - Sydney University – Greater Sydney
 - Ainslie – North-West Canberra
 - Eastlake – South-East Canberra

Order of Selection



- All NEAFL listed players will train with their NEAFL club early in the week.
- If an AFL Sydney player makes the NEAFL primary list he will return to his home club if not selected by either his NEAFL team or as an AFL Top Up.
- Teams will be selected by COB Wednesday and players not selected will then return to their AFL Sydney club to train and play for that weekend.
- Players moving from other competitions to the Sydney University NEAFL team will be drafted out to AFL Sydney Clubs via a mini draft.
- AFL clubs can use NEAFL players not selected once they have selected a minimum of 3 eligible academy players.
- NEAFL clubs will have the opportunity to revise their list during the season.

Order of Selection



- Rookies will train with Rams/Academy programs.
- Maximum Age for a NEAFL rookie is 19.
- NEAFL clubs will be encouraged to integrate them into their clubs and use them when available if they are good enough. This will create a meaningful pathway for players not selected in national drafts into the NEAFL.
- Teams will be selected by COB Wednesday. If the player is not selected by the RAMS, as an AFL Top Up or NEAFL team he returns to his AFL Sydney home club to train and play for that weekend.
- Sydney University will be limited to offering 2 scholarships for students who make it onto the rookie list. The amount of that scholarship has to be an amount of significance and will be presented to AFL NSW/ACT as part of the clubs TPP.

AFL club top-up player rules – 2015

In accordance with the below, AFL clubs have a clear pecking order which is to be used when selecting players as top ups. All top up players and any variances to these rules must be approved by the NEAFL Competition Manager.

1. Under 18 Academy players

- AFL clubs have priority access to Under 18 academy players as top ups as long as they are not playing TAC Cup or Under 18 Nationals.
- AFL clubs are required to use a minimum of 3 Under 18 academy players as top ups before using any mature age top ups.

2. NEAFL listed players

- All players who make the Primary NEAFL list will be asked at the start of season whether they are willing to play as a top up for their aligned AFL club as part of their personal development (known as an eligible NEAFL registered Player).
- AFL clubs can use eligible NEAFL registered players who said yes to being a top up once they have used a minimum of 3 academy players and is not selected by their NEAFL club.

3. Other players

- AFL clubs are permitted to use players not registered at NEAFL State League clubs only after they have used a minimum of 3 academy players and all eligible NEAFL registered players.

Sydney Uni restrictions on their Premier Division and U19's Side

Sydney Uni Premier Division will be restricted to;

- Current Sydney Uni students
- Alumni of Sydney Uni
- Junior pathway players
- Delisted NEAFL players with 5+ years service @ SUANFC

*All current players as of season 2014 are exempt from this rule (protected players)

*No cash payments at Premier Division Level

*If a player does not fit this criteria and wants to play Premier Division he will be required to play with another AFL Sydney club

Sydney Uni U19's will draw their players from the following sources;

- Pathway clubs
- Private Schools (except AFL academy players or junior club players)
- Unlisted players
- Current Sydney Uni students

Key Achievements

We think that by making the following changes we are achieving the following;

1. An elite training/playing environment where the best players not on AFL lists will be training together improving standards of skills, fitness and match day performance. This team will not only have no formal connection to the Sydney University AFL Sydney Premier Division team via a traditional promotion/demotion system, they also will train separately on different nights and/or venues.
2. If a player makes the NEAFL list from an AFL Sydney team, his registration will be still be held at his home club.
3. AFL Sydney will be strengthened by players who are not eligible under the new Sydney University rules being returned as well as players not selected on a weekly basis who have been picked up via the mini-draft.
4. Most importantly, by allowing players to return to their home clubs when not selected by Sydney University NEAFL, we are removing the difficult position a young player would find himself in if he is to potentially play against his former club/teammates. We want the best young players who are still aspirational to have the opportunity to chase their dream without having to move interstate.