



AFL Riverina Competition

Assessment Criteria for Participation

The AFL Riverina Competition Assessment Criteria for Participation are requirements placed on AFL Riverina clubs aspiring to play in the AFL Riverina Competition.

A club's compliance with these criteria will be assessed annually to ensure clubs continue to focus on club and game development opportunities and meet AFL Riverina Standards.

The document is reviewed annually and approved by the AFL Riverina Board.

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1. Background
 - 1.1 AFL Riverina will assess Club's suitability for participation in the Premier Division men's competition in accordance with these guidelines in its ultimate discretion.
 - 1.2 Clubs must satisfy the minimum standards for the relevant competition as prescribed by AFL Riverina (refer 'AFL Riverina Premier Division Club Minimum Standards').
 - 1.3 Clubs are required to enter into a standard Club Licence Agreement with AFL Riverina Incorporated with respect to its participation in AFL Riverina competitions.

2. Assessment Criteria

In assessing Club applications pursuant to these guidelines, AFL Riverina will consider a range of factors including but not limited to:

- a) the Club's ability to comply with minimum standards as prescribed by AFL Riverina for the relevant competitions.
- b) the maximum number of teams which will participate in the relevant competitions.
- c) the geographical location of the Club, including proximity to existing Clubs in the relevant competition, the current population base and forecast population growth.
- d) the Club's youth pathway including relationships with junior clubs within the region.
- e) the Club's financial viability, including operating budgets and net asset position.
- f) the Club's vision and strategic plan.
- g) the Club's current governance and administration structure.
- h) the Club's relative on field playing standard based on recent results and depth based on the number of teams fielded by the Club in AFL Riverina competitions.
- i) the Club's history of compliance with AFL, AFL NSW/ ACT, AFL Riverina and Netball Australia Regulations and By-Laws.
- j) the Club's relationship with local government.

3. Process

- 3.1. The nominating club will complete the Nomination Template by responding to each assessment criterion.
- 3.2. The template can be accessed through the AFL Riverina Website as at the nomination commencement date as communicated by AFL Riverina.
- 3.3. The Nomination Form will form the main component of the club's nomination content.

The Nomination Form can be saved at any point and resumed later but must be submitted before nomination close date as communicated by AFL Riverina.

A confirmation Email will be returned confirming your details have been successfully uploaded.

- 3.4. The Nomination Form must be completed and seconded by a members of your clubs Board of Directors or Club Executive. The completed template should be attached to an Email sent under the nominating clubs President's Email address and signature.
- 3.5. Additional information can also be uploaded to the Nomination Form.
- 3.6. The Nomination Assessment Group may contact a nominating club. This contact will be made with your club member that submitted the nomination.

4. Nomination timeline for season 2023 participation.

The following process and timelines have been developed to ensure clubs are provided with the best opportunity to prepare and nominate for participation into the AFL Riverina Competition.

