



AFL Riverina  
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## Summary:

This report provides the AFL Riverina Board with the recommendations (and reasoning) for clubs to participate in the RFNL competition for season 2023.

The process used to determine this recommendation was:

- Clubs were invited to nominate for participation in the 2023 RFNL in season.
- Ranking points were allocated to each club based on the clubs compliance against the AFL Riverina Minimum Standards and the RFNL participation criteria.
- Rankings and additional analysis were provided to the Nomination Assessment Group for discussion and consideration.
- Nomination Assessment Group added their knowledge and insights to finalise their recommendations. Additional details were requested from some clubs during this phase.

On completion of the process the Nomination Assessment Group makes the following recommendation:

Clubs Recommended *	Clubs not recommended #
1 Collingullie-GP Demons FNC	1 EWK Hawks FNC
2 Coolamon Rovers FNC	2 Marrar Bombers FNC
3 GGGM Lions FNC	3 Northern Jets FNC
4 Griffith Swans FNC	4 North Wagga Saints FNC
5 Leeton Whitton FNC	
6 MCUE Goannas FNC	
7 Narrandera Imperial FNC	
8 Turvey Park Bulldogs FNC	
9 Wagga Tigers FNC	

\* Successful clubs may be requested to provide an update to the information provided. E.g. Key dates and resources for Junior Development Plans.

# Clubs that are not recommended, will receive feedback from the Assessment Group detailing areas to focus on should they wish to nominate for season 2024.

It is also recommended that this years nomination process be reviewed to identify, what worked well and what can be improved in future nomination events.

# RFNL Nomination Assessment Report – Recommended RFNL Teams

Club Nominating	Compliance Areas for Improvement	Compliance Strengths
Collingullie GP FNC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low numbers in junior pathway (no Under 11's team) yet strong non-competitive numbers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong community support</li> <li>Long history of on-field success</li> <li>Financially strong</li> <li>Sound junior development and strategic plan</li> </ul>
Coolamon Rovers FNC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stronger focus on volunteer management/recruitment for Junior Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong community support</li> <li>Playing Standard and depth</li> <li>Facilities</li> <li>Financially strong</li> <li>Sound junior development and strategic plan</li> </ul>
GGGM Lions FNC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing official affiliation with the Wagga market</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong community support</li> <li>Playing Standard and depth</li> <li>Long history of on field success</li> <li>Financially strong</li> </ul>
Griffith Swans FNC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club Governance Model: Club Governance Model nonexistent/Not provided</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two junior clubs with huge participant base in both football/netball</li> <li>Facilities</li> <li>Sound junior development and strategic plan</li> </ul>
Leeton Whitton Crows FNC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historical Reserve grade forfeits</li> <li>Junior club expansion (two teams)</li> <li>No Opens Women's football team yet leaders in Youth Girls AFL</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sound junior development and strategic plan</li> <li>Financially strong</li> </ul>
MCUE Goannas FNC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historical Compliance: Code of Conduct Breach in 2022 – points deducted.</li> <li>Low transition rates to Seniors from large junior base</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Huge junior participant base</li> <li>Strong sponsorship base</li> <li>Sound junior development and strategic plan</li> </ul>
Narrandera Imperial FNC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum Standards: Accredited Level 1 Sports Trainer. With the ability to be upskilled to Level 2 points deducted</li> <li>Playing Standard &amp; Depth: No finals in last 4 years, club forfeits in last 4 years – points deducted</li> <li>Club Governance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% compliant with junior age, Netball and Female Football teams</li> <li>Sound junior development and strategic plan</li> <li>State of the art facilities</li> </ul>
Turvey Park Bulldogs FNC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More alignment in club governance model (Senior to Junior)</li> <li>Netball facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strongest junior participation base in Southern NSW</li> <li>Football Facilities</li> <li>Sound junior development and strategic plan</li> </ul>
Wagga Tigers FNC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Open Women's Football team yet field Youth Girls Female Football teams</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long history of on field success</li> <li>Junior transition to seniors</li> <li>Geographical and facility advantage</li> <li>Sound junior development and strategic plan</li> </ul>



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## Nomination Assessment Group Clubs not Recommended:

The RFNL Nomination Assessment group have not recommended the following clubs to participate in RFNL competitions in season 2023.

Club Nominating	Compliance Areas for Improvement	Compliance Strengths
EWK Hawks FNC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Uncertainty in fielding Under 17.5's in 2023 with no Under 15's in 2022 and no 17.5s currently in 2022</li><li>Low numbers in junior pathway</li><li>Kooringal connection for Junior club</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Consistent on field success at senior level</li><li>Financially strong and solid sponsorship base</li><li>Sound junior development and strategic plan</li><li>Strong Female Football program</li></ul>
Marrar Bombers FNC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Currently only 1 of 2 AFL Riverina Senior Clubs without Junior club</li><li>Under 17.5s forfeits in previous 4 seasons – points deducted</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sound strategic plan</li><li>Strong community support</li><li>Recent on field success</li><li>Recent Facility improvements</li></ul>
Northern Jets FNC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Strong reliance on other AFL Riverina clubs and neighboring leagues for Permit players in Under 17.5's</li><li>No Under 15s in 2022 which creates uncertainty for 17.5s in 2023</li><li>Junior Pathway plan didn't entail objectives, ideas, actions and resources to establish a resilient pathway – points deducted</li><li>Standard and Depth: Northern Jets have not played in finals in last 4 years but have been competitive. – points deducted</li><li>Northern Jets Under 17.5s forfeit in past 4 seasons points deducted.</li><li>No Female Football teams or plans</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Strong community support</li><li>Strong volunteer network</li><li>Financially strong</li></ul>
North Wagga Saints FNC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Uncertainty in fielding Under 17.5's in 2023 with no Under 15's in 2022</li><li>Low volunteer base across entire club</li><li>Code of Conduct/AFL NSW ACT Rules Breach 2022</li><li>Low sponsorship/financial base</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Leaders in Female Football</li><li>Pending facility/light upgrades (ability to host competition night games)</li><li>Traditionally strong participation numbers at WDJ &amp; FFNL Under 17.5s</li></ul>