



Team NAB AFL Auskick's latest recruit, Evelyn Soldani, after her interview with Joel Selwood on Friday night during the Geelong v Port Adelaide game. Photo: Michael Willson/AFL Photos

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Evelyn Soldani ready to pull up her signature bright socks for Team NAB AFL Auskick

Team NAB AFL Auskick has its third recruit of the year, with seven-year-old Evelyn Soldani from St Mary's Sporting Club in Geelong joining the team.

The 2024 Team NAB AFL Auskick coaches Nick Daicos and Katie Brennan encourage all registered Auskickers to enter via submitting a video online for a chance to join the team. They are on the lookout for NAB Auskickers who show teamwork, dedication, and passion!

Selected Auskickers will have the opportunity to invite an Auskick teammate of their choice to join them for a remarkable experience, attending an AFL Grand Final.

Eleven lucky winners will be announced during the Seven Network's AFL match broadcast, with Evelyn being the third lucky Auskicker to join the team accompanied by her chosen nominee – her friend, Ollie Mamone.

Evelyn and Ollie will join their fellow Team NAB AFL Auskick recruits at the MCG in Melbourne for a once-in-a-lifetime Grand Final experience, where they take centre stage and present the winning grand final team with their premiership medallions.

Evelyn loves her footy and is a passionate Geelong fan, with her love for brightly coloured, knee-high socks her signature look at every Auskick session. She is also a talented dancer, and recently became state champion for her age group at the Victorian Calisthenics Solo Championships.

She loves to bring her calisthenics into her footy, and at Auskick she will celebrate a goal with a cartwheel, walkover or back handspring!

Evelyn's friend Ollie has been known to practice her handballs in the kitchen and is proudly rocking new bright pink footy boots every Fright night at St Mary's Auskick Centre. Ollie also loves calisthenics, along with soccer and netball.

Like Evelyn, Ollie is a keen Geelong supporter despite her dad trying to sway her to support Hawthorn. When she's not playing footy, she spends most of her time at home singing and dancing around the lounge room and wants to be Taylor Swift when she grows up.

As part of being selected as a Team NAB AFL Auskick recruit, Evelyn has the chance to be crowned the 2024 NAB AFL Auskicker of the Year which will be announced during Toyota AFL Grand Final Week.

The lucky NAB AFL Auskicker of the Year will receive a remarkable \$5,000 prize thanks to NAB and have the privilege of being mentored by an AFL and AFLW player throughout 2025.

If your Auskicker would like a chance to join Team NAB AFL Auskick and have a Grand Final experience of a lifetime, visit <http://www.afl.com.au/nab-team>

About NAB AFL Auskick

- NAB AFL Auskick is an introductory program for kids to connect with Australian rules football while having lots of fun and being active – it's time to 'Find Your Awesome!'
- In weekly sessions, kids will focus on building football skills and playing in a safe and super fun setting. Expect small groups, heaps of games and parent/guardian involvement.
- NAB AFL Auskick invites all children aged 5-12 no matter their knowledge, skill or ability, to participate in the non-contact program.
- NAB AFL Auskick offers an inclusive environment for everyone to get involved, with optional 'All Girls' Auskick programs and All-Abilities Auskick centres available.
- More than 126,000 boys and girls participated in NAB AFL Auskick programs at more than 4,000 centres across the country in 2023 – setting a new record!

- Auskick participants have the chance to feature in mini games during halftime at elite AFL and AFLW matches throughout the season. A once-in-a-lifetime experience for many kids!
- Upon signing up, all Auskickers get an awesome pack filled with cool footy goodies not available anywhere else.
- Visit play.afl/Auskick for more details.



*Evelyn shows off her calisthenics skills at half-time during Seven's Friday night broadcast.
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