



Team NAB AFL Auskick's latest recruit, Alexander Kouts, after his interview with Joel Selwood on Friday night during the Collingwood v Western Bulldogs game. Photo: Dylan Burns/AFL Photos

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Team NAB AFL Auskick gets major coup with Alexander Kouts its newest recruit

Team NAB AFL Auskick has its third recruit of the year, with 11-year-old Alexander Kouts from the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) Wheelchair Auskick Centre 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 Alex being the fourth lucky Auskicker to join the team accompanied by his chosen nominee – his friend, Tristan De Souza.

Alex and Tristan 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.

Alex has been playing wheelchair Auskick for three years and he is a huge Adelaide Crows fan. A keen and talented commentator, Alex began calling the action at home when he was just eight years old! At the age of nine, Alex co-commentated the SANFL Wheelchair Footy Grand Final in 2022 and has been lucky enough to meet his commentator idol, Bruce McAvaney!

Alex also has an impressive knowledge of footy statistics just like Bruce!

Alex's friend Tristan is a passionate footballer and Crows supporter like Alex. Tristan loves the competitive nature of football and as a full forward, he loves kicking goals like his favourite player, Taylor Walker.

Outside of footy, Tristan is a keen surf life saver, participating in the Junior Nippers program since he was five years old. He approaches challenges with a positive attitude and is always open to learning new things.

As part of being selected as a Team NAB AFL Auskick recruit, Alex 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.



Alex passing the footy around on Marvel Stadium at half-time during Seven's Friday night broadcast. Photo: Dylan Burns/AFL Photos