



Team NAB AFL Auskick's latest recruit, Ella Hogan, during her interview with Dale Thomas on Friday night at the Gabba during the Brisbane Lions v Western Bulldogs game.

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Ella Hogan named Round 19 Team NAB AFL Auskick recruit

Team NAB AFL Auskick has named its 15th recruit of the year, with seven-year-old Ella Hogan from Springwood Pumas Auskick Centre in Queensland joining the team.

The 2025 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 the 2025 Toyota AFL Grand Final.

Eleven lucky winners will be announced during the Seven Network's AFL match broadcast, with Ella being the latest winner to join the team accompanied by her chosen teammate – her friend Bodhi Johnson.

Ella and Bodhi 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 will take centre stage and present the winning team with their premiership medallions.

Ella is a massive Brisbane Lions supporter and has loved Auskick and the AFL since she was very young. Her favourite Lions players are Will Ashcroft in the AFL and Evie Long in the AFLW.

She is a passionate supporter who loves sharing this passion with other fans, she is often the loudest in the crowd when she goes to games with her dad.

Ella has two pets at home, a miniature Dachshund named Luna, and a Siamese cat named Lilly.

Ella's chosen teammate is her friend Bodhi from her Auskick centre. Bodhi is also a Brisbane Lions supporter who knows all the words to the Lions anthem, with Cam Rayner being his favourite player.

If Bodhi isn't playing footy you will find him playing outdoors, or at home colouring and drawing, which he can sit and do for hours!

As part of being selected as a Team NAB AFL Auskick recruit, Ella has the chance to be crowned the 2025 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 prizemoney thanks to NAB and will have a year full of unique experiences, including meeting AFL and AFLW players and attending AFL games and special events.

If your Auskicker would like a chance to join Team NAB AFL Auskick and have a Grand Final experience of a lifetime, visit nab.com.au/Auskick to enter.

About NAB AFL Auskick

- NAB AFL Auskick is an introductory program for kids to connect with Australian Football while having lots of fun and being active smiles and grass stains are guaranteed!
- In weekly sessions, kids 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 tackle-free 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 141,000 boys and girls participated in NAB AFL Auskick programs at more than 3,500 centres across the country in 2024 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.



Ella having a run on the Gabba during half-time Auskick on Friday night. Photo: Russell Freeman/AFL Photos