



SENIOR NINES CHALLENGE FAQs

Q1. Do participants need to be registered for Community Football (and at one Club) to play?

No. As long as players register for **this** Nines competition in Play HQ, they are eligible to participate. Teams can be made up of players from any club, social team etc. They don't need to be registered previously with a Club or AFL Nines team.

Q2. How many players do you need?

With 9 players required on the field, squad sizes are required to be between 10-18 registered players.

Q3. Can I sign up as an individual or do I need a full team?

If you are keen to play but don't have a full team, reach out and we can help find you a team to join!

Q4. What is the minimum age to participate?

Players must be turning 17 in 2026 (born 2009 or earlier).

Q5. What is the structure of the tournament?

Teams will be split into 4 pools of 4 and play against all other teams in their pool before playing 2 crossover finals, (total of 5 games). Each game will be 2 x 10-minute halves. **Note that this structure is dependent on the final number of teams.**

Q6. What do Teams need to provide?

Each team will need a point of contact (can be a player) and ensure players are all wearing the same colour jersey/shirt/singlet.

AFLQ will provide First Aid, umpires, match managers and relevant match equipment (footballs, wristbands etc.).

Q7. What prizes are on offer?

All teams that sign up will receive an AFL Nines football. The winners of each competition will receive individual medals in addition to the prize money below:

- 1st - \$3,500
- 2nd - \$1,000
- 3rd - \$500

Key Links

- Team Registration Link: <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/38420b>
- AFL Nines Rules: <https://play.afl/play/afl-nines>

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