



## **YOUTH NINES CHALLENGE FAQs**

### **Q1. What are the main objectives of the Youth Nines Challenge?**

- Fun! – Provide an engaging AFL experience for participants with lots of prizes up for grabs!
- Variety - An opportunity for players to play against different teams
- Recruitment - Provide Clubs with another avenue to attract new participants to their Club

### **Q2. 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, school, friendship group etc. They don't need to be registered with a Club either.

### **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 are the cut-off dates for each age group?**

Age groups align with the 2026 community football dates:

- U13 – 1 July 2022 to 30 Jun 2014 (Year 7/8)
- U15 – 1 July 2010 to 30 Jun 2012 (Year 9/10)

### **Q5. How many players do you need?**

With 9 players required on the field, squad sizes are required to be between 10-15 registered players.

### **Q6. What is the structure of the tournament?**

Teams will be split into 2 pools of 4 and play against all other teams in their pool before playing a crossover final, ensuring that ALL teams play 4 games throughout the day. **Note that this structure is dependent on the final number of teams.**

### **Q7. What do Teams need to provide?**

Each team will need an adult as a point of contact (coach/team manager) 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.).

### **Q8. What prizes are on offer?**

All teams that sign up will receive an AFL Nines football. The winners of each competition will receive a trophy and individual medals. Additional prizes include:

- 15 x double passes to R8 Gold Coast SUNS v Essendon
- 15 x tickets to R12 Brisbane Lions v Fremantle
- Tour of the Brisbane Lions training facility at Brighton Homes Arena
- Tour of the Gold Coast SUNS training facility at People First Stadium
- 2 x Gold Coast SUNS players to attend a training session
- 2 x Brisbane Lions players to attend a training session
- \$1,500 Sherrin voucher
- \$1,000 Hart Sport voucher



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**Key Links**

- Team Registration Link: <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/5c373e>
- AFL Nines Rules: <https://play.afl/play/afl-nines>

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