



**AFL QUEENSLAND
STATE U18
RECRUITMENT
POLICY**

Recruitment Policy – State Under 18 Academy Trials

The State Under 18 Academy Trials offer a viable recruiting tool to NEAFL Clubs with a gathering of up and coming youth travelling along the pathway towards open age football at various levels

To ensure that participating players from non-aligned clubs can enjoy the Academy Trials and focus on their individual and teams performance the following recruiting policy has been adopted

- NEAFL Clubs may not approach or sign a player to their club until the conclusion of the Trials (normally mid/late March) This allows the player to focus on his Academy training and have a life balance without the concerns of committing early to a NEAFL Club
- NEAFL Clubs should regularly liaise with either the State Talent Manager or Brisbane Lions/Gold Coast Suns Academy Manager to get updates on players training, welfare, and testing results
- NEAFL Clubs are encouraged to attend Academy training and lead up matches as well as the Academy Trials
- NEAFL Clubs are encouraged to present to the player and parents/guardian the Development philosophy of their club and where they see the player fitting into their organisation This should be done in liaison with the State Talent Manager or the appropriate Academy Manager
- NEAFL Clubs should always remember that if the introduction phase of their attempts to recruit from this group of players is done transparently, collectively, and with a focus on the players development and the opportunities the club can offer to the player then potentially the club may be securing a 100 game plus player

Note: Registrations and Clearances for Players under the age of 18 years must be co-signed by a Parent/Guardian – Registrations/Clearances lodged without this Parental/Guardian consent are null and void and have implications regarding Insurance