



MEMORANDUM

To: **State / Territory CEO's and Community Football Managers**

Cc: **Rob Auld, Madeline Penny; Maeve Ryan; Stu Kempson**

From: **Andrew Hughes**

Date: **23 August 2024**

Re: **Registration Opening Date and November Transfer Period**

Dear State / Territory CEO's and Community Football Managers,

Following consultation, overwhelming feedback was provided to make the following changes to the Registration Opening Date and the November Transfer Period ahead of the 2025 community football season:

1. Registration Opening Date – Leagues and Clubs may take registrations from October 1 2024
2. The November Transfer Period will apply in 2024

1. Registration Opening Date – Leagues and Clubs may take registrations from October 1

Clubs can commence taking registrations under section 3 of the AFL National Community Football Policy Handbook (**Handbook**). This will apply in respect of the 2025 community football season.

Under section 3.2 of the Handbook, registration previously commenced on November 1. The AFL has brought the registration opening date forward to October 1 to allow Leagues and Clubs to register new or returning participants earlier should they wish to. This change is reflected in the August 2024 version of the Handbook (available [here](#)).

It is important to note that:

- Players wishing to transfer to a new Club must wait until the November Transfer Period (except where 3.3(b)(ii) of the Handbook applies– i.e. where exceptional and compelling circumstances or the '24-month rule' apply).
- The decision on when to open registrations remains at the discretion of the League and Club. A League must first invite a Club to the 2025 season for the Club to commence setting up their registration forms.

2. The November Transfer Period will apply in 2024

Consultation also supported that the November Transfer Period will apply in 2024 ahead of the 2025 community football season.

This decision aligns with the Handbook which outlines that Player Transfer Requests may be lodged between 12:01am (AEST) on 1 November to 11:59pm (AEST) on 30 November in the calendar year preceding the relevant season or 12:01am (AEST) on 1 February to 11:59pm (AEST) on 30 June in the calendar year of the relevant season.

Please share this memo with Leagues within your State and encourage them to advise their Clubs accordingly.

Like previous years, we will continue to provide guidance for Leagues and Clubs on how to set up their registration for season 2025 via a range of support materials including those available on Play.AFL ([here](#)).

If you have any queries, please contact your Community Football Manager.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Hughes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Andrew Hughes
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