



Frequently Asked Questions – Changes to Transfer Periods

Definitions used in this document have the same meaning as given in the National Player Registration & Transfer Regulations (published July 2021). This document addresses some key questions in respect of the changes to the Transfer Periods:

Why the changes?

There are several reasons for the changes to the Transfer Periods which can be summarised as follows:

- Traditionally, Clubs are notified via the Competition Management Platform when a Transfer Request involving their Player is submitted. Under the Regulations, where a Former Club fails to respond to a Transfer Request, the relevant Transfer will be auto approved after six days. As community football transitions to a new Competition Management Platform (being PlayHQ) during the second half of 2021, each Club will be required to set up their transfer notification settings to ensure they are notified of such Transfer Requests. The AFL anticipates that many Clubs will not have completed this process on the new Competition Management Platform by 1 November 2021, which may lead to Transfer Requests being auto approved without the knowledge of a player's Former Club.
- Under the Regulations, a Former Club may refuse a Transfer Request for the reasons outlined in Regulation 3.2.2 (e.g. the player owes money to the Former Club). If the November Transfer Period were retained, there is a risk that Clubs will unwittingly forego this right of refusal because they have not yet completed an administrative process required as part of their transition to the new Competition Management Platform.
- Delaying the opening of the Transfer Periods to 1 February 2022 provides Clubs with more time to ensure they are properly set up to receive notifications for Transfer Requests. It will also provide more time for further enhancement of the new Competition Management Platform.
- The changes will alleviate pressure on volunteers and League administrators from an onboarding perspective, giving them greater opportunity to learn the new Competition Management Platform.
- It is acknowledged that some Leagues have competitions which commence earlier than the majority of Leagues and those competitions will have two additional Transfer Periods before and after Christmas 2021 (as set out below).

How will Transfer Requests work for competitions which commence before 15 February 2022?

The AFL will, via the Competition Management Platform, allow Transfers for Players to Clubs in those competitions from December 1 to 15 and January 15 to 30.

If a Player requests a Transfer to a new Club within those competitions, the AFL will ensure that the Player's Source Club, source League and destination League receive notification of the Transfer Request via email regardless of whether they have set up or logged into the new Competition Management Platform. That notification will be provided to the contacts listed to receive notifications for Transfer Requests and the primary contact for the League/Club in the former Competition Management Platform (being SportsTG/Gameday) or as otherwise entered by the League/Club into the new Competition Management Platform.

In addition, the AFL Customer Support Team will email the Clubs and Leagues offering to approve or refuse a Transfer Request on behalf of the Club or League if they are not set up to do so. Please note that the Customer Support Team will only approve or refuse a Transfer Request upon receipt of confirmation in writing (i.e. via reply email). Once three days have elapsed following submission of a Transfer Request, if there has

been no response and the transfer request is still awaiting approval, the AFL Customer Support Team will also call the primary contact of the Club (or League) to alert them to the pending transfer request and advise them that it will automatically approve after six days.

What if my League does not commence until 15 February 2022 or later but I want to transfer to my new club before 1 Feb 2022?

Players will need to wait until 1 February 2022 to submit a Transfer Request. However, this does not prohibit Players from training with a new Club.

Clubs are encouraged not to provide any benefit (financial or otherwise) to a new Player until that Player is transferred to the Club via the Competition Management Platform.