



2026 MARSH AFL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - U18 GIRLS ALL AUSTRALIAN TEAM

Back Pocket: Mia Carlshausen

Western Australia/Perth/Manning Rippers

Date of Birth: 10/04/2008; Height: 171cm

Rebounding defender who intercepted extremely well and provided consistent rebound for Western Australia throughout the Championships. Carlshausen averaged 16.5 disposals at 71% efficiency with 4.8 marks and 5.5 rebound 50s across the four matches.

Player ranking points: 111 points (average per game)

Full Back: Olivia Leslie

South Australia/Central District/Angle Vale

Date of Birth: 05/12/2009; Height: 177cm

A bottom-aged defender who played on the opposition's most dangerous forward throughout the Championships, Leslie was rarely beaten in one-on-one contests and intercepted with smart use of her body. Averaged 7.2 disposals (5.5 contested possessions) and was among her team's best against Queensland, Victoria Metro and the Allies.

Player ranking points: 66 points

Back Pocket: Alli Allen

Victoria Metro/Northern Knights/Lower Plenty

Date of Birth: 15/10/2008; Height: 173cm

Defender who can play in all three zones, Allen was courageous in her attack on the ball and clean with her hands, as well as using it with precision by hand and foot. In three matches she averaged 14.7 disposals at an elite disposal efficiency of 88%, along with 5.7 tackles to win Victoria Metro's MVP award.

Player ranking points: 103 points

Half Back Flank: Emily Mableson

South Australia/West Adelaide /Unley Jets

Date of Birth: 05/05/2008; Height: 171cm

Dashing defender who opens up the game with her intercepting ability as well as her step through traffic. Mableson was also a precise ball user from the back half for South Australia. Averaged 22.5 disposals at 66% efficiency with seven contested disposals and 3.8 tackles to win the MVP award for the Championships-winning team. Has had an amazing underage career for Australia, after winning the team's MVP award at under 16s level in 2024.

Player ranking points: 103 points

Centre Half Back: Ashleigh Barlow

Allies/Sydney Swans Academy/UNSW-ES Bulldogs

Date of Birth: 06/06/2008; Height: 174cm

Defender who competes aggressively, excelling in one-on-one contests, Barlow also provided

great rebound, using her athleticism to open the play up for the Allies. Averaged 12.2 disposals with two marks and 3.8 tackles across the Championships. This honour adds to All Australian at under 16s level in 2024, when she also won the Sydney Swans' MVP award.

Player ranking points: 71 points

Half Back Flank: Charlotte Tidemann

Allies/Sydney Swans Academy/North Shore Bombers

Date of Birth: 08/08/2008; Height: 169cm

A smooth-moving and composed defender with a sharp competitive streak, Tidemann not only provided great rebound for the Allies but was fierce in the contest. Averaged 5.2 tackles as well as 16.5 disposals at 62% efficiency. She was the ultimate connector, having 7.2 handball receives and using her relentless running to break lines and provide forward entries for the Allies.

Player ranking points: 95 points

Wing: Frankie Walsh

Allies/Sydney Swans Academy/Glebe

Date of Birth: 30/03/2008; Height: 173cm

Smooth-moving and hard-working winger who runs relentlessly both ways. Walsh provided great connection for the Allies with her clean hands and decision-making resulting in clean entries for her team. Averaged 16.2 disposals with 12 uncontested possessions, while her 8.5 handball receives highlighted her preparedness to run and outnumber the opposition to her team's benefit.

Player ranking points: 81 points

Centre: Ava Bilyk

Victoria Country/Geelong Falcons/St Marys

Date of Birth: 07/07/2008; Height: 169cm

Midfielder-forward with outstanding footy smarts and work rate, Bilyk dominated the Championships. Showed her clean hands and elite decision-making, together with her sharp competitive edge to be super productive throughout all four matches. Averaged 23.8 disposals (13 contested), with 5.8 clearances and 4.5 tackles as well as a goal a game to win Victoria Country's MVP award as well as the competition's best and fairest award. Was named captain of the All Australian team, having also previously been an All Australian at under 16s level in 2024.

Player ranking points: 146 points

Wing: Maddison Meagher

Victoria Metro/Northern Knights/Diamond Creek Women's

Date of Birth: 08/02/2008; Height: 163cm

Speedy winger who played her role exceptionally well, working up and down the ground to provide an option for her team with its ball movement. Meagher was a consistent performer for Victoria Metro, being amongst its best against SA, WA and Queensland. Averaged 15.5 disposals (8.2 contested), with 3.2 inside 50s with her dash and dare prominent.

Player ranking points: 80 points

Ruck: Cara Dziegielewski

Western Australia/West Perth/Yanchep Districts

Date of Birth: 19/04/2008; Height: 182cm

Super athletic ruck with the natural leap and competitiveness to give her team first use of the ball at stoppages consistently. Dziegielewski continued her remarkable form for Western Australia at under aged level during this year's Championships. She has now been an All Australian for each of the past three years, with back-to-back honours at under 18s level after winning selection at under 16s level in 2024. Covers the ground extremely well and averaged 16.5 disposals (9 contested), with three marks and 5.5 tackles to go with 32 hitouts per game. Won her state's MVP award to cap off an outstanding carnival.
Player ranking points: 110 points

Ruck Rover: Matilda Lange

Allies/Tasmania/Kingborough

Date of Birth: 30/01/2009; Height: 166cm

A powerful and skilful bottomed-aged player, Lange was a stoppage star throughout the Championships, with her ability to extract the ball and drive it forward on either foot a real feature. Averaged 21.2 disposals at 73% efficiency (12.2 contested), with 6.8 clearances and four tackles to win the Allies MVP award, having already twice been an All Australian at under 16s level in 2024 and 2025 playing for Tasmania.

Player ranking points: 148 points

Rover: Zoe Curry

Allies/GWS Giants Academy/Oakleigh Chargers/Turvey Park

Date of Birth: 09/10/2008; Height: 172cm

Powerful midfielder who attacks the ball with real intent, Curry is very clean with her hands and really penetrates with her long kicking. After missing the Allies' opening match through injury, she dominated against South Australia, Queensland and Western Australia averaging 20.7 disposals (12 contested), with 5.3 clearances and 5.3 tackles to finish in the top ten in the overall Championships best and fairest award.

Player ranking points: 142 points

Half Forward: Lani Cocks

South Australia/Norwood/Plympton

Date of Birth: 15/09/2009; Height: 162cm

Bottom-aged midfielder-forward whose ability to hunt the footy and burst away with speed is exciting to watch. Cocks imposed herself on games with her contested ball winning and smart ball use. Was among South Australia's best players in all four matches, averaging 24.5 disposals (10 contested), with 3.5 clearances and 4.5 tackles. She finished runner up in the Championships best and fairest award after winning that honour at under 16s level in 2025.

Player ranking points: 142 points

Centre Half Forward: Harlee McIlwain

Queensland/Brisbane Lions Academy/Morningside

Date of Birth: 07/04/2008; Height: 174cm

A mobile forward who is both strong overhead and has innate goal sense, McIlwain uses her speed to get off her opponent and present as a marking target inside 50. Averaged 9.2 disposals, 3.2 marks and 3.5 tackles. Featured among her team's best players against title-winner South Australia, where she gave an insight into her enormous potential to influence matches.

Player ranking points: 66 points

Half Forward Flank: Emily Rankin

Victoria Metro/Eastern Ranges/Park Orchards

Date of Birth: 11/05/2008; Height: 166cm

Midfielder-forward who takes the game on with her step through traffic and prolific ball-winning ability. Rankin was a model of consistency for Victoria Metro as their captain, being among their best against Queensland, South Australia and Victoria Country. She averaged 21 disposals (11.5 contested), with 2.8 clearances and four tackles, being prominent throughout with not just her ability with her ball, but also her competitiveness.

Player ranking points: 102 points

Forward Pocket: Emma Charlton

South Australia/South Adelaide/Willunga

Date of Birth: 19/06/2008; Height: 162cm

Pocket rocket who plays with energy and zest, Charlton captained South Australia superbly to win the Championships title. Set a great example with her competitiveness, work ethic and team orientation. Averaged 24 disposals (10 contested), with 4.2 clearances and a remarkable 7.2 tackles. Dominated against Queensland and Western Australia and is now a back-to-back All Australian at under 18s level after also winning the same honour at under 16s level in 2024.

Player ranking points: 133 points

Full Forward: Bailee Martin

Victoria Metro/Oakleigh Chargers/East Malvern

Date of Birth: 03/09/2008; Height: 176cm

Powerful forward who reads the cues superbly and is first to move, before using her strong hands to outmark her opponent. Martin kicked 12 goals in three matches, which remarkably included kicking seven goals against Victoria Country for the second consecutive year in a stunning performance on the final day of the Championships. A wonderful kick for goal, she averaged 12.7 disposals at 71% efficiency with three marks to also become a back-to-back All Australian at under 18s level after first winning that recognition at under 16 level in 2024.

Player ranking points: 104 points

Forward Pocket: Molly Ferguson

Queensland/Brisbane Lions Academy/Maroochydore

Date of Birth: 20/04/2008; Height: 161cm

Clever and courageous midfielder who is a prolific ball winner, Ferguson has clean hands and elite decision-making ability in setting up the play for her team. Averaged 21.2 disposals at 64% efficiency (12 contested), with 3.8 clearances and 7 tackles to win Queensland's MVP award. Her selection in All Australian team was the second time she has received the honour after being selected at under 16s level in 2024.

Player ranking points: 132 points

Interchange: Lucy Moore

South Australia/Woodville-West Torrens/Henley

Date of Birth: 30/04/2008; Height: 165 cm

A midfielder with great appetite for the contest, Moore showed clean hands and outstanding footy nous in winning clearances, as well as running hard to receive in handball chains. Was ultra consistent throughout the Championships, averaging 22 disposals (12.8 contested) with 4.2 clearances and a competition-high 7.5 tackles to be an important part of South Australia's engine room.

Player ranking points: 133 points

Interchange: Madeline Nuss

South Australia/Sturt/Mt Lofty

Date of Birth: 04/02/2009; Height: 168cm

A bottom-aged small forward with uncanny ability around goals, Nuss started the Championships on fire by kicking four goals from 13 disposals against Western Australia to be one of her team's best. Always looked dangerous at the fall of the ball inside 50 and ended up kicking a total of eight goals for the Championships to play her role impressively in the title-winning team.

Player ranking points: 68 points

Interchange: Aurelia Russell

Allies/Sydney Swans Academy/Maitland

Date of Birth: 03/12/2008; Height: 160cm

Winger with an elite combination of speed and endurance, Russell ran relentlessly and became a vital part of handball chains for the Allies. Averaged 15.8 disposals at 66.7% efficiency, with 6.2 handball receives, three clearances and four tackles. Was at her best in matches against Victoria Country and Western Australia.

Player ranking points: 105 points

Interchange: Morgan Stevens

Allies/GWS Giants Academy/Tuggeranong Valley

Date of Birth: 13/08/2008; Height: 177cm

Tall defender who competes extremely well one-on-one and rebounds impressively, with her speed. Stevens can play on a taller or smaller opponents and negate their influence. A very team-oriented player, she averaged 11.5 disposals at 65% efficiency, with 2.8 marks and 3.2 rebound 50s.

Player ranking points: 64 points

Interchange: Sophie White

Victoria Country/Dandenong Stingrays/Mt Eliza

Date of Birth: 18/03/2008; Height: 181cm

Mobile ruck with exciting natural leap, White excelled at stoppages giving Victoria Country an advantage by averaging 28 hitouts as well as 8.3 disposals across her three matches.

Courageous in her attack on the ball, she followed up her work in the air by applying great pressure at ground level, where she averaged 3.3 tackles. Missed a game with an injury but returned to play her role effectively in her team's exciting win over Victoria Metro.

Player ranking points: 78 points

Coach: Brad Snell

South Australia

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