

# FREE AGENCY EXPLAINED 2019



HAS THE PLAYER BEEN DELISTED BY THE CLUB?



HAS THE PLAYER PROVIDED 8+ YEARS SERVICE TO CURRENT CLUB AND IS COMING OUT OF CONTRACT?

**DELISTED FREE AGENT**  
Contract can be sought directly from a new club, regardless of years of service.

**NOT A DELISTED FREE AGENT IF**  
Player retires OR rejects offer from current club OR requests removal from club list ('delists' himself).

**PREV QUAL FA ON 2019 CLUB LIST**  
Once a player has qualified for free agency they will be a free agent at the end of each subsequent contract.

**PREV QUAL FA NOT ON 2019 CLUB LIST**  
A player who became a free agent previously, but is no longer on an AFL list, will be a free agent.

**DELISTED FREE AGENCY PERIODS**

**PERIOD 1**  
1 NOV - 11 NOV

**PERIOD 2**  
13 NOV - 22 NOV

**PERIOD 3**  
29 NOV ONLY  
8 - 9AM

**PERIOD 1**  
4 OCT - 10 OCT

**PERIOD 2**  
1 NOV - 11 NOV

**PERIOD 3**  
13 NOV - 22 NOV

**PERIOD 4**  
4 NOV - 29 NOV



**FREE AGENCY NOT AVAILABLE**  
(Can only move club via trade or the drafts)



SELECT THE MOST APPROPRIATE PATHWAY BELOW

8+ YEARS SERVICE TO CURRENT CLUB. INSIDE THE TOP 25% OF TPP

Top 25% at each club is determined by the guaranteed playing contract (base value only) and any ASA payments

8+ YEARS SERVICE TO CURRENT CLUB. OUTSIDE THE TOP 25% OF TPP

10+ YEARS SERVICE TO THE CURRENT CLUB.

**RESTRICTED FREE AGENCY PERIOD**

**4 OCT - 10 OCT**

**LODGEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Details of the contract must be lodged with the AFL within 24 hours of reaching agreement and by no later than the end of the Restricted Free Agency Period.

If multiple offers are received, player must declare preferred offer before lodgement with the AFL.

AFL will promptly provide details of the contract to current club.

Current club may match the offered terms by providing notice to the AFL and the Restricted Free Agent within 3 days of receiving notice from the AFL, or by no later than the end of the matching period on Sunday 13th October.

**UNRESTRICTED FREE AGENT**

May seek and execute a contract directly with a new club in the Free Agency Transfer Period OR stay with existing club.

**UNRESTRICTED FREE AGENCY PERIOD**

**4 OCT - 10 OCT**

**LODGEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Details of contract must be lodged with the AFL within 7 days of reaching agreement OR by the end of the Unrestricted Free Agency Period, whichever comes first.

HAS EXISTING CLUB MATCHED OFFER?



**STAY WITH EXISTING CLUB OR NOMINATE FOR DRAFT OR SEEK TRADE.**

**MOVE TO NEW CLUB OR STAY WITH EXISTING CLUB.**

**ROOKIES**

A 1st year Rookie not receiving a further Rookie contract offer will be considered a Delisted Free Agent, or an Unrestricted Free Agent.

A 1st year Rookie who refuses a further Rookie contract will NOT be considered a Delisted Free Agent and therefore will not be an Unrestricted Free Agent.

A 2nd year Rookie not accepting a further Rookie contract will be considered a Delisted Free Agent, and therefore will be an Unrestricted Free Agent.

**COMPENSATIONS**

Relevant to Free Agents having completed 8 years of service (excluding Delisted).

**BASED ON A FORMULA**

- Age of player
- Average Guaranteed Payments (Base + ASA)
- Other benefits: Car, flights, accom etc

COMPENSATION MAY BE TRADED

**FIVE BANDS**

- 1st Round
- End of 1st Round
- 2nd Round
- End of 2nd Round
- 3rd Round (tied to ladder position)

**COMMITTEE REVIEW**

If formula produces a materially anomalous result, committee may recommend alternative compensation to the General Counsel of the AFL.

A club that has a net loss of players transferring to/from other clubs shall be entitled to compensation.