

## **2016 Multicultural Talent Academy - FAQs**

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The Fremantle Dockers, in conjunction with the West Australian Football Commission (WAFC) are pleased to announce the introduction of the inaugural Fremantle Dockers Multicultural Academy.

#### ***What is the Fremantle Dockers Multicultural Academy?***

The Fremantle Dockers Multicultural Academy has been created in order to establish a development hub for junior players in the sport of AFL. The objective of the academy is to attract future players, both male and female, who are not currently playing football or who may have limited access to current pathways.

The academy utilizes the club's resources and personnel to offer an opportunity to develop the skillset and knowledge of the game for young players of culturally diverse backgrounds.

#### ***What is commitment required to take part in the academy?***

The Fremantle Dockers Multicultural Academy will kick off in the July school holidays with talent days taking place in both north and south metropolitan areas, and regionally in the South-West.

By participating in one of these talent days you will then be invited to take part in two more training sessions throughout July and August where participants will get a valuable insight into the commitment required to play a higher level of AFL football.

At the end of the academy training period, selected participants will enjoy the rare opportunity of playing a game on Domain Stadium as a curtain raiser to the round 23 match between the Fremantle Dockers and the Western Bulldogs (date and time TBC).

#### ***Do you have to have participated in AFL Football previously to be included in the academy?***

No, players do not have to have participated in the sport to be included. The academy is fully inclusive of all skillsets and developed with the intention to fast-track a participant's knowledge of the game.

It has also been designed in consultation with the WAFC and district talent managers with the opportunity to further participants AFL experience by transitioning straight into their local talent pathway at the end of the academy process.

#### ***How old do you have to be to take part in the Fremantle Dockers Multicultural Academy?***

The 2016 Fremantle Dockers Multicultural Academy will be aiming for junior players aged between 13 years – 15 years in 2016 (Born 2001 -2003).

***What are the criteria for a player to take part in the Fremantle Dockers Multicultural Academy?***

The academy process will be fully inclusive of all participants, but targeted for participants of multicultural background. This is a participant who was either born overseas, or has one parent who was born overseas.

Further to this, under AFL academy guidelines, the club has been allocated regions throughout the State for which academy participants must hail from.

Players in the metropolitan area eligible for the Fremantle Dockers Multicultural Academy must live in the following WAFC district zones:

- West Perth
- Claremont
- East Fremantle
- South Fremantle
- Peel Thunder

Regional allocations for the Fremantle Dockers Multicultural Academy include:

- Midwest
- Wheatbelt
- 10 per cent of South West (Peel Thunder region)

\* For a full list of suburbs that fall under each WAFC district zone please visit [www.wafc.com.au](http://www.wafc.com.au)

To register your interest in taking part of the academy please click on this [link](#) or go to [www.afl.com.au/dockersacademy](http://www.afl.com.au/dockersacademy).

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