



*Team NAB AFL Auskick's latest recruit, Allira Gattellaro, after her interview with Joel Selwood on Friday night at the MCG during the St Kilda v Carlton game.
Photo: Josh Chadwick/AFL Photos.*

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Allira Gattellaro named Round 9 Team NAB AFL Auskick recruit

Team NAB AFL Auskick has named its fifth recruit of the year, with 10-year-old Allira Gattellaro from Aintree Auskick Centre in Melbourne joining the team.

The 2025 Team NAB AFL Auskick coaches Nick Daicos and Katie Brennan encourage all registered Auskickers to enter via submitting a video online for a chance to join the team. They are on the lookout for NAB Auskickers who show teamwork, dedication, and passion.

Selected Auskickers will have the opportunity to invite an Auskick teammate of their choice to join them for a remarkable experience, attending the 2025 Toyota AFL Grand Final.

Eleven lucky winners will be announced during the Seven Network's AFL match broadcast, with Allira being the third winner to join the team accompanied by her chosen teammate – her brother Raff.

Allira and Raff will join their fellow Team NAB AFL Auskick recruits at the MCG in Melbourne for a once-in-a-lifetime Grand Final experience, where they will take centre stage and present the winning team with their premiership medallions.

Allira has been playing Auskick for three years and loves the opportunity to play at half time at the MCG and Marvel Stadium like her AFL heroes, especially her favourite player Marcus Bontempelli.

Allira is also the only girl in her U10 football team at the Aintree Giants, and she was awarded 'Player of the Week' in her first game this season. She was so keen to practise her football skills in the off-season, that she made her own handball and kicking targets at home to practise every day after school, which has clearly paid off!

When she isn't playing footy, she loves to sing, as well as playing with her many pets at home. Allira and her family have two dogs, two horses and two bearded dragons!

Allira chose her younger brother Raff as her teammate because he loves football as much as her. He has played Auskick for four years and won his club's Auskicker of the Year two years in a row. Raff loves Auskick so much that he has also signed up to play his first year of football in the U8 team at the Aintree Giants.

As part of being selected as a Team NAB AFL Auskick recruit, Allira has the chance to be crowned the 2025 NAB AFL Auskicker of the Year which will be announced during Toyota AFL Grand Final Week.

The lucky NAB AFL Auskicker of the Year will receive a remarkable \$5,000 prizemoney thanks to NAB and will have a year full of unique experiences, including meeting AFL and AFLW players and attending AFL games and special events.

If your Auskicker would like a chance to join Team NAB AFL Auskick and have a Grand Final experience of a lifetime, visit nab.com.au/Auskick to enter.

About NAB AFL Auskick

- NAB AFL Auskick is an introductory program for kids to connect with Australian Football while having lots of fun and being active – smiles and grass stains are guaranteed!
- In weekly sessions, kids focus on building football skills and playing in a safe and super fun setting. Expect small groups, heaps of games and parent/guardian involvement.
- NAB AFL Auskick invites all children aged 5-12 no matter their knowledge, skill or ability, to participate in the tackle-free program.
- NAB AFL Auskick offers an inclusive environment for everyone to get involved, with optional 'All Girls' Auskick programs and All-Abilities Auskick centres available.
- More than 141,000 boys and girls participated in NAB AFL Auskick programs at more than 3,500 centres across the country in 2024 – setting a new record!
- Auskick participants have the chance to feature in mini games during halftime at elite AFL and AFLW matches throughout the season. A once-in-a-lifetime experience for many kids!

- Upon signing up, all Auskickers get an awesome pack filled with cool footy goodies not available anywhere else.
- Visit play.afl/auskick for more details.



Allira taking the game on, playing on the MCG at half-time on Friday night. Photo: Josh Chadwick/AFL Photos