



FREE AGENCY EXPLAINED

HAS PLAYER BEEN DELISTED BY CLUB?

YES

DELISTED FREE AGENT

Contract can be sought directly from a new club regardless of years of service

DELISTED FREE AGENCY PERIODS



NOT A DELISTED FREE AGENT IF

Player retires OR
Rejects offer from current club OR
Requests removal from Club list ("delists" himself)

NO

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

NO

FREE AGENCY NOT AVAILABLE

Can only move clubs via a trade or the drafts

YES

SELECT 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 current club

Coming out of contract for the 1ST time since March 1st in his 8th year

Coming out of contract for the 2ND time since March 1st in his 8th year

RESTRICTED FREE AGENT

A minimum 2 year offer is procured from a new club in the transfer period

RESTRICTED FREE AGENCY PERIOD



LODGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Details of 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 received, player must declare preferred offer before lodgement with the AFL

AFL will promptly provide details of contact 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 Monday 22 Oct

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



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?

YES

Stay with existing club OR
Nominate for draft OR
Seek trade

NO

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, 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

COMPENSATION

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

BASED ON A FORMULA

1. Age of player
2. New contract: Base value, ASA
3. Other benefits: Car, flights, accom etc

COMPENSATION MAY BE TRADED

FIVE BANDS

1. 1st Round
2. End of 1st Round
3. 2nd Round
4. End of 2nd Round
5. 3rd Round

COMMITTEE REVIEW

If formula produces a materially anomalous result, committee may recommend alternative compensation to General Manager Football Operations

A club that has a net loss of Players transferring to/from other Clubs shall be entitled to compensation