



# Darwin 2025

## National Carnival



South Australia  
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## **South Australian AFL Masters President Welcome.**

We are thrilled to announce that Darwin, Northern Territory has been selected to host the 2025 AFL Masters National Carnival! After more than a decade since the last National Carnival in Darwin in 2013, we are excited to bring this incredible event back to the Top End for a celebration like no other.

The AFL Masters Carnivals are more than just a competition—they are an opportunity to build lifelong friendships with players from across the country. Whether you're a seasoned participant or new to the carnival experience, we encourage you to get involved and make this a family-friendly event to remember.

Beyond the excitement of the carnival, Darwin offers a wealth of attractions to explore. Mindil Beach is the perfect spot to unwind and take in a breathtaking sunset over the Timor Sea. The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory showcases fascinating exhibits, including the story of Cyclone Tracy and an impressive collection of Indigenous art.

For history buffs, the Defence of Darwin Experience provides an immersive look into the city's wartime past. And if you're looking for a taste of local culture, the Parap Market is a must-visit for delicious street food and unique crafts.

To stay informed, please ensure you provide all the requested information and keep in touch with your club delegate, AFL Masters SA Facebook page, AFL Masters National Carnival Facebook page, and email updates regarding the Darwin National Carnival. We can't wait to welcome you to Darwin for an unforgettable carnival experience!



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<https://aflmasterssa.com.au>

**Tim Heath President**

**AFL Masters SA**

# Introduction

This information pack has been prepared to inform you of important dates, registration information and commitments regarding the National Carnival to be held in Darwin.

The Darwin Carnival will be held from Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of September to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

The games will be played primarily on the Marrara Sporting Complex, which has 4 excellent Ovals including the magnificent Tio Stadium & home to the Michael Long Learning & Leadership Centre.

Games are confirmed to be played over 3 rounds on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October and finals either on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> or Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

NT Masters & NT Tourism are very keen on seeing all States participate in tours and sightseeing that Darwin has to offer. During scheduled days off, we encourage SA to get out & explore as much of the region as possible.

There are important dates and information in this pack that you need to be aware of. The Executive Committee will be hosting two State based events during the week, as part of the Registration payment & also the Gala Ball Function.

This year it will be a Sit-down dinner service hosted by the Darwin Convention Centre. This is a compulsory event for registered players, with additional tickets available for purchase.

Worklocker as part of our Major Sponsor will be our merchandise supplier for the purchase of all items required to participate in the National Carnival. Some items are compulsory but other items are available as optional.

As always, please remember you are representing your local club, AFL Masters and your State. There is plenty of fun to be had on and off the field, and each year SA looks to walk away with a good reputation of being competitive & fair on the field, whilst enjoying themselves off the field.

## Contact Details

If you need to contact any of the Executive or Committee members, details are below:

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## Carnival Registration and Timetable

Due to the National carnival being held in Darwin this year, we are looking for registrations to fill a side adequately to combat the heat. We will be hoping to field between 5-6 men's teams and 1-2 women's team

As per previous carnivals, priority registration will be given to the players who attended last year's National Carnival, but registration and deposit of fees are required at time of registration to confirm your place in the relevant team.

It is AFL Masters SA goal to enter as many teams as possible in the below age groups,

**Women's team:** Possibly two age groups but numbers will determine the number of teams.

Over 35
Over 40

### The Male age groups are:

40
45
50
55
60
Over 65

### Selection process for teams:

- Players who attended the previous year's Carnival in Fremantle will be given preference if they confirm their intention to attend by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025, otherwise, they will be considered the same as all other players. There will be 24 players maximum per team.
- Preference for Women's players will be given to those that have played a minimum of 2 Women's Masters games during the current season.
- Players will be placed in the appropriate team based on their age. However, coaches may negotiate with other coaches to have a player change teams but players are only allowed to play down in grades.
- Players are considered registered for a team once the Carnival Coordinator has received the players registration form and full payment has been received (not one or the other)
- Regarding age groups, a player who turns the required age by the end of December in the year of the Carnival, may be eligible to play in that age group.
- The Carnival Coordinator will confirm inclusion in a team and Guernsey number.

# Coaches 2025

**Womens Over 35s**

**Womens Over 40s**

**Mens Over 40s**

**Mens Over 45s**

Announcements made at 1<sup>st</sup> State Training – May 14<sup>th</sup>

**Mens Over 50s**

**Mens Over 55s**

**Mens Over 60s**

**Mens Over 65s**

## Players must:

- Complete the registration form, player information form and make full payment via Play HQ <https://www.playhq.com>
- Players must have the latest South Australian AFL Masters merchandise including the compulsory items.
- All merchandise orders to be placed through our supplier Worklocker and payment required at time of ordering. Payment to be made to Worklocker direct.
- Participants to arrange own transport to and from ovals.
- Have fun and enjoy the spirit of the AFL Masters Carnival.

Please do not look for favors if you have not met the important dates listed below, it is your responsibility.

## Important Dates

Date	Event	Comments
By 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2025  Past Carnival Player Preference Period	Players who attended the previous year's National Carnival in Adelaide must register by this date and make a deposit of fees	After this date, previous year carnival players are treated equally with all other players.
1 <sup>st</sup> June 2025	Registration opens for all other players	24 players in each age group
30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Applications for coaching positions close	Announcement at 1 <sup>st</sup> State Training – May 14th
<b>14 May 2025</b> 4 June 2 July 30 July 13 August 10 September 17 September	<b>State training will commence</b>  Park 12 Oval #2 Adelaide University War Memorial Drive, Nth Adelaide	<b>Location TBC</b>  7pm - 8pm
1 June 2025	Mini Carnival (35-49yo participants)	Location TBC
TBA	Merchandise orders	All orders need to be order online
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> September to Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	National Carnival	Darwin, Northern Territory
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	SA Meet n Greet	Darwin Bowls & Social Club 8 Conacher St, Fannie Bay
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Hall of Fame function <a href="https://aflmasterscarnival.teamapp.com/?webpage=v1">https://aflmasterscarnival.teamapp.com/?webpage=v1</a>	Location & Time TBA
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Golf day Ladies day <a href="https://aflmasterscarnival.teamapp.com/?webpage=v1">https://aflmasterscarnival.teamapp.com/?webpage=v1</a>	Location & Time TBA
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	SA Psycho Night	Crococaurus Cove 58 Mitchell St, Darwin City
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Carnival Gala Ball <a href="https://aflmasterscarnival.teamapp.com/?webpage=v1">https://aflmasterscarnival.teamapp.com/?webpage=v1</a>	Darwin Convention Centre

## **Your Playing Guernsey**

If you played in the previous year's national carnival, you may be able to use your existing number except if you are changing grades (divisions) or age groups and the number is already allocated in the grade/age group you are moving to. In this instance it is your responsibility to agree to a new number with the Carnival Coordinator.

For the Women's players the women's representative will provide Guernsey numbers to players.

Orders placed with Worklocker will give the option for preferred selections. This shall be confirmed prior to printing.

If a previous carnival player already has been allocated a guernsey number in the same age group, the player who was assigned the number at previous carnivals will have priority to use that number if in the same age group.

e.g If a player attended a National Carnival 3 years ago in the 35's but did not attend the previous carnival, this player has the first option to their Guernsey number if in the same age group.

## **How to make payment for registration**



All payments for 2025 shall be made via Play HQ.

[https://www.playhq.com/afl/org/south-australia-afl-masters -  
carnival/df5f752d/register](https://www.playhq.com/afl/org/south-australia-afl-masters-carnival/df5f752d/register)

Registration forms must be submitted to the Football Operations Manager & Carnival Co-Ordinator via email at [carnivalcoordinator@aflmasterssa.com.au](mailto:carnivalcoordinator@aflmasterssa.com.au)



## How to make payment for merchandise

All merchandise orders will be made direct to Worklocker at time of ordering via their website, the following link will take you to the website.

[uniformshopsa.com.au/collections/afl-masters](http://uniformshopsa.com.au/collections/afl-masters)

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## AFL Masters SA player kit

### Compolsury:

State Guernsey (Short or Long Sleeve)  
State Playing Shorts  
State Red Polo Shirt  
State Red Socks State  
State Blue Polo Top

### Optional extras

Navy Blue State Casual Shorts  
State Bag (Number/Name Optional)  
State Backpack  
Soft Shell Jacket

State Hoodie  
State Cap  
State Warm up/Training Top



Allow for a time frame before the stock is supplied. As was last year the orders will be picked up by the Exec team and delivered at one of the state training days.

## The cost of the Carnival to you will be:

The Carnival is run at break-even cost to the AFL Masters SA Association, all players are required to pay in full when they submit their registrations forms.

What is included in your fees	Do I need it	Cost
<b>Final Night Event per person</b> (this fee is set by the National Board) The final night event is for all players, trainers, umpires etc from all states and usually over 1200 people attend the final night event.  All Australian Teams are announced during the night for each age group and it's a great night to mingle with other players, families and States.	<b>Included</b>	Extra adult Gala night ticket \$TBA Children (0 to 12 years) Gala night ticket \$TBA Children (13 to 17 years) Gala night ticket \$TBA
Team photo, registration, insurance, and umpires	<b>Included</b>	
Saturday AFL Grand Final Meet & Greet Function, Fannie Bay Bowls Club Friday Pyscho Night, Crocosaurus Cove, Darwin	<b>Included</b> for Players, Trainers & Immediate family members	
SA Trainers Equipment, taping, bandages etc	<b>Included</b>	
<b>Total cost for registration</b>		<b>\$480</b>



# Saturday AFL Grand Final Meet & Greet Function

Darwin Bowls & Social Club, 8 Conacher St, Fannie Bay

1.00pm ACST (Grand Final Start Time – 2.00pm ACST)

<https://www.darwinbowlsclub.com.au>



Foods & Drinks package shall be provided to all Players, Officials, Trainers and Immediate Family of SA registered players through the duration of the AFL Grand Final.

Barefoot Bowls will be available for those wanting to take advantage of the amazing facilities at Darwin Bowls & Social Club during the event.

A subsidized pricing will be on offer for SA Masters during the Carnival for all those dressed in SA attire.

A playground within the premises is also available for families with young children

# Pyscho Night Function

Crocosaurus Cove, 58 Mitchell St, Darwin City

6.30pm ACST

<https://www.crocosauruscove.com>



Foods & Drinks package shall be provided to all Players, Officials, Trainers and Immediate Family of SA registered players for the event, with a cash bar to follow.

Crocosauraus Cove shall be open to SA Masters exclusively during this time, with all facilities available.

Bring your bathers and Swim with the Crocs, jump on our Fishing for Crocs platform and smile for the camera while holding a baby Saltwater Crocodile. Check out the Barramundi, Archer Fish & Whiprays in our 200,000 litre fresh water aquarium and visit our turtles in our Top End Turtle Billabong.

During the Carnival, make sure you enter your details in the door prize for a chance to win a session in the Cage of Death, Australia's only Crocodile Dive!

Discounts shall be available for all other attendees wishing to take the dive also during the evening.

## Car Hire



SIXT is the Commercial Car Hire Sponsor of the 2025 National Carnival. For those looking for Car Hire during the week, take advantage of car hire available from Darwin Airport.

Thanks to SA Masters Carnival Sponsor, Travel Managers & John La Bella – the following unique corporate code available for SA Masters during the Week.

<https://www.sixt.com.au/>

SA Corporate Rate:

**Account number (KDNR) – 19577809**

**Rate Key – LABELLA12**

## Accommodation

Assistance with any potential accommodation reservations, email  
[john.labella@travelmanagers.com.au](mailto:john.labella@travelmanagers.com.au) OR 0411144292.

*\* Subject to availability, at time of publishing* – The below accommodation is available for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

### Argus Apartments

<https://argusaccommodation.com.au/argus-apartments/>

1 Bedroom Executive: \$316.00 per night (1x King)

2 Bedroom Executive: \$407.00 per night (1x King 1x Queen OR 1x King 1x Twin\*)

3 Bedroom Executive:: \$506.00 per night (1x King 2x Queen OR 1x King 2x Twin\*)

The above prices include car parking.



The Northern Territory's Top End is where the outback meets the tropics in spectacular natural beauty. Wildlife abounds here in World Heritage Kakadu, while Litchfield's iconic waterfalls invite travellers to cool off in their inviting pools. Katherine-Nitmiluk Gorge, home to traditional custodians the Jawoyn people, carves through ancient landscapes, anointed with ancient rock art showcasing their heritage.

Thanks again to SA Masters Carnival Sponsor, Travel Managers & John La Bella – 7% discount is available for SA Masters during the Week, when booking through [john.labella@travelmanages.com.au](mailto:john.labella@travelmanages.com.au)

#### **Day Tours**

<https://www.aatkins.com/en-au/holiday-options/day-tours/the-top-end-northern-territory>

#### **Short Breaks**

<https://www.aatkins.com/en-au/holiday-options/short-breaks/the-top-end-northern-territory>

AAT Kings Tiwi Island tours stop operating as of the 30th of September, for either their Day Tours (Thursday or Friday) or Short Breaks (Tuesday Or Wednesday).



Sealink offers a Tiwi Island experience (<https://www.sealink.com.au/tiwi-islands/experiences/tiwi-by-design/>) operating on Thursday Or Fridays only. Guests can book directly for this.

