

Australian Football League (AFL) - general facts

For the following tasks you can read texts or find videos on the internet. See below for help.

1) Tick (✓) if the statement is right or wrong and correct answers that are wrong.

| statement | right | wrong | correct answer |
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| The AFL was founded in 1899. | | | |
| Australian football was started to keep cricketers fit during winter. | | | |
| In Australia, soccer is more popular than Australian football. | | | |

2) Pick the correct answer.

a) The AFL final is played in ...

Sydney

Canberra

Melbourne

b) Without a bounce, a player is allowed to carry the ball for ...

21 yards

16 yards

11 yards

c) Compared to "soccer" in terms of size, the AFL field is

larger

smaller

no different

3) Questions

a) What's the nickname for Australian Football? Hint: It is not AFL.

b) When was the Australian Football League first formed?

c) Where was Australian football first established?

d) There are several types of "referees" in Australian football. Name at least three.

e) What's one important task of the "ruckman"?

Australian Football - rules

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| The ball looks like a rugby ball. | | | |
| Another name for the field is the "round". | | | |
| There are 22 players on the field. | | | |
| There are three breaks in a match. | | | |
| A full match is 90 minutes long. | | | |
| You are allowed to "throw" the ball. | | | |

2) Questions

a) How many points are awarded for a "goal" and for a "behind"?

b) What's a "behind"?

c) What happens if too many players are on the field?

d) What does "tackle" mean and what is allowed?

Activity - footy skills lab

Find videos from a video platform or apps on webpages like, e.g. <https://play.afl/footyskillslab>¹ to do the following exercises.

- 1) Try out all the activities.
(You will need a ball. Try to be innovative if you don't have a ball.)

- 2) How many activities are provided?

- 3) What are the different types of activities offered?

- 4) Describe the activity you liked most and least. Give a reason.

¹ **Hinweis für Lehrer*innen:** Die Suche nach Videos bzw. Apps im Internet darf nur auf schuleigenen Geräten erfolgen. Es muss sichergestellt sein, dass dabei keine persönlichen Daten der Schüler*innen erfasst werden.

Aspects of Australian Football - community

- 1) What is AFL 9s? Find out about it on their website: <https://play.afl/afl9s-rules>

- 2) What is the difference between the professional football and 9s?

- 3) Why do you think 9s is played?

Australian Football - experience

Find videos on the web that provide a good overview of the sport. There are videos that explain the sport very clearly as well as whole matches. Pick three videos or part of one and present it/them to your classmates and teacher. The videos should not be longer than two minutes. Decide on one aspect for each video, briefly explain the aspect and tell everyone why you chose it.

More help

Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australian_rules_football

AFL Beginners Guide: <https://www.ozstudies.com/blog/study-australia/afl-australian-rules-football-explained-guide>

Google search words (also for videos): "AFL explained" or "AFL rules explained"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dtmu-1kMFZw>