

Southport Sharks in newly formed North East Australian Football League

The Southport Sharks are looking forward to the 2011 football season after the announcement of the newly created North East Australian Football League. The Southport Sharks will now play against the Gold Coast SUNS' Reserves as well as other teams from the Gold Coast, Brisbane, NSW, ACT and the NT.

The league will be split into an Eastern and Northern Conference with the Southport Sharks and the Gold Coast SUNS' reserves team to compete in the league's Northern Conference along with existing QAFL teams and the NT Thunder.

The Eastern Conference will be made up of teams from NSW and the ACT with the entire league set to build upon the success of existing competitions of AFL Canberra and AFL Queensland.

The Southport Sharks will still take on traditional QAFL rivals including Morningside, Broadbeach, Labrador and Mt Gravatt however the league will receive national exposure with the Sharks now set to play the Brisbane Lions and Gold Coast SUNS' Reserve teams as well as the NT Thunder.

For the majority of the season the Southport Sharks will take on teams within the Northern Conference however there will be a number of cross-conference games played through out the season.

Northern Conference Teams

- Gold Coast SUNS
- Brisbane Lions
- Aspley
- Morningside
- Mt Gravatt
- Redland
- Broadbeach
- Labrador

Eastern Conference Teams

- Sydney Swans
- Greater Western Sydney
- Ainslie
- Belconnen
- Eastlake
- Queanbeyan
- Tuggeranong

2011 is shaping up as an extremely historical and significant milestone for AFL on the Gold Coast and the Southport Sharks are looking forward to an exciting and hopefully successful 2011 season.