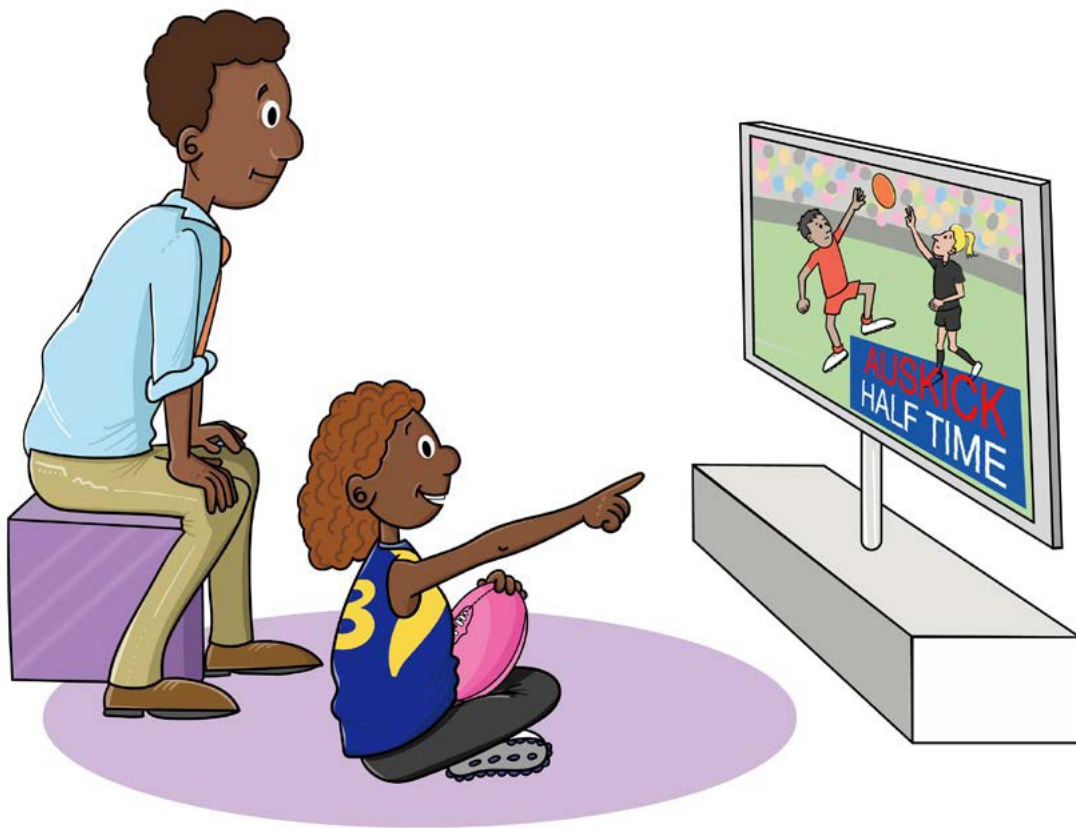


# NAB AFL Auskick halftime



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There are times when NAB AFL Auskick players get to play footy at half-time during an AFL footy match. This can be very exciting because it is played on an oval in a big stadium, like the MCG.



There is not enough room for every Auskick player to play footy at half-time, so the Auskick centres take it in turns. If I get to go, my Auskick centre coordinator and coach will help me know what to do. Playing Auskick at half-time is a special event. There are lots of Auskick players that need to have a turn.



When it is my turn to play, I will go to the stadium with my family. I will meet an Auskick helper at the stadium 1 hour before the footy match starts. The helper will give me a ticket and show me where to sit while I wait to get ready to play.



At quarter time, the Auskick helper and some parent helpers will walk with me to the change rooms to get ready to play. I will wear an Auskick jumper, shorts and socks. I will wear my own shoes. Then, I will wait until half-time.



At half-time, the Auskick helper will tell me when I can go on the oval. I will play Auskick on the oval for about 15 minutes. There are usually lots of people in the stadium watching the AFL match. This means it can be noisy when I play half-time Auskick. There might be lots of people talking and some loud music.



I might feel worried if there are lots of people or lots of noise. It is okay to feel worried. There are things I can do to help.

I can tell the helper that I would like to take a break from playing Auskick. I can ask the helper to help me go to a quiet place for some time away from the noise.



After I finish playing, the helper will walk with me to the change room. I will get changed into my own clothes. I will get given a certificate. Then, the helper will walk with me back to my seat.





I will see my family. We might watch the rest of the AFL match or we might go home. Playing half-time Auskick can be exciting! It is a special event!





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