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WELCOME PACKS

THIS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN CREATED AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH WOMEN AND GIRLS LIASONS ABOUT HOW TO SUPPORT NEW UMPIRES WHEN JOINING AN UMPIRING GROUP.

WHAT

Welcome packs are physical or digital packs of information and resources given to new and returning umpires at the beginning of the season.

WHY

The packs will help umpires begin their journey into umpiring by providing them with the information and resources needed to feel comfortable in a new environment. Packs can also be created for returning umpires which includes incentives to encourage them to return.

THE BENEFITS

- Supports new umpires to feel included in the group
- Ensures new umpires feel informed about the next steps for registration.
- Clearly communicates the values of the umpire group through the existing policies and codes of conducts.
- Promotes social events available to the umpires.
- Helps new umpires to feel well-prepared before their first game!



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WHAT TO INCLUDE

- Umpire's Rulebook
- Training information (location and time)
- Uniform Instructions (what to buy and where from)
- Umpire Association's Code of Conduct
- National Community Policy Football Handbook
- Laws of the Game
- Contact Information for relevant people (coaches, managers, buddies, child safeguarding officers)
- Officials HQ resources
- Ground/venue information
- Consent form for photography
- Consent form for travelling/car pooling
- Flyers for upcoming social events

NEXT STEPS

- 1 Consider what you would like to include in the packs, using the above list for guidance. Check out [AFL PLAY](#) for any other resources you would like to include
- 2 Use the [Welcome Pack Template](#) to start building your welcome pack. You can find guidance on how to edit the template [here](#).
- 3 Once completed, keep track of your new umpire registrations and send them the pack as part of their induction!