AFL PLAY



UMPIRE TOOLKIT

2025

WELCOME TO UMPIRING IN SOUTH-EAST QUEENSLAND

Umpiring is a fun, rewarding way to be part of the game you love, and this handbook is here to help you understand how it all works in Queensland. Whether you're looking to get active, earn some money, build confidence, or take the first step in a long-term pathway, there's a place for you in our umpiring community.

Umpiring can build your confidence, help you make important decisions under pressure and improve your interpersonal and communication skills. All skills you can use in other areas of your life.

This resource will walk you through everything you need to know; from how to get started and register, to training, uniforms, payments, and support available along the way.

No experience? No problem. We're here to support you at every step.

STAY CONNECTED

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to catch all the latest updates, photos, and behind-the-scenes action.

Facebook

Instagram

JOIN OUR ONLINE COMMUNITY FACEBOOK GROUPS

SEQ Seniors
SEQ Juniors
Gold Coast
Sunshine Coast

Please remember to answer the membership questions when joining, incomplete requests may be declined.

CONTACT US

Feel free to reach out to the AFL Queensland Umpiring Team if you have any questions!

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KEEP UPDATED

Keep an eye on our below linked Events, News, and Resources sections to stay up to date.







2025 UMPIRE REGISTRATION GUIDE

OFFICIALSHQ REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Head to OfficialsHQ Registration and complete Steps 1-4 https://registration.officialshq.com/
2. You will receive an email from OfficialsHQ to verify your details (check your Junk box). This is an important step in the registration process as this verification link will expire after 72 hours.
3. If you miss the 72-hour window - don't panic! Go through to the login page and select "Forgot Password". This will re-trigger the confirmation of your details email and allow you to complete the verification.
4. Choose Club Affiliation – this is the club you umpire with. If you aren't attached to a club, you can leave this blank.
5. Choose Role Preference/s – if you are an Umpire4Fun umpire, select this. If you umpire in multiple areas (e.g., Umpir4Fun + SEQJ Umpire) select all that apply to you.
6. Registration complete!

If you get stuck in the OfficialsHQ portion, email Maddie Boultbee <maddie.boultbee@afl.com.au> for assistance. If you get stuck trying to link your AFLID to your OfficialsHQ account, please email umpire.afl@afl.com.au for assistance.

EDUCATION MODULE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Log into your OfficialsHQ account and click on your profile picture on the top right-hand side.
2. Select 'Account' from the dropdown menu.
3. Click on 'Connected Accounts' on the menu options on the left-hand side.
4. Click on 'Get an eLearning Link' and then click on the new button that pops up saying 'Go to eLearning platform'.
5. Scroll down a little on the new page that loads and click on the pictured tile called 'Umpire'.
6. From here, the 2025 Umpire Education Module will be a banner tile across the screen. Follow the rest of the on-screen instructions to enrol in and complete the course – should only take about 20 minutes.

If you have trouble accessing the Education Module, please email Maddie Boultbee <maddie.boultbee@afl.com.au> for assistance.

DISCIPLINES

FIELD

Field Umpires officiate the play in line with the laws of the game and apply them within the spirit of the laws. They continually move around the football field following the play and position themselves side on at all times so that they can clearly observe the field of play.

BOUNDARY

Boundary Umpires move along the boundary of the football field, judge whether the ball is out of bounds (or out of bounds on the full) and return the ball to play via a boundary throw in. Boundary umpires also assist the goal umpires in determining scoring shots.

GOAL

Goal Umpires are positioned between the goal posts at each end of the field. They are responsible for judging whether a goal or behind has been scored, signalling that a score has been made and recording the score on their goal cards.

SEQ LEAGUE STRUCTURE AND PATHWAY

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UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

With AFL in Queensland continuing to grow at a rapid rate, there are plenty of opportunities around the state for people to get involved with sport and earn money at the same time.

You will be appointed to matches within your local competition. Games are held at various times throughout the weekend so there are always plenty of opportunities to umpire. The below table shows the days competitions are held.

People often ask “can I play football and Umpire?” You can play and umpire! You tell us your availability through a ‘leave’ system in OfficialsHQ and we can work around that.

UMPIRE GROUP	UMPIRES APPOINTED	UMPIRE MIN AGE	GAME DAYS
SENIOR UMPIRING	FIELD, BOUNDARY & GOAL	FIELD - 16 BOUNDARY & GOAL - 14	FRIDAY & SATURDAY
YOUTH UMPIRING	FIELD & BOUNDARY	13 -16	SUNDAY
UMPIRE4FUN	FIELD	12	FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

UMPIRE4FUN

Umpire4Fun offers a fun and supportive pathway for those aged 12 and up to learn basic umpiring skills and gain experience by officiating junior games at their local club. Find out more about the program here

TRAINING AND MENTORING

MENTORING SUPPORT FOR NEW UMPIRES

We know starting something new can be both exciting and a little daunting. That’s why we offer dedicated mentoring support to help you feel confident and supported from day one.

Our Mentor Support Program is designed to fast-track learning, build confidence, and make sure every new umpire feels part of the team. With current funding, we’re able to offer both on-field and off-field mentoring options.

Off-Field Mentoring – Available for All Umpires
Experienced mentors will attend your game and provide guidance and practical feedback.

On-Field Mentoring – For Women & Girls
Female mentors umpire alongside new female umpires during live games, providing real-time support and guidance. This hands-on approach helps build confidence, develop skills, and fosters a safe and inclusive environment for learning.

SEQ TRAINING GROUPS

We offer umpire training at multiple venues across South-East Queensland. Whether you're just starting out or returning for another season, regular training is a great way to build your skills, stay connected with the umpiring group, and boost your confidence on game day. Training is not compulsory, but we strongly encourage you to attend as often as possible to get the most out of your experience.
More information is available here: SEQ Weekly League Training

YOUTH UMPIRE TRAINING

REGION	DAY(S)	TIME	LOCATION	COACH(ES)
Sunshine Coast	Wednesday	5:45pm	Maroochydore Multi Sports Complex	Paul Jones & Brock Herrmann
Brisbane North	Monday	6:00pm	South Pine Sports Complex	Dannie Mansfield & Willem Kennedy
Brisbane South	Wednesday	6:00pm	Moorooka Roosters AFC	Stephen Bury & Angus Mott-Howell
Gold Coast	Wednesday	6:00pm	Labrador AFC	Molly Jennings, Noah Purza-Page & Lachlan Martyr

SENIOR FIELD UMPIRE TRAINING

REGION	DAY(S)	TIME	LOCATION	COACH(ES)
Sunshine Coast	Wednesday	5:45pm	Maroochydore Multi Sports Complex	Tony Boyanton
Brisbane South	Wednesday	6:00pm	Moorooka Roosters AFC	Neil McKinnon & Hayden Clark
Brisbane North (HP)	Tuesday & Thursday	6:00pm	Zillmere Eagles AFC	Chris Fawcett & Troy Friend
Gold Coast	Wednesday	6:00pm	Labrador AFC	Garry McKenzie & Ben Cousins

SENIOR BOUNDARY UMPIRE TRAINING

REGION	DAY(S)	TIME	LOCATION	COACH(ES)
Sunshine Coast	Wednesday	5:45pm	Maroochydore Multi Sports Complex	Jeremy Aked
Brisbane South	Wednesday	6:00pm	Moorooka Roosters AFC	Tomas Leahy
Brisbane North	Thursday	6:00pm	Zillmere Eagles AFC	Jess Smith & Nick Mabb
Gold Coast	Wednesday	6:00pm	Labrador AFC	Rob Leak

SENIOR GOAL UMPIRE TRAINING

REGION	DAY(S)	TIME	LOCATION	COACH(ES)
Sunshine Coast	Wednesday	5:45pm	Maroochydore Multi Sports Complex	Rohan Briggs
Brisbane South	Wednesday	6:00pm	Moorooka Roosters AFC	Connor Johnstone & Jonah Genn
Gold Coast	Wednesday	6:00pm	Labrador AFC	Luke McLean

CLUB UMPIRE TRAINING

Most clubs run their own training sessions for club umpires. Club-appointed umpires are encouraged to contact their **Club Umpire Coordinator** for details.

ONLINE TRAINING AND RESOURCES

To support your ongoing development as an umpire, a range of online training programs and self-paced learning modules are available. You'll find both structured programs and short courses covering everything from technical development to creating safe and inclusive environments. These can be accessed anytime via the AFL Learning Management System (LMS), giving you the flexibility to learn at your own pace and on your own schedule.

Community Umpire Training Program

Umpire Behaviour Guide

Fortnightly Online Training

Self-paced learning Available via: AFL Learning Management System (LMS)

- LGBTQIA+ Inclusion
- Vilification and Discrimination
- Umpire Coach Development Series (Field, Boundary, Goal)
- Being an Effective Umpire Coach
- Increasing Umpire Numbers Through Inclusion
- Safety and Inclusivity in Umpiring
- Umpire AFL Mentor Training Course

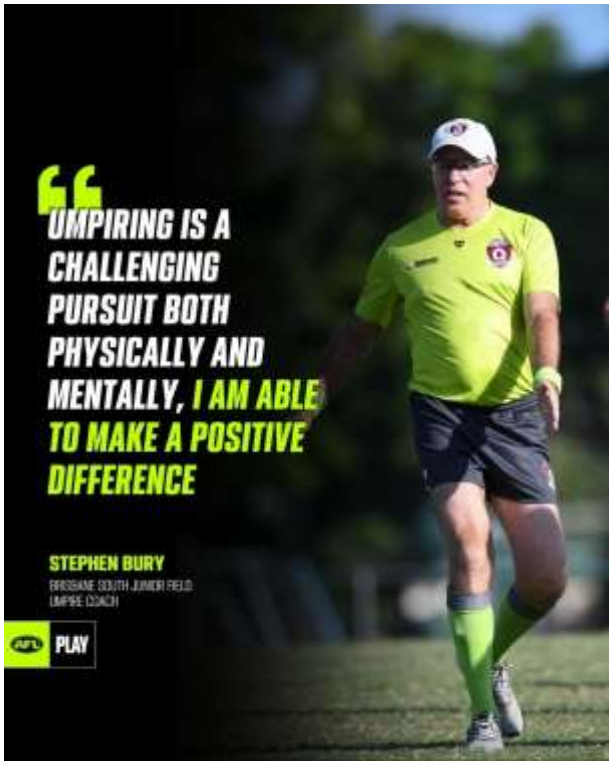
UNIFORM POLICY AND ORDERING

The unform policy and order process can be found via: Queensland Umpire Uniform Policy

COACH PROFILES









PAY RATES

Umpiring is a great way to stay active, earn money, and stay connected to the game you love! Pay rates vary depending on the competition level and discipline. Pay is processed fortnightly and deposited into your nominated bank account via OfficialsHQ.

SOUTH-EAST QUEENSLAND JUNIOR COMPETITION – FIELD UMPIRES

HOME AND AWAY MATCHES	
GRADE	RATE
U11 MIXED - 1 UMPIRE	$35
U13 GIRLS - 1 UMPIRE	$42
U13 MIXED (D1 = 2 UMPIRES, D2 DOWN = 1 UMPIRE)	$42
U15 BOYS, U15 GIRLS, U17 GIRLS - 2 UMPIRES	$57
U17 BOYS - 2 UMPIRES	$70

SOUTH-EAST QUEENSLAND SENIOR COMPETITION – ALL UMPIRES

HOME AND AWAY MATCHES			
GRADE	FIELD RATE	BOUNDARY RATE	GOAL RATE
QAFL SENIORS	$194.27	$109.88	$92.61
QAFL WOMENS	$179.16	$109.88	$92.61
QAFL RESERVES	$162.95	$101.76	$84.23
QFA DIV 1 SENIORS	$166.12	$101.76	$84.23
QFA DIV 2 SENIORS	$131.76	$84.66	$84.23
QAFL COLTS	$117.65	$84.66	$84.23
QFA DIV 1 RESERVES	$115.38	$84.66	$84.23
QFA DIV 3 & 4 SENIORS	$107.78	$84.66	$84.23
QAFLW RESERVES	$93.93	$84.66	$84.23
QFA DIV 2 RESERVES	$93.93	$84.66	$84.23
QFAW DIV 1 SENIORS/RESERVES	$93.93	$84.66	$84.23
QFAW DIV 2	$93.93	$84.66	$84.23

RECOGNITION

AFL Queensland is committed to celebrating the dedication and hard work of our umpiring community. We offer a range of recognition programs designed to acknowledge contributions at all levels. These include exclusive opportunities like the AFL and AFLW Match Day Experiences, as well as a variety of annual awards that highlight outstanding performance, growth, and commitment to the game.

MATCH DAY EXPERIENCE

The match day experience gives youth umpires a unique behind-the-scenes look at what it's like to be an AFL umpire. Participants get exclusive access to the umpire change rooms, meet the umpiring team, and ask questions about their roles and routines. They'll join the umpires on the field for the pre-game warm-up, and lead the team onto the ground prior to the start of the game.

AWARDS

AFL Queensland recognises and celebrates umpire achievements across all regions and levels through a range of annual awards. These awards acknowledge outstanding performance, dedication, and potential in junior, youth, and senior umpiring.

Junior & Youth Awards are presented in Brisbane, Gold Coast, and Sunshine Coast regions, and include:

- Best First Year Umpire
- Rising Star
- Umpire of the Year

Senior Awards are given across QAFL and QFA competitions (Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast), with recognition for Field, Boundary, and Goal Umpires of the Year.

Additional statewide honours include:

- AFLQ Most Promising Umpire Awards (Field, Boundary, Goal)
- Martin Hopp Award (Academy Umpire of the Year)
- Golden Whistle and Most Dedicated Umpire
- Aaron Hall Award and AFLQ Umpires Board Award
- AFL Queensland Umpire of the Year

These awards are a celebration of performance, development, and contribution to the game at all levels.