

Umpiring with AFL Queensland

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[AFL Queensland](#) is an official [Duke 4Sport Partner](#). This partnership encourages young people already undertaking AFL activities to register for The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (Duke of Ed) and count their AFL activities towards their Duke of Ed Bronze, Silver and/or Gold Levels.

You need to be registered with a [Queensland Duke of Ed Centre](#) to start your Duke of Ed adventure. Once registered, your umpiring activities can count towards the Physical Recreation, Voluntary Service and Skills sections for all three Duke of Ed Levels.

The activities below are **examples** of what you can do for the Sections at each Level:

Sections			
Level	Voluntary Service	Skills	Physical Recreation
Bronze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Umpiring on game day (unpaid hours) Volunteer in canteen/club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Bounce certificate Education modules via the Officials HQ platform Foundation Umpire Accreditation Online training sessions run by club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On field training Gym sessions
Silver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Umpiring on game day (unpaid hours) Mentorship program – <i>Mentoring new recruits</i> Volunteer in canteen/club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Umpire Accreditation Development Umpire Accreditation Boundary, Field, Goal umpiring courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On field training Gym sessions
Gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Umpiring on game day (unpaid hours) Mentorship program – <i>Mentoring new recruits</i> Volunteer in canteen/club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Umpire Accreditation Development Umpire Accreditation Boundary, Field, Goal umpiring courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On field training Gym sessions

Please note: If your planned activity is not here, please talk with your Duke of Ed Leader about your proposed activity idea to confirm that it will be suitable.

Completing The Duke of Ed can also earn you credits towards your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). If you're in Years 10 to 12, you can earn up to four credits towards your QCE; one for Bronze, one for Silver and two for Gold.

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Time requirements:

	 Voluntary Service	 Physical Recreation	 Skills	 Adventurous Journey	 Gold Residential Project	
Bronze Minimum time 3 months	3 Months	3 Months	3 Months	2 Days, 1 Night	N/A Gold Level only	Averaging 1 hour p/w
Silver Minimum time 6 months	6 Months	6 Months	6 Months	3 Days, 2 Nights - Practice Journey/s - Qualifying Journey	N/A Gold Level only	Averaging 1 hour p/w + additional 6 months for major section if Bronze Level not completed
Gold Minimum time 12 months	12 Months	12 Months	12 Months	4 Days, 3 Nights - Practice Journey/s - Qualifying Journey	5 Days, 4 Nights	Averaging 1 hour p/w + additional 6 months for major section if Silver Level not completed

- There should be a regular commitment averaging at least 1 hour a week or 2 hours per fortnight (e.g. for Bronze the minimum is 13 hours for each section over 13 weeks).
- You are encouraged to continue your activities beyond the minimum time requirements.
- Achieving your Level in a shorter time span by working more intensely is **not** permitted.
- Adventurous Journeys need to be prepared and undertaken in consultation with your Duke of Ed Leader. More information is available at www.dukesaward.qld.gov.au.

Regular commitment examples:

Voluntary Service

- You commit 1-1.5 hours per week umpiring for an average game and/or volunteering in your club's canteen.
- You can only count **unpaid hours** toward your Voluntary Service.

Skills

- You commit 1 hour per week doing online training sessions run by your club and/or achieving your Foundation Umpire Accreditation.

Physical Recreation

- You commit 1-1.5 hours per week doing on-field umpire training sessions and/or working out at the gym.