



Progress the game, so everyone can share in its heritage and possibilities.

Role	Umpire Coach (Field-, Boundary-, Goal-, and Junior Coach)
Reporting to	AFLNT Umpiring Lead
Location	Darwin, NT
Duration	2026/27 TIO NTFL Season
Status	Honorarium

Purpose – Why this role is important

This role is about more than developing umpires - it's about shaping people, building a community, and contributing to something bigger than the game.

As an NTFL Umpire Coach, you'll play a pivotal part in the Territory's premier competition. A high-profile community competition that's culturally rich, community-driven, and growing rapidly in national relevance. You'll guide the development, performance, and professionalism, of NTFL umpires, helping them develop the confidence, resilience, and consistency required to thrive, service the sport, and develop along the AFLNT Umpire Development Pathway.

You will be joining an umpiring community defined by ambition and inclusivity, which is transforming umpiring into a space where everyone belongs and everyone grows. From mentoring young leaders to supporting transition to national pathways, your legacy will be one of growth, leadership, and positive impact across our unique football landscape.

Key Duties

- Foster a culture of learning, excellence, and inclusivity across the umpiring group.
- Deliver high-quality, structured group training and individual mentoring aligned to national umpire development frameworks and AFLNT's umpire curriculum.
- In collaboration with umpire program management, prepare weekly match appointments and propose final series selections.
- Provide clear, evidence-based, feedback to support umpire improvement and performance.
- Support the transition of umpires through the NTFL Umpire Development pathway.
- Champion ongoing involvement in the NTFL Junior Mentor Program
- Promote positive matchday behaviour, AFL values, and alignment with AFLNT expectations.



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Core Competencies

Leadership: Able to lead and motivate a diverse group, building a supportive, connected team culture that values respect, collaboration, and shared success.

Umpiring Knowledge: Strong understanding of AFL rules, game play, and match-day expectations, with the ability to assess umpire performance and develop practical improvement plans.

Communication Skills: Strong verbal and written communication skills are crucial, both for conveying complex concepts clearly and for providing feedback to umpires.

Mentoring and Development: Demonstrated ability to identify individual strengths and weaknesses, and to design and implement effective personal development strategies.

Key Relationships

- AFLNT Umpiring Staff
- NTFL Umpires and Umpire Coaches
- NTFL Competition Staff
- NTFL Club Coaches and Leadership

Child Safety Standards

The AFL has a commitment to ensure we provide professional, safe and enjoyable environments for children and young people who participate in our game.

The executives and management of our organisation are responsible for undertaking recruitment and ensuring that our processes and systems are robust and thorough, as well as being communicated and understood internally. Our recruitment process is a 5-step process and includes meeting and engaging with a variety of key people from across the organisation as well as completing thorough verification checks. As part of our comprehensive recruitment process, we ensure that all safety and legislative checks such as working with children checks, Criminal background checks, employment and personal reference checks are completed to ensure anyone working for the AFL is fit for the role they are employed in, prior to commencing employment.

The AFL takes the safety of children and young people very seriously and reviews all processes and procedures in line with current state and federal legislation.



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