



GEEELONG FOOTBALL UMPIRES' LEAGUE INC.

UMPIRE EXCHANGE APPOINTMENT PROGRAM (UEAP) POLICY

VERSION 1

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**REVIEW HISTORY OF GEELONG FOOTBALL UMPIRES' LEAGUE
EXCHANGE APPOINTMENT POLICY**

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1. SCOPE

This policy applies to all GFUL Umpires

2. POLICY

The GFUL will establish an Umpire Exchange Appointment Program (UEAP).

The UEAP will be established for exchanges:

a) *Within the VCFL*

The GFUL will establish permanent annual exchanges, in all running disciplines, with:

- Ballarat Football Umpires Association
- Colac Umpires Association
- Maryborough/Castlemaine Umpires Association
- Warrnambool District Football Umpires Association
- Western District Umpires Association

b) *Within Victoria with non-VCFL leagues, and*

c) *With non-Victorian leagues.*

The UEAP will take advantage of a maximum of two (2) exchange opportunities annually within categories **b** and **c**.

Wherever possible, the UEAP will be formalised by the exchange of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the GFUL and each umpire league involved.

In all exchanges, a minimum of four (4) appointments should be negotiated comprising

- Field
- Boundary
- Goal, and
- Coach

The GFUL will actively encourage those umpire leagues to which GFUL members are sent to send an equivalent number of members to officiate in GFUL appointed games.

d) *Timing*

All category **b** and **c** exchanges **MUST** have all arrangements finalised at least 60 days prior to the proposed date.

2. DISCUSSION

The GFUL believes that a broad umpiring experience is important for the development of its members umpiring skills. An active UEAP will contribute to achieving this breadth of experiencing.

At the time of the development of this policy, the GFUL has in place a number of informal exchanges essentially with neighbouring umpire leagues. The informal nature of the arrangements has led to uncertainty in the management of the exchange process.

This policy has been created to establish the process of managing the umpire exchange process.

The MOU that is exchanged between the GFUL and each annual exchange league will formalise the relationship between the respective leagues.

3. PAY

Each member appointed to an exchange will be paid at the current GFUL rate for the league that the exchange is placed in.

4. TRAVEL

d) *Within the VCFL*

A designated driver will be appointed for the exchange. Travel expense will be reimbursed at the prevailing VCFL travel rate.

e) *Other Exchanges*

All other exchanges will be considered on an individual basis. The GFUL Board will make the final determination.

5. ACCOMMODATION COSTS

Each member appointed to an exchange will be responsible for any accommodation costs.

6. UNIFORM

GFUL uniform will be worn on outgoing exchanges unless alternative arrangements have been made with the visited league.

Incoming exchanges to the GFUL will wear their normal uniform.

7. UMPIRE INITIATED EXCHANGES

The member is fully responsible for all aspects of an exchange initiated by that member.