



## EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING AN AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL UMPIRE?

Umpiring Australian Rules Football is a fantastic way of keeping fit meeting new friends and being involved in the action of our great Australian game.

Depending on your level of motivation and ambition, you can umpire for purely social and general fitness reasons, or treat it as a sport where you can aim to excel at the highest level.

Like other sports, Umpires have a dedicated coaching panel, training staff and observers who are all committed to making your umpiring experience an enjoyable one, ensuring that you are given every opportunity to achieve your goals.

Benefits of being an umpire include:

- improve / maintain fitness
- earn good money
- meet new friends, and
- be a major participant in our great game.

### **\*\*SOME COMMON QUESTIONS ASKED ABOUT BECOMING AN UMPIRE\*\***

**Question:** Can anyone become an umpire?

**Answer:** *Generally the answer is yes, however, although the GFUL welcomes both males and females, we have a policy of not accepting anyone under the age of 14 unless they have been assessed as suitable by the coaching and training staff after completing an assessment.*

**Question:** How fit do I need to be?

**Answer:** *That really depends on your existing level of fitness, physical condition and motivation to succeed. Our Training Supervisor is an experienced fitness Coach.*

**Question:** Do I have to attend training?

**Answer:** *Generally yes, we would prefer you to attend all training sessions, however, in this day and age, we appreciate that with school studies, shift work and other external commitments, this is not always possible. We train 2 nights per week and although not compulsory, the frequency of attendance will often be a factor in determining appointments each week. We have a training policy which covers non-attendance and provided the policy is adhered to, there will generally not be any disadvantage for genuine non-training attendance.*

**Question: How will I travel to each game?**

**Answer:** *This is dependent upon where you are appointed. If the game to which you have been appointed is within the Geelong City / Suburban area, you will have to make your own way to the ground. However, if your appointment is outside of the Geelong City / Suburban area, there will be specific travel arrangements made with a designated vehicle and driver whose responsibility it will be to take you to and from the game to which you have been appointed. There is a central pick-up point to which you must make your own way. If you are the nominated driver, you will receive a pre-determined travel payment, set by the VCFL which is based on the number of kilometres travelled outside the Geelong City / Suburban area.*

**Question: How will I be paid and how much?**

**Answer:** *All GFUL umpires are paid a match fee that will depend on the level of game to which they are appointed. As a rule, the higher the grade of football and league, the higher the match payment. All payments are made via direct deposit into an account at the Ford Credit Co-operative Society (GFUL Major Sponsor), which you must open.*

*Match payments will then be automatically deposited into your account on a monthly basis and all deductions such as the cost of uniforms, membership fees etc, will be deducted from your account.*

**Question: How will I learn the rules and what I am meant to do in a game?**

**Answer:** *Our dedicated coaching staff will provide intense and direct one-on-one coaching with all new umpires combined with a mentoring program with a more experienced umpire. There are regular lectures every fortnight where rules and skills are discussed and the opportunity to complete the AFL Level 1 Accreditation Course. All umpires are observed in at least three games each year to provide constructive feedback on all aspect of your performance including rule interpretation and decisional accuracy.*

*Believe it or not, umpires are all human and mistakes will be made but the focus should always be to continually learn from our match experience and improve.*

**Got any more Questions?**

Give us a call or visit us at training on Mondays & Wednesdays in February and March, Tuesday & Thursday during the season – we will gladly discuss them with you.

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# **AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL UMPIRING**

## **With the Geelong Football Umpires League (GFUL)**

Football umpiring helps you develop leadership skills, keep fit and earn money at the same time. A football umpiring team consists of:

### **Field Umpires**

What a challenging career being in control of 36 players with you calling the shots! You are involved in a great Australian game and are part of the action in the best seat in the house. The Field Umpire Career Path consists of three progressive stages that could lead you to the AFL.

### **Boundary Umpires**

For those who love running, boundary umpiring is for you as it offers the perfect way to enjoy your running whilst getting paid to do it. The Boundary Umpire Career Path gives you a chance to umpire at AFL level.

### **Goal Umpires**

The Goal Umpire decides on, and records, all of the scores in the game. You will play a major part in the correct staging of the game as a member of the “umpiring team”. The Goal Umpire Career Path also gives you a chance to umpire at AFL level.

### **Qualifications and Training Provided by the GFUL**

All umpires in the GFUL are trained by Accredited Coaches who have in turn been trained under the Level 1 National Coaches' Course.

### **Umpire Mentor (Green Shirt) Program**

The mentor program connects new and inexperienced umpires with an umpiring Mentor to assist in their early development. The umpire being mentored is entitled to wear a Green Shirt to signify that they are being mentored and players, coaches and supporters alike, take this into consideration and play their part in helping inexperienced umpires learn and develop their skills without duress.

### **ACCREDITATION COURSES AVAILABLE TO GFUL FIELD, BOUNDARY AND GOAL UMPIRES ARE:**

#### **Level 1 Accreditation**

Provides training in the basic fundamentals of umpiring Australian Rules Football and is a pre-requisite for umpires wanting to take Level 2 Accreditation.

#### **Level 2 Accreditation**

Provides training of Advanced Skills in Action and prepares umpires to officiate in Open Age (Senior) football and is a pre-requisite for Field Umpires wishing to undertake Level 3 (VFL) Accreditation.

## **Contact the Geelong Football Umpires League Now!**

**It just may be one of the best decisions you will ever make.**

# **WANTED**

## ***Local Football Umpires***

The Geelong Football Umpires League has urgent vacancies for Males and Females to become

Field, Boundary or Goal Umpires

in the

GFL, BFL, G&DFL and GJFL

**EARN UP TO \$100 OR MORE A GAME**

Retired or Ex-Players are most welcome

Football experience is not a pre-requisite

If you love football, like to keep fit and earn a few dollars while you are doing it, why not give umpiring a go.

Join now and help keep local footy alive

**For more information contact the GFUL**

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