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Subject: 2022 UMPIRE REQUIREMENTS

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Summary: Umpire information for 2022.	Action: Clubs to submit contact details of Club/Pool Field Umpires on the attached form no later than Friday 25 February . This is a compulsory return. A \$100 fine applies to forms not received by the due date. Umpires must register via Officials HQ each season. Club/Pool Umpires must attend the compulsory induction on Monday 7 March 2022.
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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Where specified, each team is to appoint for each qualifying round match a Field Umpire, Boundary Umpire and a Goal Umpire dressed in the approved Perth Football League uniform.
- Where a club fails to provide a Field, Boundary or Goal Umpire for the fixtured match, the relevant team shall forfeit their match except where both teams agree to proceed. Fines apply where an umpire is not provided.
- A suspended player is not permitted to act as a Field, Boundary or Goal Umpire.
- Field Umpires shall have attained the age of 16 years.
- Boundary and Goal Umpires shall have attained the age of 13 years. The WAFC strongly recommends Umpires are aged 14 years or over for senior grades.
- The home team is responsible for providing Umpires a changing room which is separate to both teams that is secure, clean and free of stored items.
- Clubs are to provide the name and contact details of the Field Umpire(s) appointed to each team nominated on the attached form by 25 February 2022. Any amendment to this list must be provided to the League prior to the commencement of season or the Umpires first match.
- Clubs are required to nominate an umpire co-ordinator.
- Team nominations may not be accepted where a club has not appointed a club umpire.

PANEL UMPIRES

It is expected that panel umpires will be appointed to the same grades as last season. This will be confirmed once training commences and numbers are assessed.

POOL UMPIRES

Clubs in B Reserve, C2, C3 and C4 are required to provide a Field Umpire who will be pooled and appointed by Umpiring WA. Where possible these Umpires will be appointed close to their home.

Pool Umpires should only umpire one game on any given day to ensure the highest standard of umpiring possible is provided to the League team. Where a Pool Umpire is willing and able to umpire two games in a day they must not officiate any games back-to-back in order to rest between games. This must be

stipulated on your nomination. Umpiring WA reserve the right to observe an Umpire to make a determination as to their level of competency and fitness. If it is deemed the Umpire is not up to the required standard, the club will be asked to source an additional Umpire.

CLUB APPOINTED UMPIRES

All remaining grades will be umpired by Club Appointed Umpires. Club Umpire nominations will be accepted at the discretion of Umpiring WA.

PAYMENT

- Umpiring WA Panel/Pool Umpires will be paid by the WA Football Commission.
- Rates will be confirmed in due course.
- Club Appointed Umpires shall be paid by their respective teams.

REGISTRATION

To umpire in the Perth Football League, all Field Umpires must be registered via OfficialsHQ. <https://umpire.afl/officials-hq>. On registration you will be given access to all match day paperwork and online education.

Umpires who fail to register on Official HQ cannot be appointed to any match.

INDUCTION

A compulsory Club/Pool Umpires induction will be held at 5:45pm Monday 7 March 2022 at Ernest Johnson Reserve (South Perth) to discuss competition requirements and receive education on new rules/interpretations for the 2022 season.

UMPIRE UNIFORMS

- All Field Umpires must wear the official green Umpire shirt/socks and grey shorts.
- Club appointed boundary umpires must wear the green AFL Umpire shirt and either grey or black shorts.
- Club appointed goal umpires must wear the official green Umpire shirt or the supplied vest. (No other vest is permitted)
- Umpiring shirts together with other on-field apparel can only be purchased online from X-Blades <https://www.xbladescustom.com.au/collections/wa-football-community-umpires> Note: there is a 10 working day turnaround.

ACCREDITATION

All Field Umpires must hold a current Umpire Advanced Accreditation or be working towards achieving Advanced Accreditation. This level of accreditation is reflective of the competency required to umpire senior football.

For further information on accreditation courses, contact Umpiring WA Appointment & Education Coordinator, Greg Gilbee .

UMPIRE TRAINING

All Umpires are encouraged to attend training for fitness, development and camaraderie. Training is at 5.45pm Mondays and Thursdays at Ernest Johnson Oval, South Perth commencing 31 January.

UMPIRE MANAGEMENT AND COACHING

The WAFC Community Umpiring Manager oversees the management of all community football umpiring in WA, which includes the Perth Football League. The Community Umpiring Manager is the key point of contact for all Perth Football League Clubs.

Umpire Coaches have been appointed for respective grades in the Perth Football League. The role of coaches is to evaluate the performance of Umpiring WA Panel, Pool and Club Appointed Field, Boundary and Goal Umpires and provide feedback to Umpires, clubs and the WAFC.

The Community Umpiring Manager in consultation with the coaches will have the authority to require a Club Appointed Field Umpire to attend Umpire training or other remedial work to improve performance to continue to umpire in the Perth Football League. Where performance does not improve, the Umpiring WA can remove a Club Appointed Field Umpire from umpiring within the League.

UMPIRES FOR SCRATCH MATCHES

Requests for umpires for scratch matches must be submitted to the Perth Football League Umpires Association via the online form at least one week prior to the scratch match on the form attached. To complete the form, [CLICK HERE](#).

After confirmation of umpire appointments the club who submitted the umpire request will be invoiced by WA Community Football Umpires Association for the following amounts:

\$150/game - Field Umpires only
\$250/game - Field, Boundary and Goal Umpires

Appointments

Umpire appointments will be finalised by the Thursday morning prior to the weekend of matches and will be confirmed to the clubs via the email to the address provided.

Every effort will be made to fill as many matches as possible but as demand is higher than availability, clubs need to be prepared to find their own umpires should their matches not be filled.

If field umpires only are requested the expectation is that clubs will supply their own boundary and goal umpires.

Fixture change

The Perth Football League Umpires Association must be notified of any change to start times after at least 48 hours prior to the new scheduled start time otherwise we cannot guarantee umpire availability.

For further information regarding scratch matches, please contact Greg Gilbee.

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