



FOOTBALL COMMISSION INC.

**Metro North Region
(Claremont, Subiaco & West Perth)**

Circular 3/2021

Parent Umpire Program

Audience: Community Club Committees (Junior Clubs), Coaches and Team Managers
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Summary:

- The Parent Umpire Program will be run in the following age group / competitions:
 - Year 3 age groups / competitions in the Claremont, Subiaco and West Perth Districts
 - Year 4 age groups / competitions in the West Perth District and
 - Year 3/4 Junior Girls in the Claremont, Subiaco and West Perth Districts.
- All clubs wishing to nominate teams in the abovementioned age groups are required to participate in the program.
- An online theoretical training component & a practical training course (three dates to choose from) will be conducted in the lead up to season 2021.
- Parent Umpires must be over the age of 18 years.

Action:

- Ensure each team nominates a minimum of two parent umpires.
- Each umpire is required to register for the program via: <https://wafotball.forms-db.com/view.php?id=413246>
- Each umpire is required to complete the online session and attend one practical training session to be able to umpire during the 2021 season.

Background:

The Parent Umpire Program launched in 2008, where parents were handed the responsibility of umpiring matches in the nine and ten age groups (now Year 3 & Year 4). The introduction of this program was not derived from a shortage of junior umpires but from game environment concerns in modified football. A proposal was put to the WA Football Commission to train parents to umpire in these age groups with clubs recruiting parent volunteers to take on the responsibility (as they would other volunteer roles such as Coach and Team Manager).

The Parent Umpire Program, now in its 14th year, has worked to educate parents (within the team) as to modified AFL rules and in reducing game day environment issues. Game day environment issues have anecdotally been reduced with feedback supporting:

- Parents are less likely to question, berate and abuse a fellow parent from within their team
- The program upskills parents in early age groups as to the role of the umpire creating umpire advocates and supporters with team groups in future years



In 2021, the Parent Umpire Program will be run in:

- Year 3 age groups / competitions in the Claremont, Subiaco and West Perth Districts
- Year 3/4 Junior girls age groups / competitions in the Claremont, Subiaco and West Perth Districts
- Year 4 age groups / competitions in the West Perth District.

All clubs wishing to nominate teams in the Year 3, Year 3/4 Junior Girls (and Year 4 age groups – West Perth only) are required to participate in the program.

How the program works:

- Participants must register for the online component and a practical session
- Online component will be sent to registered participants on 1 April 2021.
- Participants must complete the online component and obtain their certificate to bring to the practical session of their choice (dates below).
- **At the completion of the practical session, Parent umpires will receive their pack for season 2021** – this includes, whistle, parent umpire lanyard and Parent Umpire Manual.
- Each team is required to nominate and supply a minimum of two Parent Umpires to attend training and umpire during season 2021. Teams can nominate more than two Parent Umpires.
- The Parent Umpire Program is designed to give the parent volunteers the basic understanding of how to umpire a junior match and specifically looking just at the modified rules of Year 3s and 4s football.
- Two Parent Umpires will umpire each match (one from each team). A minimum of one Parent Umpire is required at a match for the match to go ahead however two are always preferred.
- Parent Umpires are not to be paid for their role.
- The Parent Umpire Program will receive support from the WAFC with training provided by staff and Umpiring Groups.
- Parent Umpires will be required to wear the Junior Football League approved Parent Umpire Vest and Lanyard.

2021 Parent Umpire Program Practical Session Registration:

Parent Umpires are required to register via <https://wafotball.forms-db.com/view.php?id=413246>, to attend one of the three training sessions listed below:

Session 1: Sunday, 18th April 2021 – Venue: West Perth Football Club oval
11:00am – 12:30pm.

Session 2: Wednesday, 21st April 2021 – Venue: Penistone Park, Greenwood
6:00pm – 7:30pm.

Session 3: Saturday, 1st May 2021 – Venue: Grenville Reserve, Tuart Hill
9:00am – 10:30am.



**Please note that parents do not need to register for the session in their club's district. They simply need to register for whichever session is most convenient for them to attend.*

Parent Umpire Program Cost:

Parent Umpire Program Cost: \$30.00 (includes resources and whistle)

Clubs will be invoiced according to Parent Umpire Registrations

Parent Umpire Match Day Umpire Payments: \$0.00 (*Parent Umpires are not to be paid for their role*)

Additional items to note:

- *Parent Umpires who acted as Parent Umpire in 2020 or any subsequent year are still required to attend a 2021 training session and complete the online training.*
- *The Parent Umpire Program is aimed to upskill and educate parents.*
- *The Parent Umpire helps educate parents in early years of football as to the important role played by our umpires.*
- *Parent Umpires must be aged over 18 years of age*

If you require any further information, please contact Kathy Monck on 0428 113 768.

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