

NON-TRADITIONAL PATHWAY PROGRAMS

With the continued growth of Australian Football, there is a need to increase the amount of umpires. The AFL is committed to offering pathways to people from non-traditional umpiring backgrounds.

NATIONAL FEMALE UMPIRING ACADEMY

Umpiring provides opportunities for girls and women to participate at all levels of Australian Football. To increase the number of female umpires, the AFL is focused on providing programs that accelerate their development. The National Female Umpiring Academy is a program available to talented girls that aspire to officiate in State League, AFLW and AFL competitions.

INDIGENOUS & MULTICULTURAL UMPIRING ACADEMIES

The AFL and State Leagues provide community and school based Indigenous & Multicultural academies that offer an introduction to umpiring. The purpose of the academies is to expose youth to the benefits of umpiring, including social cohesion, and life skills. Talented Indigenous and Multicultural umpires are able to be selected on the National Umpiring Diversity Academy.



UMPIRING IS A FANTASTIC WAY TO GET IN THE GAME

Join the thousands of males and females of all ages who play a key role in our great game.

16,000+
COMMUNITY UMPIRES

150+
COMMUNITY UMPIRE GROUPS

900+
STATE LEAGUE UMPIRES

100+
AFL UMPIRES

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THE STEPS FROM SIGN-UP TO
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Once you sign up and join your local umpiring group, you will learn the basics of umpiring by completing an introductory course and umpiring games of football in your local community. You will also have the opportunity to achieve a nationally recognised accreditation.

COMMUNITY ADVANCED

Now that you have developed your basic umpiring skills and have a sound knowledge of the laws of the game, you may have the opportunity to umpire in senior community matches and earn an additional nationally recognised accreditation.

STATE LEAGUE

If you are an umpire that demonstrates talent and potential at community level you may be eligible for promotion to your local State League competition. Upon selection to a State League umpiring group, you will continue your development by umpiring State League underage and senior competitions.

AFL UMPIRING ACADEMY

By demonstrating good character, elite potential and a clear desire to maximise your umpiring talent, you may be eligible for selection to the AFL Umpiring Academy. The academy aims to prepare you to thrive in AFL competitions and is focused on developing on-field and off-field capabilities.

AFL WOMEN'S

Once you are selected in the AFL Umpiring Academy, you may be promoted to the prestigious AFLW competition. AFLW sits at the upper echelons of the umpiring pathway, and will expose you to elite match day environments and coaching. Your participation in AFLW will accelerate your elite officiating competencies.

AFL

Your final step in the umpiring pathway is the AFL competition. Once selected to the AFL Umpiring group, you will have the opportunity to officiate in AFL Home & Away matches, Finals and Grand Finals, subject to your ongoing development and performance.

