

# BEHIND THE WHISTLE

SANFL JUNIORS UMPIRING  
NEWSLETTER

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# 6 WEEKS HAVE FLOWN BY, TIME TO REFRESH

Welcome to Issue 6 of the SANFL Juniors Umpiring Newsletter for 2025.

6 weeks of the SANFL Juniors Competitions has been and gone and it has been a delight to see so many Umpires throughout the competition. Many of our regulars have been hard at work again, whilst our coaches, mentors, and office staff have been out to see so many new faces, as you all begin your Umpiring Journeys in 2025.

Training takes a break next week with the Long weekend coming up - but keep an eye out on the week after as we look to see as many Umpires as possible return for the 3 week training session run before the July School Holidays!

Have a safe and enjoyable long weekend, and we'll see you in the next Round on June 13 & 15.

## SANFL Juniors Umpiring Team

### Bye Week - Friday 6 & Sunday 8 June

Kings Birthday Weekend

### Friday 27 & Sunday 29 June

Sammy D Violence Prevention Round

### Friday 4 & Sunday 6 July

SANFL Juniors First Nations Round

### Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 August

Last Training night - FUN NIGHT!

### Sunday 10 August

SANFL Juniors Finals Begin

2025  
KEY  
DATES

# SANFL JUNIORS 2025

With SANFL Juniors footy taking a break over the long weekend, we want to remind everyone that with training taking a break too, there is never a better time to review how you are going, and check in with the Junior Umpires Hub.

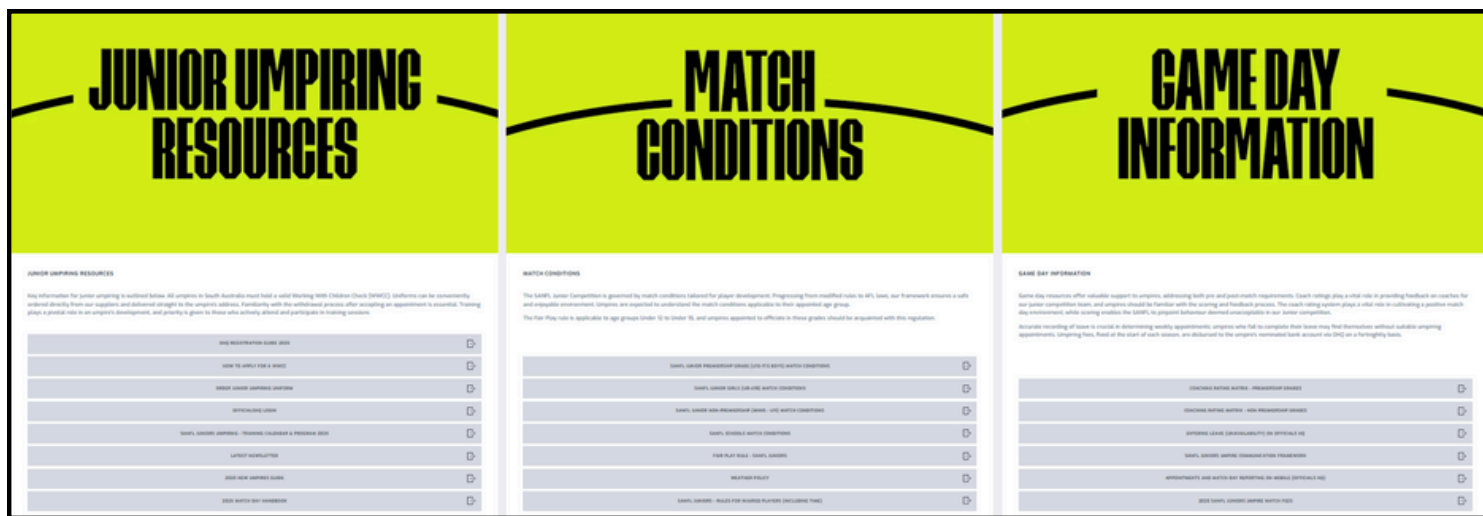
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The Junior Umpires Hub is your place for everything you need during the SANFL Juniors season for your Umpiring. Check out all your resources, Officials HQ guides, and what better time to brush up on Match Conditions, Laws of the Game, and all other Education specifics.

Education videos are available for Modified Tackling at Juniors Level (Under 9 and Under 10) and Rough Conduct as part of Community Umpire Training Programs. We encourage everyone to watch these and if you have any questions, to contact your venue coaches or SANFL Juniors Umpiring staff.

For any other queries, please contact us on the SANFL Juniors Umpiring email address in the banner on the bottom of each page.

Enjoy the break, keep up to date, stay safe and we will see you back out for Week 7 next weekend.



# 2025 TRAINING VENUES & SURVEY

We want to hear from you!

If SANFL was able to offer online training sessions based on the same programs the venues run each week - would something like this give you the ability to attend online, and assist in your development and education in Umpiring at SANFL Juniors?

We are keen to hear feedback on this. If you want to have your say, please fill out the survey below:

## SANFL Juniors Umpiring - Online Training Survey

**SANFL JUNIORS**  
**UMPIRE TRAINING**  
**VENUES & CALENDAR**



**MONDAYS**

**5:30PM TO 6:30PM**  
CENTRAL  
PULTENEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

**5:45PM TO 6:45PM**  
NORTH  
SALISBURY NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

**NORTH EAST**  
TEA TREE GULLY FOOTBALL CLUB

**SOUTH**  
MITCHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

**WEST**  
SEATON RAMBLERS FOOTBALL CLUB

**TUESDAYS**

**5:30PM TO 6:30PM**  
EAST / NORTH  
POORAKA FOOTBALL CLUB

**5:45PM TO 6:45PM**  
WEST  
WOODVILLE SOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

**SOUTH**  
MORPHETTVILLE PARK FOOTBALL CLUB

BOUNDARY AND GOAL UMPIRES - TUESDAY AT MORPHETTVILLE PARK & POORAKA

**UMPIRE**  
**MENTOR**  
**PROGRAM**



**ARE YOU KEEN TO GET INTO YOUR UMPIRING, AND NEED A BIT OF ASSISTANCE TO GET YOU STARTED?**

The SANFL Juniors Umpire Mentor Program is designed to provide Umpires with a Mentor who is at your games to support and guide you through umpiring when you first start or are inexperienced and need that added assistance. Sometimes it can be challenging Umpiring for the first few times before gaining confidence to Umpire games on your own and with others.

Mentors are your guide and support - there to help manage, learn and assist with your education, and make you feel safe and comfortable in your first initial steps. Mentors cover U7 to U11 games.

SANFL Juniors Umpiring has 18 Mentors for the season, and along with 21 coaches, we are all here to step through Umpiring together with you. If this sounds like something you would like, what you need to do is contact us and let us know you would like to request a Mentor to be at your next game.

Guide us as well by letting us know:

- Each week if you need to continue with a Mentor at your games
- We can also lock in the same mentor for as long as you need (if they are available to do so - this way you have the same person with you each time).

For any further information, please don't hesitate to contact us via email.

SANFL Juniors Umpiring Team.

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# Coaching with Jay

In this issue, we welcome SANFL Juniors Umpire Coach Jay Trebilcock to the Coaches Corner. Jay takes us through Player Injuries and what Umpires need to know.



What do you need to do - and when is the right time to stop play for an injured player?

As per law 8.2 of the 2025 Laws of Australian Football, it is the field umpire's responsibility to look out for player safety. This includes stopping play for an injured player, however, there are specific principles and laws which help us understand when to stop play.

The basic principle for when play should be stopped for an injured player is when **'the ball is within one kick and heading in the direction of the injured player'**. Once the player has been attended to by first aid officials and is either off the ground or in no immediate danger of play the umpire can then restart the game.

If the ball was in **dispute** at the time play stopped, the field umpire shall **throw the ball up** at the location on the ground it last was. But, if a player had **clear** possession of the football, they should be **awarded a free kick** from the location they were when play was stopped. Some other specific scenarios for when a field umpire should **stop play** for an **injured player** include when they are **bleeding**, or a **stretcher** is called for.

Under law 7.3, when a stretcher is called for by a first aid official, the field umpire should **stop play immediately**. However, if a team bring a stretcher onto the field for any given reason the field umpire should still stop the play immediately. **Play can't be restarted until the stretcher is completely off the field.**

Another situation where an umpire can stop play for an injured player is when they are bleeding. When a field umpire **determines** that a player is **bleeding**, they must **stop play immediately**, by blowing their whistle and signalling by crossing their arms to create an X. Under law 24.3.1 (a), a field umpire must **direct the player off the ground** and wait a **reasonable time for a replacement player** to take up their position. It is important to note the bleeding player can be **immediately replaced** by another player from the bench. If a player refuses to leave the ground, a red card should be shown to the player as it is a reportable offence for misconduct in failing to follow a direction of an umpire.

In each of these circumstances, **the same rules about restarting play above, apply.**

**Player safety is paramount,**  
**and we always encourage erring on the side of caution when stopping or restarting the game.**



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# JUNIOR UMPIRES MARK THEIR MARK

The SANFL Juniors Umpiring team wishes to congratulate some of our Umpires who have made their mark this season in selection to the State Under 16 Team to play in the NAB AFL Under 16 Championships in June and July

- Josh Jarrad
- Tom Gribben

and to those who previously umpired with Juniors:

- Harry Tamblyn
- Percy Burgoyne

Please feel free to read the article on the SANFL website -

<https://sanfl.com.au/league/news/2025-sa-u16-squad-released/>

A huge congratulations as well goes to past SANFL Juniors Umpire Harry Ramm who has been selected in the mid-year draft from Glenelg to play for Port Adelaide in the AFL.

Harry Field Umpired for SANFL Juniors between 2022-2024. We wish him all the best as he embarks on his AFL playing journey.

It runs in the family, as younger brother Connor is a current Boundary Umpire at SANFL, having officiated at SANFL Juniors, and in the SANFL State League in SANFLW and Under 16s this season.

**Featured Draftee**



DRAFTEE

**Harrison Ramm**

SANFL CLUB

**Glenelg**

PICK NUMBER

**3 - Port Adelaide**

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Image - SANFL Website, <https://sanfl.com.au/league/news/six-sanfl-players-selected-in-2025-afl-mid-season-draft/>



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# SANFL WHEELCHAIR FOOTY

**The 2025 Novita SANFL Wheelchair Football League season is starting soon!**

**Wheelchair Football is an exciting adaptive version of Australian Rules Football where mixed teams of five take the court. Players with and without disability are encouraged to play in this inclusive game.**

**The Novita SANFL Wheelchair Football League and Reserves Competition involves four SANFL Clubs: Central District, Norwood, West Adelaide and Woodville-West Torrens (The Eagles).**

**Matches are played at The Lights Community and Sports Centre, Lightview.**

**Umpiring is also a part of the Competition, with matches requiring 2 Court (Field), and 2 Goal Umpires per match in League and Reserves.**

**This Friday, June 13 is the last come and try evening for players and officials before the 2025 season gets under way on Friday 20 June. Come and meet SANFL Juniors Umpire Manager Steven Paunovic, and SANFL Wheelchair Field Umpire Jay Trebilcock - get to know the game and have a go!**

**To find out more, please see the competition web page at - <https://sanfl.com.au/wheelchairfootball/>**

**or email us at the email address in the banner on the bottom of the page.**



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# AFL HALF TIME AUSKICK

Expressions of Interest continue for any Junior Umpires interested in Umpiring the Auskickers and Mini League at Half Time of AFL Games for the Crows and Port.

Rounds 13 to 15 are still available to nominate, with the remainder of the season to be loaded soon! Be a part of the fun at an AFL Game Day by nominating to umpire the NAB AFL Auskick Half Time Grid Games during the Toyota AFL Premiership Series!

If selected, you will receive 2 tickets to the match (in lieu of payment). Details of the game day will be sent out to all those selected in the week leading up to the game. Enter your name, select your games to nominate for, and each week, umpires will be selected to get on to Adelaide Oval! Best of luck in being a part of the match day experience!

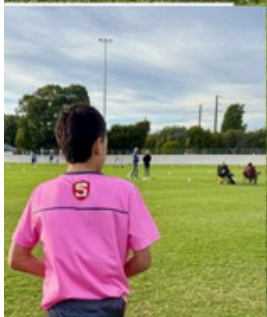


[AFL Auskick Half Time Umpire Nomination Form Link](#)



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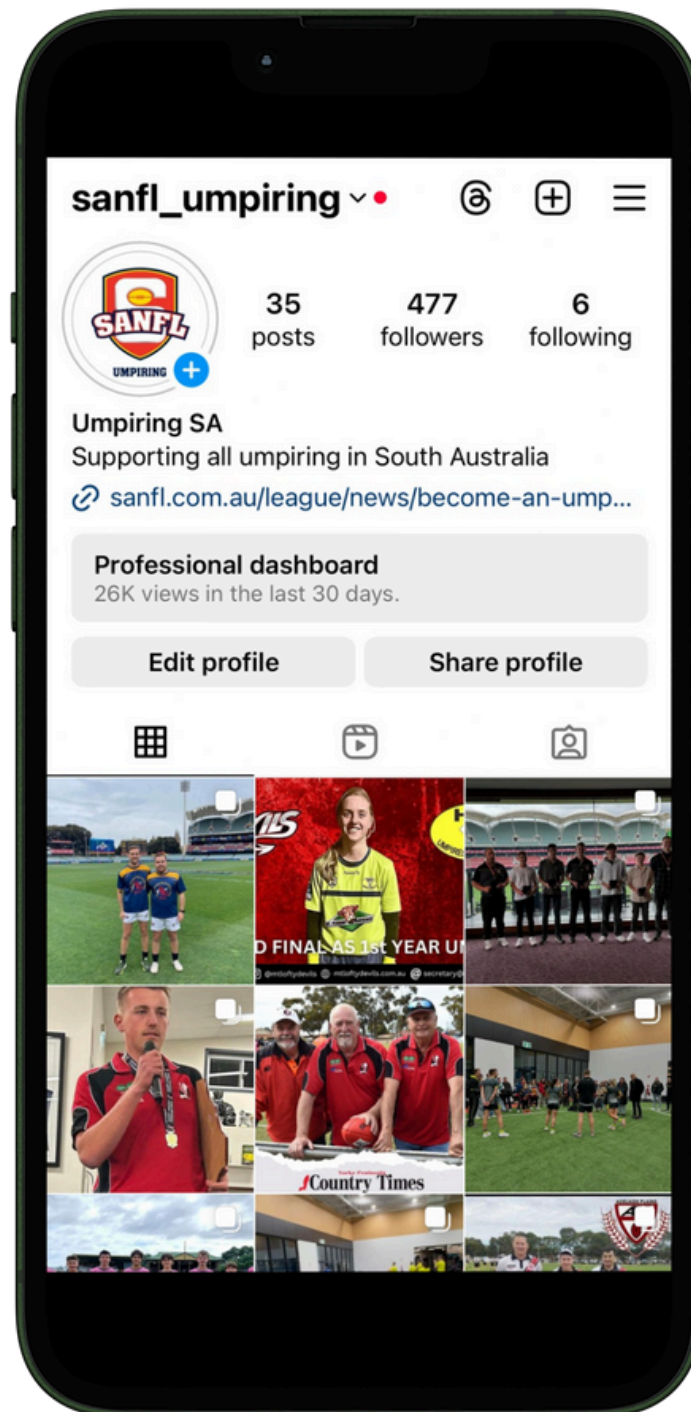




# SANFL Umpiring on Socials

SANFL Umpiring is on Instagram. For all up to date news and information on umpiring across all of South Australia from the country competitions, SANFL Juniors through to SANFL State league and AFL/W.

Footy seasons around the state are well underway, so get in your photos of our Junior Umpires in action and be a part of our socials and newsletters for the season ahead.



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