



SANFL JUNIORS UMPIRING

Newsletter

A very Happy Holidays to all SANFL Juniors Umpires and their Family and Friends!

As we head towards the festive break, the entire Umpiring Department wants to pass on our thanks to each and every one of you for a great 2024. We are looking forward to a huge 2025.

Make sure you take all the time you have to be with family & friends, watch out for that huge Christmas Lunch and Dinner. It is a time to spend with everyone we hold dear.

In this edition, introducing some of our Summer Legends making their mark in the off-season, you could be a winner in our Name the Newsletter Competition, Registrations continue, and more to get you through to the new year. More details on next season will be out in the next edition in January.

We thank all umpires for completing the 2024 season review survey. These surveys are imperative to us as a department to not only better the game and match day environment but to also enhance all aspects of umpiring including communication, training and games. If you have any suggestions or feedback, please feel free to pass these onto us via email.

Have a safe and Happy New Year. See you in 2025!

Registrations are open!

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE SANFL JUNIORS 2025 SEASON!

Registrations for Umpiring in the 2025 SANFL Juniors season has begun. We are looking forward to seeing Umpires return for SANFL Juniors and Community Leagues next season!

An email has gone out to everyone from last season to get you started.

The new AFL-ID system has also begun, which links everything up including Officials HQ, AFL LMS, and Play HQ if you also play. This is now part of the registration process. If you need any assistance on this, please let us know. It is important to use the same email address login.



A reminder of few dot points to assist as we begin building towards 2025:

- Don't forget Working with Children Checks for those who need to get one or update.
- If you want to add more roles or leagues to your account, please ensure you let the competitions know.
- For the 2025 season, we move to the SANFL Pink Uniform. Umpires from previous seasons in green need to please look to purchase the Pink uniform from Burley over the off-season. Stock levels are shown on each uniform item page on the Burley Website.

With over 900 Umpires registered for SANFL Juniors in 2024, the Umpiring team are keen to see as many of you as possible back for another season with big things planned!

If anyone has any queries, please get in touch at sanfljuniorsumpiring@sanfl.com.au



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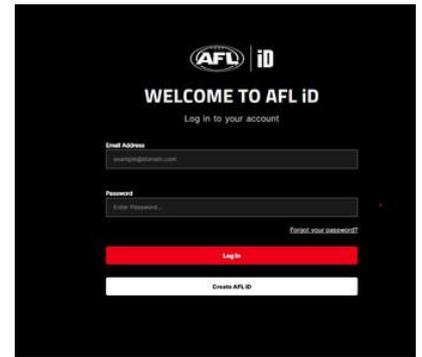
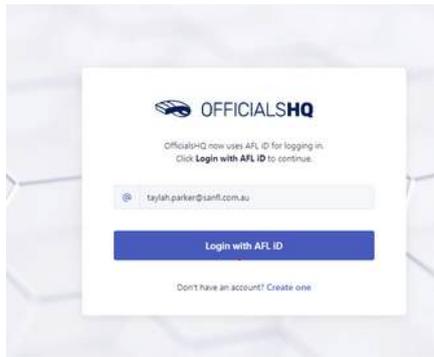
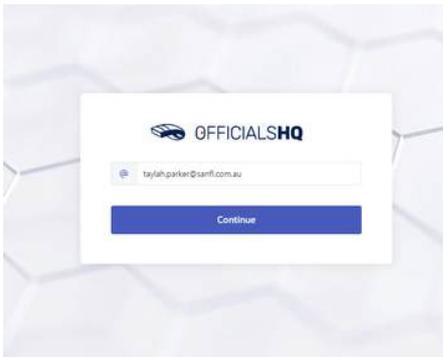
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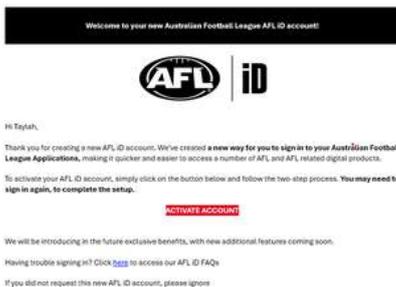
HOW TO REGISTER

Current umpires - to re-register via officials HQ for the 2025 season, please see below.

1. Go to officials HQ log in, put your email login in and select continue.
2. A message will appear to use AFL ID to log in. Select Log in with AFLID and just continue with your email. This will take you to AFLID Portal
3. Either log in with your AFL ID information or register to create an AFL ID and then fill out personal information. Note you do not need a club membership number.



4. This will send you an email from AFL ID. Click on the red "Activate account". This will send you to AFL ID then send a verification code to log in.
5. Then this will take you back to officials HQ and click log in with AFL ID. You will then get an email to request to link your AFL ID with officials HQ. Go to emails and click the link which will take you to your login.
6. Once fully logged in, your registration details will come up, please check through that these are correct



7. In roles, please select SANFL JUNIORS UMPIRES if you wish to umpire SANFL Juniors competitions or Adelaide FL umpires for senior Mens or Womens community games.
Please note: Do not select SANFL Umpires as this is for the State League competitions.



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YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

If you could give this Newsletter a name... what would it be?

SANFL Juniors Umpiring is looking to update the monthly newsletter prior to the 2025 season, and we are after a new name for it! So who better to throw the ideas around than you - the Umpires!

The best names will go into a draw, with the name selected receiving the prize of 4 (four) tickets to the AFL Match of your choice at Adelaide Oval (excluding Showdowns, Gather Round and Finals). The new newsletter name will begin prior to the start of the 2025 SANFL Juniors season.

To enter, you must be registered for the 2025 season on Officials HQ. Follow the link to enter your details and answer:

[SANFL Juniors Umpiring Name the Newsletter Competition](#)

So get thinking, make it catchy and fun, and get your answers in for your chance to win!



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2025 SANFL Umpiring Development Program

On Monday the 18th of November, 30 of the next up and coming umpires attended an information session held at Adelaide Oval, the home of SA football to commence their progression in umpiring.

The SANFL Umpire Development program is a 12 week program which combines talented Umpires in their discipline throughout community leagues and SANFL Juniors, and provides them with a taste of elite Umpiring and State League Coaching in the SANFL Under 14 Boys competition. Umpires are Talent scouted or nominated by coaches, with the training and competition as a testing period for all, with the opportunity to be elevated into the SANFL High performance squads.

This program enables umpires to gain a taste of training at the State umpiring facility and includes in depth coaching and reviews, skill acquisitions, fitness training and analysis.

Those interested in progressing into the development program are encouraged to speak with the SANFL Umpiring Team to find out more about the Umpiring Pathway in South Australia.



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SUMMER LEGENDS

Many Umpires take on other sports, activities and past-times during the summer, and some continue to make their mark at a high standard in their chosen Sports.

Under 19 South Australian Cricket team

Congratulations to Matthew LeRay and past Umpires Lachlan Ranaldo and Lachlan Agnew on their selections to the South Australian U19 Cricket team with the U19 Championships held in Adelaide over the last couple of weeks.

Australian All schools team SA announcement

Congratulations to these umpires who have been selected in the SA Athletics Team for the Australian All Schools Championship competition being held in Brisbane from 6th-8th of December at QSAC.

- Alexis Thiele
- Cooper Raftery
- Maddy Humphrey

Outstanding year 12 results

Massive congratulations to umpires whom achieved excellent academic results in their Year 12 SACE studies in addition good luck to those awaiting results from the International Baccalaureate (IB) which is released early January.

2024/2025 SA Reds Next-Gen academy

Congratulations to these umpires who have been selected into The SA Reds Next-Gen Academy which focuses on pre-elite athletes (U13-U15), designed to prepare young athletes for state and national competitions, with an emphasis on State Championships and Aussies readiness. The academy forms part of the Surf Life Saving SA High Performance Program.

- Mitchell Small
- Dylan Bartemucci
- Jimmy Toivonen
- Lachlan Macgregor
- Hamish Sutton

If you or anyone within the umpiring community has been selected or nominated for something, please reach out to the team via email.



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PACIFIC CUP



More than 500 participants representing teams from across the Pacific Islands Region gathered in the Sunshine Coast, from November 14-23rd for the 2024 AFL Pacific Cup showcasing International Australian Rules Football. This competition showcases open male and women football along with upcoming under 17s with athletes from Fiji, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Tonga and South Africa.

Two of our SANFL Juniors Umpires Thomas Ford (Boundary) and Malcom Freak (Field) took part in the experience. Speaking with Thomas, this is what he had to say about his participation in the Under 17 competition.

What was involved

The Pacific Cup u17 boy's and girl's competition as a round robin event on the Sunshine Coast with five countries being Nauru, South Africa, PNG, Tonga and Fiji involved. It was supposed to be over three days but due to thunderstorms on day one the games occurred over two days.

What did you do?

I was a boundary umpire for five games and as it was so hot and humid I ran water for other umpires during their games.

Best Memory

Umpiring Tonga v PNG and standing in the middle with the other umpires while both teams did their war cries. It was very intense.

Take away from the carnival

A number of boundary umpires recommended Hash browns are a great source of carbs and good to eat leading up to a game.

Advice you would give to other umpires?

If an opportunity comes up don't hesitate, take it. It was amazing to umpire somewhere different with different people. All the umpires from around Australia were super friendly and in no time we were all a team. Whenever a game finished all the other umpires would cheer as "team green" came from the field. It was hard work but well worth it.

Biggest Learning Curve

Using the "lasso" free kick in the girls game as I had not used it before, and also how much you sweat when umpiring when the temperature is over 30 degrees and really humid.



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KEEPING FIT IN THE OFF SEASON

ELEVATE YOUR PERFORMANCE!

The South Australian Athletics League (SAAL) is a not for profit organisation that has a history of providing competition to athletes since 1898. Unlike amateur competitions, SAAL competitors are handicapped to start at different positions on the track dependent upon their ability so that the racing is fascinating, unpredictable, and gives everyone a chance of being competitive.

At least 15 athletic carnivals are scheduled each season between October and Easter in various locations throughout South Australia including Crystal Brook, Loxton, Glenelg, Burnside, Brighton, Henley, Reynella and Flinders University.

WHAT DISTANCES ARE RUN DURING SA ATHLETIC LEAGUE COMPETITIONS?

Each meeting comprises a selection of sprint races (70m, 100m, 120m, 200m, 300m and 400m) and middle-distance races (550m, 800m, 1000m, 1600m and 3200m).

WHAT CATEGORIES OF RACES ARE AVAILABLE?

We conduct races for open Men and Women, Over 35, Under 18 and Under 14 athletes. We also have novice races for those runners who have not won a race within a distance category before in either a novice or open event.

WHAT AGE DO I HAVE TO BE TO COMPETE?

For most events you need to be 14 years old or older to enter, however if you are 11 years or older you can compete in our junior races (Under 14 and Under 18).

WHO TO JOIN?

You can either join as a solo athlete or join a club. This is a great way to meet new people, improve your fitness and running which will improve your overall umpiring and gain some cash in the football off season.

WHO CAN I TRAIN WITH?

The SA Athletic League have many registered and experienced coaches who are willing to help athletes improve their technique, fitness and speed. Just contact the League office during business hours for advice regarding finding a coach in your area.

Many umpires currently run with, however many other clubs available.

Mckinnon Parade Athletics Club (North Adelaide)

Flinders Athletics Club (Bedford Park):

Camden Athletics Club (Camden Oval)

Information: please contact us via SANFLJuniorsUmpiring@sanfl.com.au for details.



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Foundation Umpiring Courses 2024/2025

SANFL Umpiring Foundation Courses have kicked off for the 2025 season!

Tell your family, and your friends, share on social media, tell them how great an Umpire you are! and how much you enjoy it! SANFL Umpiring is keen to see more new umpires join SANFL Juniors, and Community Leagues in the Metro area.

If you know anyone that would make a great Umpire, tell them about it! and follow the link below to register for a course in their area! Goal, Boundary, Field Umpiring - get in and have a go!

Please visit the below website for further details:

<https://sanfl.com.au/league/news/become-an-umpire/>

BECOME AN UMPIRE

ANYONE CAN BE INVOLVED



You know the game, why not help umpire it?
You can umpire and play in the same season or just be a "full time" umpire

It's a great way to earn some tax free money, get a greater knowledge of the rules and improve your fitness and leadership skills.

SANFL Juniors umpires earn between \$45-\$116 a game
School students can earn 10 Stage One SACE Points

The first step to being involved in umpiring is to attend a Foundation umpiring course conducted by the SANFL Umpiring team

Upcoming Foundation Umpiring Courses

Saturday December 7th, 2024 – Mosaic Hotel & Football Park Oval (West Lakes) – 9:00am – 11:00am
Wednesday January 15th, 2025 – Unley Jets Football Club – 4:30pm – 6:30pm
Sunday January 19th, 2025 – Mosaic Hotel Precinct & Football Park Oval (West Lakes) – 9:00am – 11:00am
Wednesday January 22nd, 2025 – Unley Jets Football Club – 4:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday February 5th, 2025 – Salisbury North Football Club – 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Saturday February 8th, 2025 – Golden Grove Football Club – 9:00am – 11:00am (Women & Girls Course)
Tuesday February 11th, 2025 – Brighton Football Club – 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Saturday March 1st, 2025 – Golden Grove Football Club – 9:00am – 11:00am
Sunday March 2nd, 2025 – Plympton Football Club – 9:00am – 11:00am (Women & Girls Course)
Saturday March 15th, 2025 – Eastern Park Football Club – 9:00am – 11:00am

****You only need to attend one course date****



To register for any of the above courses, please scan the QR code and submit your details



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UMPIRING IN PINK IN 2025

From 2025, SANFL Juniors will be in the SANFL Pink uniform. No SANFL Green/yellow is to be worn. This can be accessed via:

[YOUTH UMPIRES | KOOKABURRA](#)



SANFL YOUTH SHORT SLEEVE TEE
Pre Order
AU\$33.00 Inc GST



SANFL YOUTH UMPIRING SHORTS
Pre Order
AU\$33.00 Inc GST



SANFL JUNIOR UMPIRING SOCKS PINK
Pre Order
AU\$10.45 Inc GST



ACME 577 THUNDERER WHISTLE
Pre Order
AU\$17.50 Inc GST

Field & Boundary Umpires require:

Short Sleeve shirt Shorts Socks Whistles (purchase a spare which should be carried around on field).

Preferred Whistle to purchase is Acme Thunderer 577 Wristbands (White).

For shoes, Field & Boundary Umpires should look to purchase flats and boots (for wet and heavy ground conditions) in predominantly white colour.

** Note - Umpires must not wear Jumpers or loose fitting clothing underneath their Uniform Shirt during a game. Tighter fitting "Skins" items are acceptable.

Goal umpires are to get in contact via email: sanfljuniorsumpiring@sanfl.com.au

for order details, this will need to be done in advance as bulk orders will be made for goal umpire uniform (pants etc).



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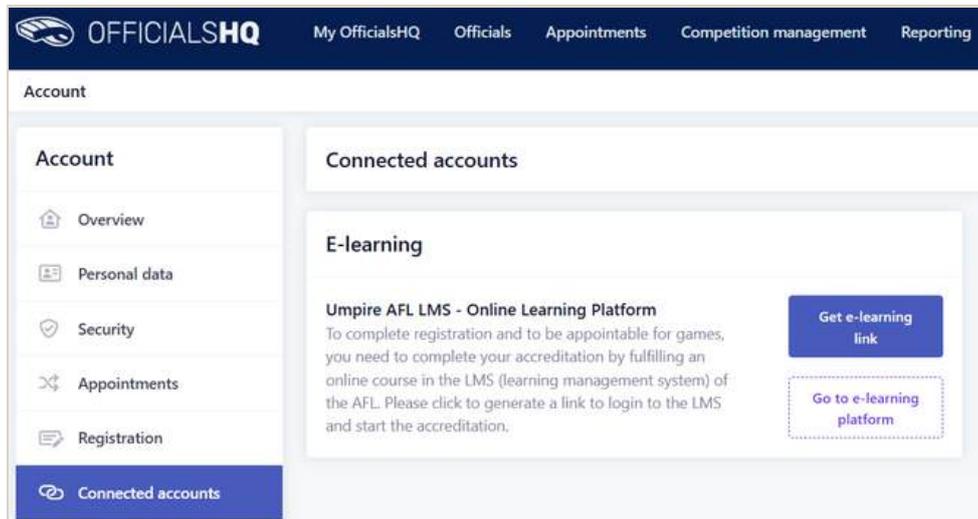
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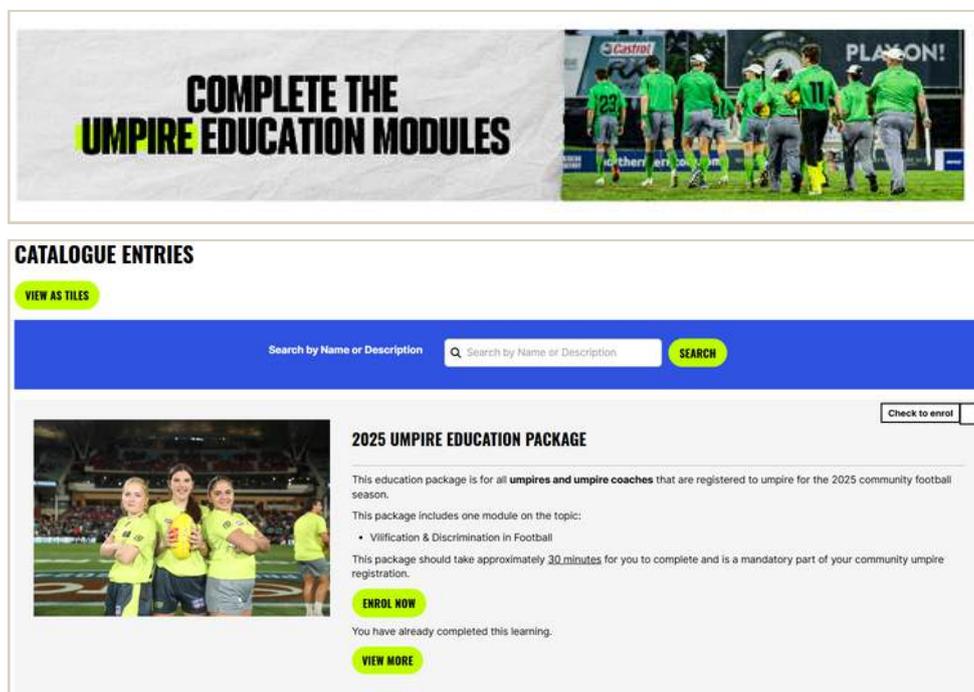
AFL LMS Education Portal

As part of the 2025 season requirements, all Umpires need to complete the AFL LMS Education Modules as part of their learning. This week there have been some updates to Officials HQ and the Profile Account page shows slightly different where the Link to E-Learning has moved.

To find this, go to your account profile > Connected Accounts. From there, select to Get the E-Learning Link, and go to the E-Learning Platform.



On the AFL Learn Home Page, select to Complete the Umpire Education Modules (below), taking you to the page for the module for 2025 - Vilification & Discrimination in Football.



AFL LMS Education Modules must be completed before being able to be appointed. If you need any assistance with the AFL LMS, please contact us at sanfljuniorsumpiring@sanfl.com.au



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Supporting the SANFL community with great value health cover

As part of SANFL's exciting new partnership in 2024 with Health Partners, we are pleased to update you on some great discounts and exclusive benefits on private health cover exclusively for SANFL and SANFL Club staff.

If you're an existing Health Partners member with selected hospital and extras cover, or you join as a new member, you and your family can receive an 8% discount on your private health cover. In addition, new members who join Health Partners will receive their first four weeks of cover for free. To find out more about this membership offer, visit the Health Partners website here or call 8225 9674 and quote promo code 'SANFL'. Players can also get 100% back on a custom-fitted mouthguard from Health Partners Dental if you have Health Partners Better or Best Extras Cover, or get 25% discount if you don't have Health Partners Extras cover. As part of the SANFL's partnership with Health Partners, custom mouthguards are now available in any club colours (up to 3 colours, SANFL or community club) – and your SANFL Club logo.

To make the most of this great mouthguard offer for season 2024, book an appointment with Health Partners Dental for a custom-designed mouthguard, phone 1300 114 114 or visit the Health Partners website at www.healthpartners.com.au/dental, and quote SANFL.

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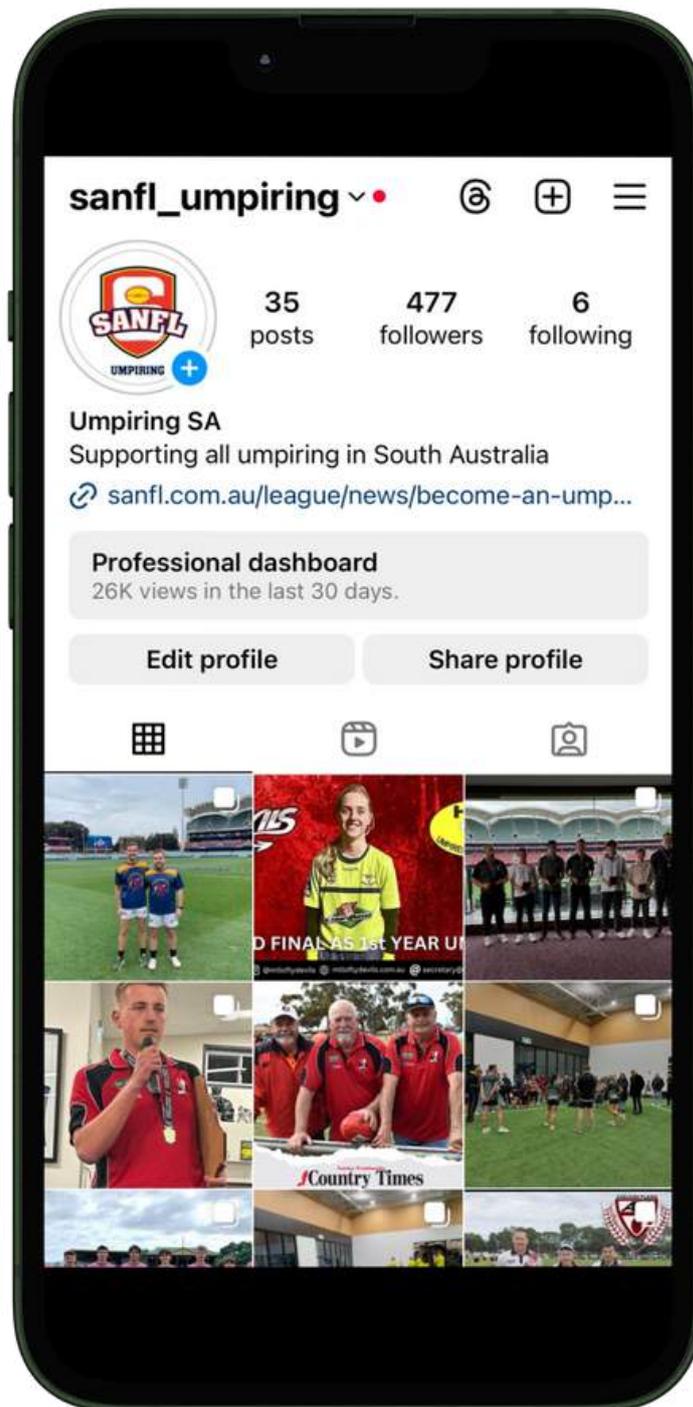
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SANFL Umpiring on Socials

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.

If you have any photos, milestones or videos worth sharing or any queries, please contact the SANFL Juniors Umpiring Department or message us through our Instagram page.



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MATCH DAY UMPIRE MENTORS

Are you missing being involved in umpiring? Are you looking for a way to get back into umpiring? Eager to teach the next generation of umpires?

Then Match Day Mentoring is for YOU

CONTACT US
TO APPLY NOW



The SANFL Umpiring Department is seeking expression of interest for umpire match day mentors and coaches. If you are interested in this please apply via the hyperlink or if you have any questions please contact us via our email attached below.



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