



2026 NEW UMPIRES INFORMATION GUIDE



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NEW UMPIRE CHECKLIST

Welcome to Junior Umpiring with SANFL Juniors - one of the biggest Junior Competitions in Australia! Before you step onto the oval, blow the whistle or put on the pink uniform for the first time, there are a few steps to do. To make it easier for you, these have been outlined below:

- 1 Complete the SANFL Foundation Umpiring Course.
- 2 Complete Registration on Officials HQ
 - Initial Registration
 - AFLiD
 - Log back in after initial to complete all personal details
- 3 Ensure completion of the Working with Children Check if 14 years of age or over
- 4 Purchase your Uniform
- 5 Register on the AFL Learning Management System
 - Complete 2026 Umpire Education Package (Welcome & Education Module)
 - Log in through Officials HQ to set up and complete
- 6 Check out the SANFL Juniors Hub, and Information Guides, including Match Conditions
- 7 Attend training at your nearest SANFL Juniors Umpiring Venue
 - Training venue information will be available from January
 - Keep an eye out for SANFL Juniors Umpiring communication via email or Officials HQ
 - Training venues are in all metropolitan areas (North, South, East & West).
 - All Training sessions are from 5:45pm to 7:00pm unless notified.

Please refer to the 'SANFL Juniors Umpiring Information Guide' for detailed information on each of the above items.

All SANFL Juniors Umpiring Office contact details are available at the end of this document.

FOUNDATION UMPIRE COURSE

Conducted by the SANFL Umpiring Department, the Foundation Umpiring Course is a two hour in person session plus a recommended prior online learning component which takes around 30 minutes to complete, teaching the fundamental skills of becoming an umpire, registration requirements, weekly expectations and is an introduction to the umpiring development pathway. It is designed to be used by all entry-level umpires taking their first steps in their Umpiring journey.

* Umpires need to be at least 12 years old to begin (Field Umpiring). Boundary and Goal Umpires can begin in Community Football at 9 years of age (with support from Match Day Mentors and Coaches).

What to expect?

The course covers topics such as:

- Umpiring Pathways
- Umpire Roles
- Decision Making
- Communication
- Positioning
- Signals
- Registration Requirements
- Weekly expectations

There will also be **practical components** that will cover:

- Ball-Ups, signalling, & communicating decisions as a Field Umpire
- Boundary Umpire signals, positioning & throw-ins
- Goal Umpire positioning, signalling & decision making

Upon completion, you will be provided all the information to get started, including how much you can expect to get paid, training venues, uniform requirements, appointment process and key contacts, ready to umpire your first game.

If you have yet to complete a Foundation umpiring course, please apply via:

<https://sanfl.applynow.net.au/jobs/SANFL42>

OFFICIALS HQ REGISTRATION



Officials HQ is the AFL national umpire management system.

You are required to register as an umpire on Officials HQ (OHQ) and the process takes approx. 10 minutes. Start the registration process here: <https://registration.officialshq.com/>

Follow through all the queries in the initial set up, ensuring you utilise a regularly used email address as the log in username. We do not recommend using school emails addresses.

Items to complete include

- AFLiD - required for linking to Officials HQ (use the same email address as per Officials HQ)
 - Complete all required linking through emails sent, then return to complete OHQ profile
- Address and Contact details, and Role Preference (Field, Boundary, Goal Umpire), and which League
 - for SANFL Juniors, ensure you select “SANFL Juniors Umpires”
 - You can select other Leagues as well in this section if intending to run in more than one
 - You can also select more than one discipline
 - Example - Field Umpire, SANFL Juniors (click add), then Goal Umpire, SANFL Juniors (and click add again). We will contact you to check on which discipline you want to be your main one.

Once completed, a summary page will show all details, and upon confirming, you will receive an email to create a password. Ensure this is completed (check your spam or Junk Folder emails if you do not receive soon after completing registration).

You are then required to log back into Officials HQ to complete Profile Details including:

- Club Association (this must be filled in if you play for any club in any competition, senior or junior), Umpire Information, Working with Children Accreditation, Demographics, Emergency Contacts, Banking Details, and any Medical Information

Once Terms and Conditions are checked, click complete, and your Dashboard will load and you are all good to go! If you need to alter anything, your “My Profile” page is available on the top right by clicking on your name, and selecting “My Profile”.

A full Officials HQ document which includes Registration is available at the SANFL Juniors Umpiring Hub - <https://sanfl.com.au/juniors/junior-umpire-hub/>

If you have any questions on registration or Officials HQ in general, please contact us on 8440 6943 or email at sanfljuniorsumpiring@sanfl.com.au

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

All umpires 14 years of age and up must complete a Working with Children Check via the Department of Human Services (online).

If you already have a Working with Children Check, please send in the full clearance email from DHS to us at sanfljuniorsumpiring@sanfl.com.au as SANFL are also required to keep a copy on file for all Umpires. If you are 13 years of age turning 14, currently you will not be able to apply until you turn 14.

If you have yet to do this, or did not bring one to the Foundation Umpires Course, please follow instructions provided to complete.

<https://www.dcsiscreening.sa.gov.au/SCRequestApplicationIndividual>

Please ensure you select “Volunteer” as the Applicant Type. This is \$0 cost. SANFL are unable to refund if the incorrect applicant type is selected.

If you did provide one to the staff at the Foundation Umpires Course, SANFL Juniors Umpiring staff will send your application to DHS on your behalf.

For those who have yet to start one, there are 2 variations dependant on your age:

- Umpires who are 14 to 17 years of age must complete partial online application, then print and complete an identification section, which you need to take to an authorised Verifying Officer to show your proof of identity to a total number of identification points. Once completed this is signed, scanned back to email, and sent to DHS at dhsscreeningunit@sa.gov.au.
- Umpires who are 18 years of age and over are able to complete the full process online.

Once completed and sent in, DHS will send a clearance to your email address supplied. This will include an issued date and Screening Reference Number (SRN). This clearance must also be sent to sanfljuniorsumpiring@sanfl.com.au. Your Officials HQ profile must also be updated (Accreditations section).

For any queries relating directly to DHS and the clearance, please contact them directly at dhsscreeningunit@sa.gov.au or by phone on 1300 321 592.

For anything SANFL, please email sanfljuniorsumpiring@sanfl.com.au
Alternatively please call any of our SANFL Juniors Umpiring staff listed on the contacts page.

*A full document on how to Apply for a WWCC for those applying for the first time is available on the SANFL Juniors Umpiring Hub. Clearances last for 5 years. When your clearance is within 6 months of the expiry date, you will receive reminders from DHS by mobile number and email to begin a reapplication.

ORDERING YOUR UNIFORM

All SANFL Juniors Umpires are required to order the Pink Uniform items. Other league uniforms will need to be purchased separately if umpiring more than one competition, however they are not permitted in SANFL Juniors - Pink/Grey Uniform only.

How to order

Go to <https://www.kookaburrasport.com.au/football/sanfl/>

Youth and Adult sizes are available.

Field & Boundary Umpires require:

Short Sleeve shirt, Wrist bands (white), Shorts, Socks, Whistles (Preferred Whistle to purchase is Acme Thunderer 577). You can also purchase a long sleeve Pink shirt if you wish.

For shoes, Field & Boundary Umpires can wear flat sole running shoes or boots in any colour. Any Umpires looking to progress into talent pathway are requested to look at getting white shoes.

Goal Umpires require:

Short sleeve shirt and Cap. Other items required include Pants and Jacket which can be purchased from separate supplier - please get in touch with us for more information.

Delivery Method

·Uniforms are sent direct to the umpire from Kookaburra Sports (Burley). Please make sure your delivery address is correct when ordering.

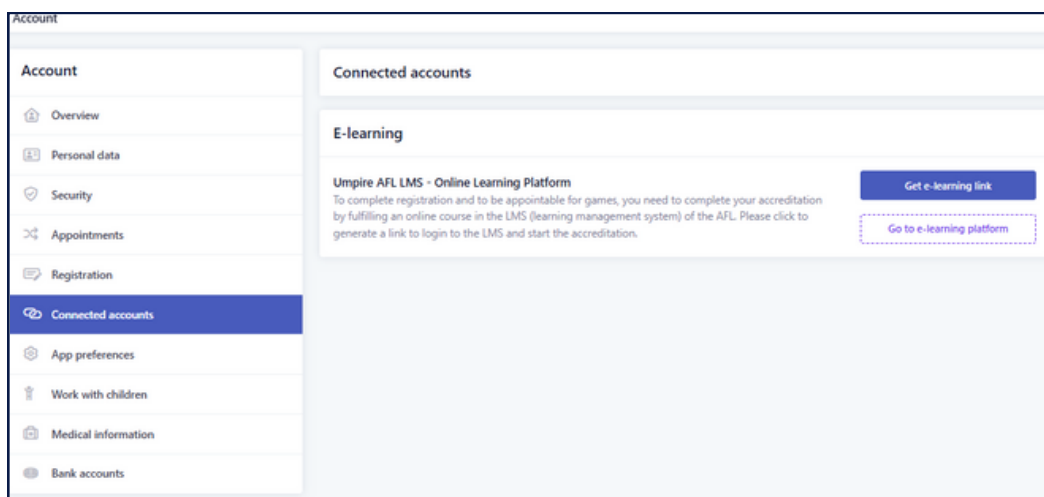
** Note - Umpires should not be wearing jumpers underneath their Uniform Shirt during a game. Tighter fitting "Skins" items are acceptable.

AFL LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The AFL Learning Management System is the next step in your introduction to Umpiring in the SANFL. Completion of the Education Packages is mandatory for all New Umpires and is beneficial to your umpiring moving forward.

The course is also a pre-requisite if you wish to complete your Development Level Umpire Accreditation in future seasons.

When logged in to Officials HQ (registration must be completed first as above), go to your Account page and select “Connected Accounts”. Click on “Get E-Learning Link”, which then brings up text to the right – “Go to E-Learning Platform”. This will then open the Learning Management System page.



Once signed in, go to the Home Page, and select “Umpire Accreditation”.

AFL LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

You will now see the below screen for Foundation Courses. Select “Foundation Umpire” and select Enrol.

Follow the modules through until full completion of the course. Officials HQ will then automatically load onto your accreditation the Course completion.

If you forget your password, you will need to click on the ‘Forgot Password’ link, or email the Umpire.AFL helpdesk.

For any technical queries with the LMS, please email umpire.afl@afl.com.au

For any further queries, please contact us as per details on the contacts page.

Home / Umpire Dashboard 2026

WELCOME, STEVEN!
This is your home of Umpire Education.
This page provides access to all levels of education for Umpires & Umpire Coaches across Australia.
Please select the below course options to start your Umpire Education.

FOUNDATION COURSES

If you are a first year Umpire, you will be required to complete the Foundation Umpire Course. If you are an Umpire Coach (regardless of experience), you will need to complete the Foundation Umpire Coach Course.

You must access the Learning Management System via OfficialsHQ to ensure the certificate of completion is linked to your OfficialsHQ account. If you did not access this page via OfficialsHQ, please log out and access via <https://home.officialshq.com/> or view the User Guide

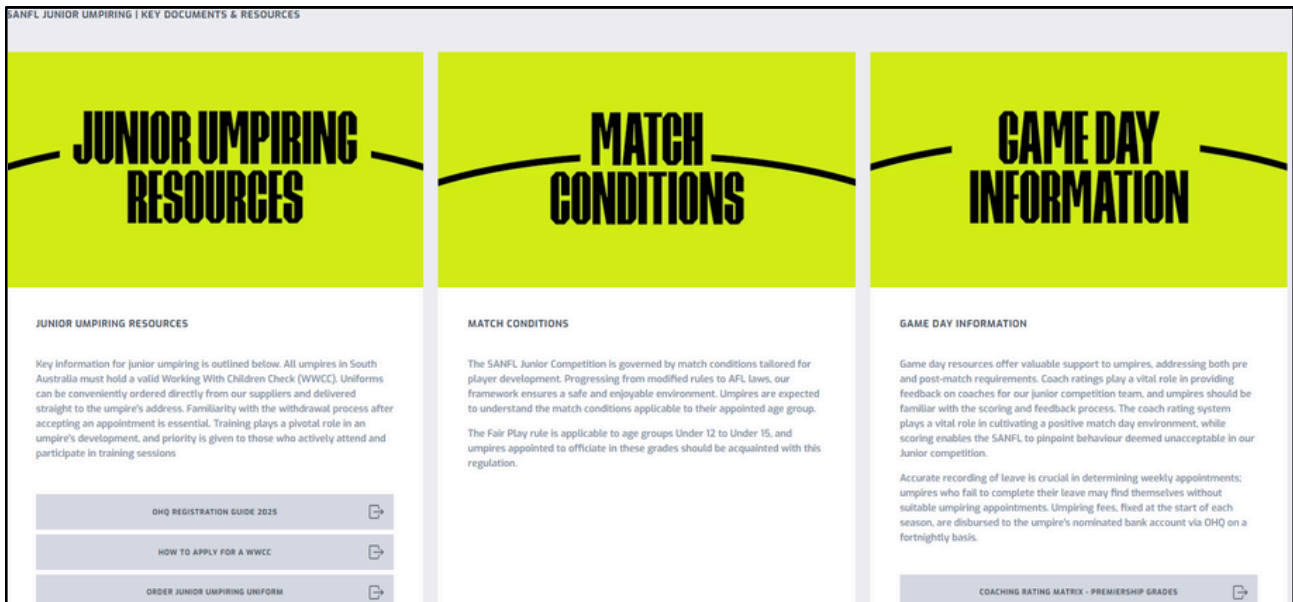
FOUNDATION UMPIRE

FOUNDATION UMPIRE COACH

SANFL JUNIORS UMPIRING HUB

All required information for umpires is easily accessible via the umpiring hub on the SANFL website

The SANFL Juniors Umpire hub can be accessed at <https://sanfl.com.au/juniors/junior-umpire-hub/>



The hub provides information regarding:

- Match conditions (Premiership, non-premiership and junior girls, SANFL schools)
- Fair play rules
- Officials HQ Guides & FAQ
- Junior umpiring match day and new umpire guides
- Reportable offences and cards information
- Training venues and dates
- Coach rating matrix
- Umpire Match Fees
- Newsletters
- Uniform information
- Working with Children Check Information
- Laws of the game
- Information for SACE

Match day guides

The SANFL Juniors Umpire match day guide can be accessed via the Junior Umpiring Hub. This will be updated and available prior to the 2026 SANFL Juniors season.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (SACE)

Did you know you can gain 10 SACE Points for Umpiring!

In accordance with SACE Community Learning, SANFL has recognised Community Development programs which allow students the opportunity to achieve SACE Credits at Stage 1.

Recognised programs include Development Field, Boundary & Goal Umpiring.

Students will require support from their school to sign off on their application once they have completed the requirements of the program so you should let your school SACE coordinator know of your intention to participate before progressing further.

To complete the recognised programs, students need to meet the following criteria which SANFL Umpiring staff can assist with as needed:

- Register on Officials HQ
- Complete the AFL LMS First Bounce Course and provide your certificate of completion
- Practical Application - demonstrating a commitment to Umpiring by training and Umpiring on match days
- Game Day observation and coaching provided by SANFL Umpiring Coaches or Mentors
- Complete a Critical Thinking Reflection piece

Once completed, all items are sent in to SANFL Umpiring to review. SANFL will return with a certificate of completion, which then needs to be part of a recognition application through your school to the SACE Board to obtain 10 points!

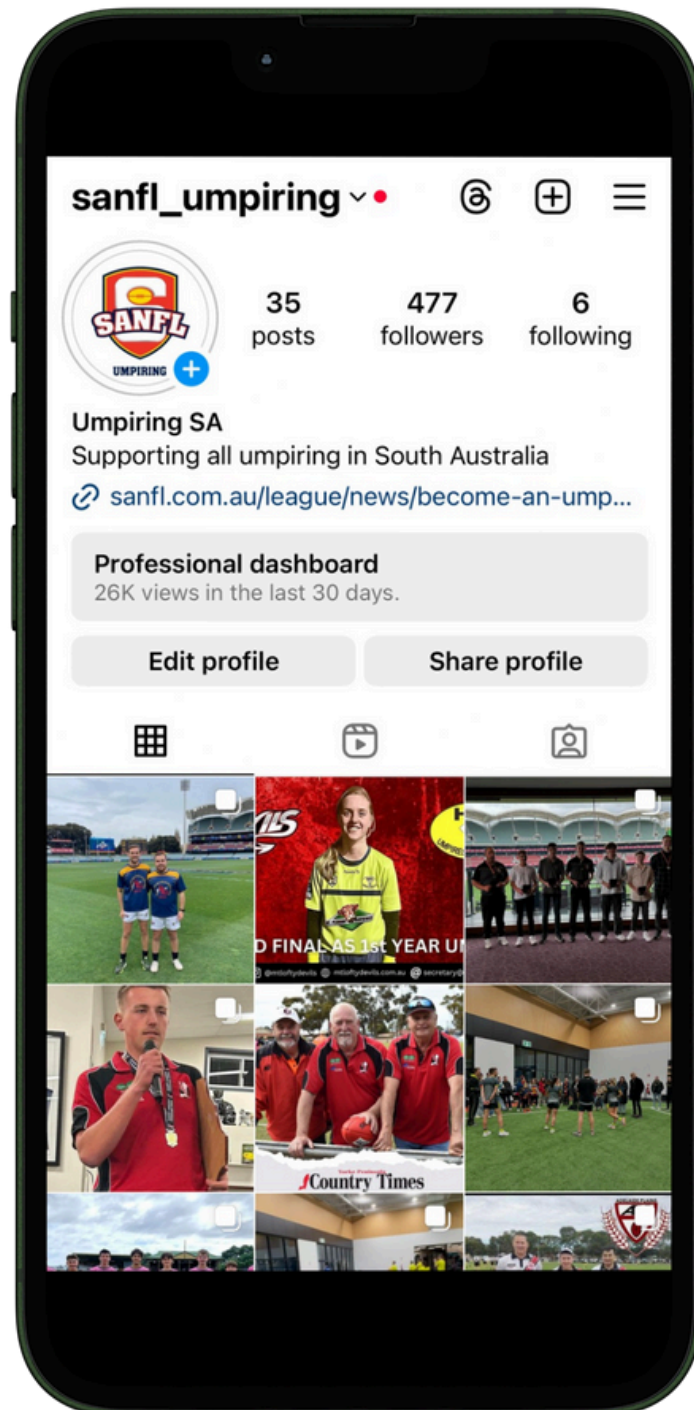
More information is available on the SANFL Juniors Umpire Hub, or get in contact with us at sanfljuniorsumpiring@sanfl.com.au for more details.



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 via: umpiringsocials@sanfl.com.au or message us through our Instagram page.



SANFL JUNIORS UMPIRING CONTACTS

The SANFL Juniors Umpiring team are here to support you throughout your Umpiring journey. If you need to clarify or ask anything, or get in touch for a chat, please see our details below.

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