

**FOOTY, FITNESS, FRIENDSHIP, FUN**

## ***UMPIRE OUR GREAT GAME***

### **VACANCIES EXIST FOR 2016**

*Are you a former player? Why not stay involved?*

*Do you have strong leadership and communication skills? Why not be involved?*

*Do you like to keep fit? Join us!*

**Vacancies exist for females and males to become Field, Boundary or Goal Umpires in season 2016.**

#### **WHAT DO WE OFFER?**

- Learning, supportive and inclusive environment
- Nationally accredited Coaches and Mentors
- Umpires accredited to national standards
- Player to Umpire program
- Female Umpire program
- First Year Umpire program
- Paid to be part of the game
- Fitness development
- Learn and develop life skills
- AFL Pathway Programs
- Mateship
- Matches in the South Eastern suburbs, with limited travelling

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Peter Mair, Director of Umpiring, 0418 31 33 59

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[sfnl.com.au/umpiring](http://sfnl.com.au/umpiring)

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

We are the most progressive umpiring body in community football.

We offer wonderful opportunities for Umpires to improve their performance in a number of areas, including fitness, communication, leadership, decision making and skills.

A number of our Field, Boundary and Goal Umpires have successfully progressed to the Victorian Football League (VFL) and the Australian Football League (AFL).

*We have vacancies for Umpires at all levels in the Southern Football Netball League, which covers Senior football, Reserve football and the under 19's competition.*

Ideally we prefer that you are at least 15 years of age when umpiring in the Southern Football Netball League. If you are not 15 years old, or would like to commence your umpiring career in junior football, we work closely with junior football leagues to create a pathway to senior community football.

## **PLAYER TO UMPIRE PROGRAM**

A number of our Umpires have played football, which assists in the transition to umpiring. Our specially designed coaching program enhances the opportunities for former players.

## **FEMALE UMPIRE PROGRAM**

We offer one of the most successful female umpiring programs in Australia. In 2010, 2014 and 2015 at least one female Field Umpire officiated in our Division One Senior Grand Final. In 2013, 2014 and 2015, at least one female umpire officiated in our Division Two or Division Three Senior Grand Final.

## **JUNIOR TO SENIOR PATHWAY PROGRAM**

Our successful pathway program assists umpires who are currently umpiring in junior football to make the transition to open age football in a supportive and encouraging environment. A percentage of our list is represented by umpires who have progressed successfully from junior football to open age football.

## **SOUTHERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE UMPIRING AMBASSADOR**

Stephen McBurney, a four time AFL Grand Final Umpire, with in excess of 400 AFL games experience, is our SFNL Umpiring Ambassador. Stephen coaches, mentors and actually umpires with umpires who are striving to become better.

## **FIELD UMPIRES**

### **Senior List:**

If you can commit to our fitness training two nights a week, including skills coaching, and umpiring on a Saturday, you will be considered for our Senior List.

### **Development List:**

If you have experience in umpiring in a junior football league or are new to umpiring, it is likely that you will be part of our Development List.

### **Reserve Grade List:**

If you simply wish to have fun umpiring only Reserve grade footy, and can only train occasionally, we have vacancies on our Reserve Grade List.

### **Supplementary List:**

If you are unable to umpire every weekend, or are unable to train, talk to us about our Supplementary List. We have several Umpires who umpire games when they are able to during the home and away season. Supplementary List Umpires are usually not involved in umpiring Finals football.

### **Club Umpires List:**

Every SFNL Club has the opportunity to nominate a Reserve Grade Field Umpire. Please contact Matt Grimwood, Umpire Administration, Southern Football Netball League.

## **BOUNDARY UMPIRES**

If you can commit to regular fitness training, including skills coaching, and umpiring on a Saturday, you will be considered for our Senior List.

If you have experience in umpiring in a junior football league or are new to umpiring, you are welcome to join our Boundary Umpires List.

## **GOAL UMPIRES**

If you can commit to our fitness training on a Thursday night, including skills coaching, and umpiring on a Saturday, you will be considered for our Senior List.

If you have experience in umpiring in a junior football league or are new to umpiring, you are welcome to join our Goal Umpires List