



SANFL Juniors Umpiring Update

11th April 2024

# Newsletter



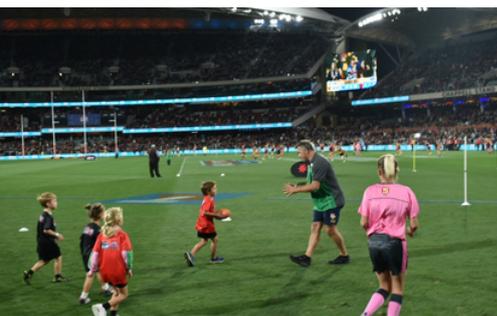
## 1 Week to Round ONE!

With **7 days** until the SANFL Juniors Season starts, now is the time to get everything ready for umpiring! It is important you check the following:

1. Provided SANFL office with your Working with Children Clearance.
2. Make sure you have completed the LMS required umpire packages.
3. Have a SANFL uniform - green SANFL uniform is okay but pink is preferred will be the colour moving forward - or have ordered one.
4. Purchased a hand held whistle. (Acme Thunderer)
5. Make sure you can log on to OHQ and know how to add leave and accept appointments.
6. Read through the weekly newsletters to check anything you may have missed.

If you have ANY issues with the points above, please reach out to us in the office at [sanfljuniorsumpiring@sanfl.com.au](mailto:sanfljuniorsumpiring@sanfl.com.au).

**Premiership grades (U12 boys & girls competitions and above) start this coming week, and non-premiership grades (U11 boys & U10 girls competitions and below) start the week after.**



## RULES CORNER

### 18.8.2 AFL LAW

Free kick

A field umpire shall play a free kick against a player or official who:

A: Uses abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language towards an umpire

B: Disputes a decision made by an umpire

C: Intentionally, unreasonably or carelessly makes contact with an umpire.



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# Training Calendar Dates

Month	Round	Monday	Tuesday	Juniors		
				Field	Boundary	Goal
				April		15
	1	22	23	Dangerous Tackles	Positioning	
	2	29	30	Positioning		Wednesday 1st May Communication - Boundary Umpires
May	3	6	7	Set shot for goal	Last Possession	
	4	13	14	Holding the Ball		Wednesday 15th May Administration On and Off Field
	5	20	21	Protect the Ball Player	WYD	
	6	27	28	Mark & Ruck Infringements		Wednesday 29th May Communication - Field Umpires

Please refer below for venue locations , days and times for field, boundary and goal disciplines:

Venue	Day	Time	Discipline
Salisbury North FC	Monday	5:45pm-6:45pm	Field
Tea Tree Gully FC	Monday	5:45pm-6:45pm	Field & Boundary
Pulteney Grammar School	Monday	5:45pm-6:45pm	Field
Foxfield Oval (Athelstone)	Tuesday	5:45pm-6:45pm	Field & Boundary
Portland FC	Monday	5:45pm-6:45pm	Field
Woodville South FC	Tuesday	5:45pm-6:45pm	Field & Boundary
Morphettville Park FC	Tuesday	5:30pm-6:30pm	Field
Mitcham FC	Monday	5:45pm-6:45pm	Field & Boundary

**Goal umpiring training is on Wednesdays as per dates in top table at Pulteney Grammar School, 5:45pm to 6:50pm. Please refer to Officials HQ Group Messages for any changes of dates or times. If you are interested in Goal Umpiring training, please email [SANFL Juniors Umpiring](mailto:SANFL Juniors Umpiring).**



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# OFFICIALS HQ

The season commences in a week's time. If you have not registered yet on Officials HQ, click the link below:

New Umpires

Returning Umpires

If you have any difficulties with your OHQ registration, please email [sanfljuniorsumpiring@sanfl.com.au](mailto:sanfljuniorsumpiring@sanfl.com.au)

Make sure you are checking OfficialsHQ **daily** as group messages will come through on here about trainings, AFL half-time matches and weekend appointments.

## LEAVE AND AVAILABILITY

The leave you enter on OHQ informs the SANFL Umpiring office you cannot umpire during a specific time. Any umpire who does not enter leave, we assume you can umpire. It is important you enter your leave over the weekend prior to the next round of football (Friday to Sunday).

If you also play for a club, when entering your leave, please allow enough time for travel.

With over 800 umpires to manage, **ALL** umpires must update their leave weekly.

Umpires who can **ONLY umpire on a Sunday**, please block out **ALL Fridays and Saturdays**. The same applies for other days over the weekend.

If you are unsure on how to enter your leave, please click below to find out how.

## ACCEPTING YOUR APPOINTMENT

Umpiring appointments will be released at **3pm Monday**. Umpires are expected to log into OfficialsHQ on a Monday night and accept your appointment.

Anyone who declines an appointment is expected to give us a reason. If you have completed your leave correctly, then there should be no reason to decline.

SANFL Umpiring Department has put all umpires into an area and we will:

1. Attempt to appoint you as close to home as possible **OR**
2. Within your local area

For any umpire who does not accept an appointment by **10am Wednesday**, the SANFL Umpiring Department will begin replacing Umpires and you could be withdrawn from your game without notice.

# WITHDRAWING FROM GAME

Once you **accept** an appointment on OfficialsHQ, the only way you can **withdraw** is by contacting the SANFL Umpiring Department. Here is the timeline for umpires withdrawing from games and the actions you must take:

**Up until 4pm Thursday** - Email: [sanfljuniorsumpiring@sanfl.com.au](mailto:sanfljuniorsumpiring@sanfl.com.au)

**After 4pm Thursday** - You must call 8440 6933. DO NOT EMAIL to withdraw from a game after this time. Leave a message if the call is not answered with your name and game you are withdrawing from.

**IMPORTANT:** Umpires must contact the office immediately if they are withdrawing from a game. The sooner we know in the office, the more likely we can replace you.

Calling 5 minutes or an hour before a game is not acceptable.

## BEFORE YOUR GAME

Here is what you need to do before your game:

1. Know the match conditions of the age group you are umpiring!
2. Arrive at the ground before the game start time: **non-premiership grades - 15 minutes, premiership grades - 20 minutes**
3. Arrive at the ground in your uniform. You can wear a tracksuit etc., over your umpiring gear. Do not turn up to an oval in SANFL junior club affiliated colours.

**REMEMBER:** we have both male and female umpires, so it is preferred you arrive at an oval already in your uniform. If you do need to change, please do so in a private cubical and not in front of others.

Match Conditions can be found on the [Junior Umpiring Hub](#)

## AFTER YOUR GAME

**Only refer to these 3 simple things if you are a field umpire on a specific game.**

Listed below are 3 simple things that need to be completed after your game. These are:

1. **Coach Ratings**
2. **Best and Fairest Voting**
3. **Match Reporting and Ratings**

It is expected you complete this **BEFORE 8pm Sunday night**.

If done correctly, it should only take a few minutes, and can be completed at the ground on your mobile or at home on a desktop computer.

## COACH RATINGS

Coach ratings are a critical feedback process, designed for you to give us feedback. ALL umpires are required to complete this post-match and if it is not complete, we will be following you up first thing Monday morning. Please review the coach ratings and what they represent:

[CLICK HERE FOR COACHING MATRIX](#)

Any umpire who gives a score of 1 or 2 will be required to explain what happened and why you gave the coach a low score. Giving a 5 means the coach has been PERFECT. If the coach does not meet ALL the criteria in the coach rating matrix, then they can not be given a 5. You are also required to give comments on why you gave a score of 5.

## BEST AND FAIREST VOTING

You need to complete the Best & Fairest Votes if you have umpired a premiership-grade game. If you are in a two or three-umpire system, please discuss together to determine votes for the match, and enter these in to Officials HQ. **Votes must be submitted by 8pm Sunday night.**

## MATCH REPORTS & RATINGS

You complete a score from 1 to 5 (5 being the highest) for both the home and away teams on the following:

1. Player behaviour
2. Spectator Behavior
3. Exclusion Zone

Rating provide information to SANFL Junior Competition Management. Please be honest in your scores as it helps the SANFL to provide a better match day environment for all involved.

## USE OF YELLOW, RED AND BLUE CARDS

If you issue a card, you need to complete the appropriate card forms. These forms will be found on Officials HQ under your game appointment.

ALL cards issued **must be recorded on OHQ and completed no later than 8pm Sunday.** Any incomplete forms will be followed up Monday morning and followed up until completed.

If you do **NOT** issue a card in your game, make sure you do **NOT** complete this section and **select 0**. Otherwise OHQ will not allow you to submit paperwork and it will save to your drafts.

# RED/YELLOW/BLUE CARDS

Umpires will need to obtain a set of cards for the SANFL Junior and Schools Competitions. You can obtain a set of cards from your coaches at training. If you have cards from the previous years, you can use the cards you have as they have stayed the same in 2024.

Coaches will provide education at training on how to use cards and within the coming few weeks, we will also provide a guide on the use of cards on our Junior Umpiring HUB

If you feel the need to issue a card for a dangerous tackle, we want you to issue a red card. complete the red card report giving specifics on the tackle and the SANFL Competition will review the report. If you do not issue a card in your game, then you do not need to do anything on OHQ. There is no need to go into the card and state that 'no card is issued'. Any card issued during the game, you MUST lodge the report via OHQ. If after the game you feel the card is not warranted, you are still required to complete the paper work.

When issuing a card, please add as many details as possible. The more you put in, the less likely the SANFL office will need to follow you up. If you can best describe the situation in specific detail, it will allow SANFL staff to follow up and act on the cards swiftly. Any umpire abuse is an automatic red card. Swearing on the field is an automatic free kick, and if this becomes abuse towards an umpire, you are expected to issue a red card.



# Uniforms - What you need

Uniforms have begun to be distributed to umpires who have placed orders. We have been advised that Kookaburra/Burley are working through the back orders and sending out orders as stock is on hand.

Female uniforms are available, with sizing charts accessible on the website.

We recommend new umpires to purchase the ACME 577 Thunderer Whistle as this is the preferred whistle to use during games.



**ACME 577 THUNDERER WHISTLE**

Pre Order

AU\$17.50 Inc GST



**SANFL JUNIOR SHORT SLEEVE TEE**

Pre Order

AU\$33.00 Inc GST



**SANFL JUNIOR UMPIRING SHORTS**

Pre Order

AU\$33.00 Inc GST



**SANFL JUNIOR UMPIRING SOCKS PINK**

Pre Order

AU\$10.45 Inc GST



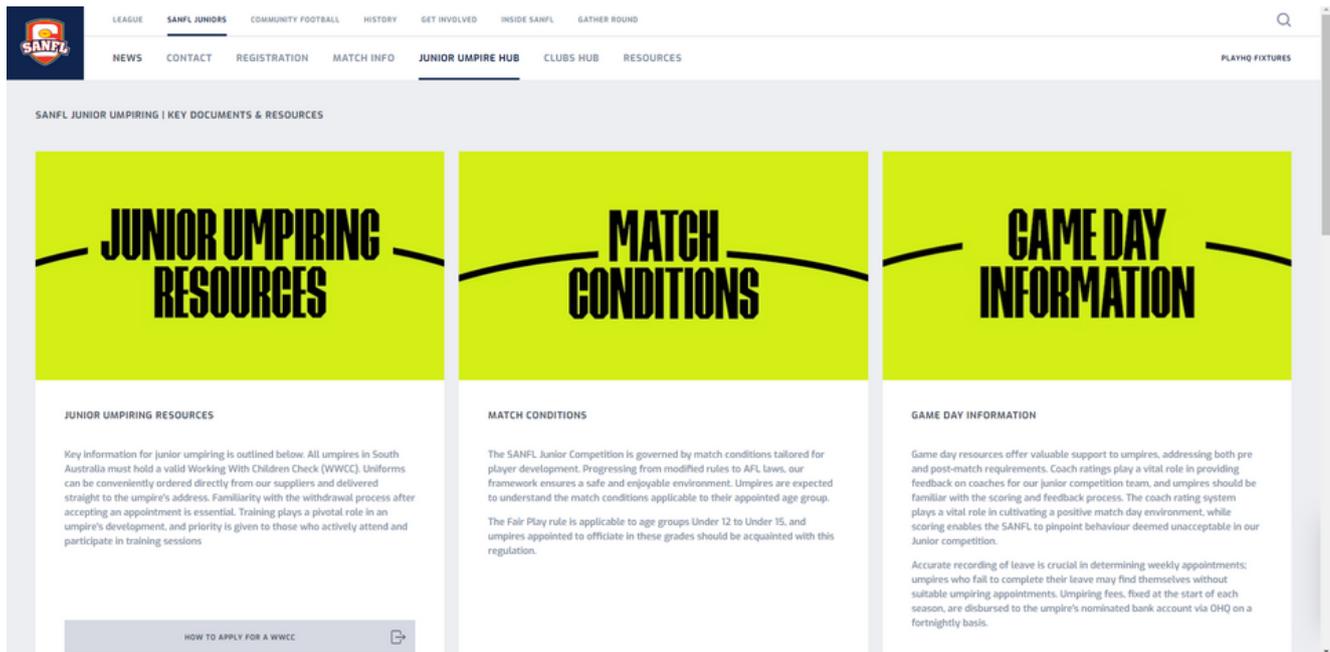
Wrist bands are not available via the burley website however are required as part of uniform for all umpires. These can be purchased through sporting stores such as REBEL.

All white is preferred however grey is acceptable.

[Click here to go to the Burley Kookaburra Website](https://burleykookaburra.com.au)

# SANFL JUNIORS UMPIRING HUB

The Umpiring Hub serves as a comprehensive resource for all umpires throughout the season. Below is the set up of what the Junior Umpiring Hub looks like:



Within the hub, umpires can access essential information, including:

- Match Conditions
- Officials HQ Guides
- Administration Resources:
  - Procedures for game withdrawals
  - Reportable Offenses
  - Coach Rating Guide

As the season progresses, the umpiring department will continue to update and expand the resources available in the Hub. This centralised platform aims to provide umpires with the necessary information they may need throughout the season

## Payments

SANFL processes payments on a fortnightly basis. SANFL umpiring department will announce payments via OHQ, explaining which rounds have been paid so you can keep on top of them. Please allow 3 banking days for the funds to be cleared.



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# LMS Education Package

This year, SANFL Juniors require all umpires to complete the AFL Learning Management System (LMS). The courses allow everyone to enhance their umpiring knowledge with a diverse range of educational materials.

These courses can conveniently be completed at home and will feature valuable links to videos, aiding your comprehension of modified rules and laws specific to SANFL competitions.

**To access, the LMS educational package, please go through Officials HQ.**

If you are under 18, you must complete the junior resource.  
If you are over 18, you must complete the umpire resource.

**The LMS must be completed no later than April 30th**

Please open the instructions below if not sure how to access these modules through Officials HQ.

**[INSTRUCTIONS ON TO ACCESS THE LMS EDUCATIONAL PACKAGE](#)**

## Mentoring Program

This year, the SANFL Junior Umpiring Department is offering a mentor program for first year umpires and those umpires that would like help learning how to umpire the game.

Mentors will come out to support the umpires in their games by observing your game, and they can also “shadow” on the field, provide advice almost immediately during the games and making sure Umpires feel comfortable to manage a game without having to do it by themselves in the early stages.

Our aim is to have a mentor at as many grounds where non-premiership grades (U7-U10) are played, and new & inexperienced Umpires will be appointed to the same venue. Umpires who would like to request a mentor can do so by emailing [sanfljuniorsumpiring@sanfl.com.au](mailto:sanfljuniorsumpiring@sanfl.com.au)



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# SANFL's Call out for Wheelchair Footy Umpires!



SANFL are looking for umpires who are interested in Field and Goal Umpiring for the **2024 Novita SANFL Wheelchair Football League Season**. Matches between Central District, Eagles, Norwood and Sturt are played on Friday nights over winter (on an indoor court!) at The Lights Community and Sports Centre.

They are 4 x 10min quarters for League matches, 2 x 10min halves for Reserves.  
2 Field and 2 Goal Umpires are required for each match.  
Pay rates for Full matches are \$75 for Field, and \$45 for Goal.

Explainer video with basic rules is available here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WDtTuo1sygY>

**Come and Try Sessions** are available for free at The Lights Community and Sports Centre, Lightsview on the following dates/times:

April 19th & 26th from 5.30pm to 7.00pm  
May 3rd and 10th from 5.30pm to 7.00pm

Meet players, learn rules and have a go Umpiring!

If you are interested, please contact Nathan Pepper at [inclusion@sanfl.com.au](mailto:inclusion@sanfl.com.au), or email us at [sanfljuniorsumpiring@sanfl.com.au](mailto:sanfljuniorsumpiring@sanfl.com.au)

## If you get stuck, get in touch!

Don't forget, if you have any queries, from Working with Children Checks, to Officials HQ, or providing details to our Umpiring Team, don't be afraid to get in touch and have a chat.

The SANFL Juniors Umpiring Team is here for you.

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**AFL UMPIRE YOUR WAY**  
**SKILLS DAY**

**READY TO TAKE YOUR UMPIRING  
TO THE NEXT LEVEL THESE  
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?**

Register for the Umpire Your Way Skills Day to build your confidence, advance discipline specific skills and learn about the different ways to progress in umpiring.

**PAYINTHI YARTA, KAURNA LAND  
PROSPECT OVAL, PROSPECT  
ADELAIDE**

**WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL  
11:00AM TO 3:00PM**

