

Hi All

Pre-season 2021 starts tomorrow at Hanmer Reserve commencing at 5.45pm for all field and boundary umpires, goal umpires commence at 5.30pm. Training will run until 6.30-6.45pm, unless I detail a change on the Sunday communication prior to each week. Please try and come changed, ready to train, if you need to change that is fine, please move in and out of the change rooms quickly.

We will focus on trying to spend most of our time outside, with the exception of coaching sessions. In that, you will notice on the Pre-Season Training Program (below), that there is a field umpires coaching session this Wednesday night commencing at 6.30pm. This is for all field umpires, and with no academies during the pre-season, it is important to attend as many sessions as possible. However, we understand that during the pre-season many umpires are still playing cricket or involved in other activities which will limit your ability to attend. Given that, I will record all sessions and then send a link to all umpires by the end of the week for those who cannot make the session. We are capped at 50 in the club rooms, so if you cannot make it that is fine. In that, some of the coaching sessions may occur outside if possible, especially if it is skill based. This will be an ongoing issue for 2021, we just need to go with the flow and work with each other to achieve the best outcome possible for season 2021.

Practice matches are starting to come in so please indicate on Schedules when you are and are not available. Rene will contact you when you are appointed to practice matches. Just remember that in most cases only field umpires are required, in that they get paid, but if you would like to have a run as a senior boundary or goal umpire, and don't get paid, then please let Rene know. We will also look to try and run some first-year field umpires with a senior umpire, and/or run field umpires in higher grades to provide that opportunity to improve your skill level. Many umpires will not umpire prior to round one, that is not an issue, we will work with all umpires, including first year umpires, who will have a mentor to run with, to get back into the swing of umpiring, given we have all had a year off.

In relation to umpires uniform, I will provide further details in the next few weeks and the training program, for those who cannot attend will also follow.

Please remember if you are not feeling well, **DO NOT TRAIN** or **ATTEND COACHING** sessions, just ring/text your coach.

Field Senior:	Paul DiMartino	0413-270-605
Field Junior Coordinator:	Bob Taylor	0417-996-499
Boundary Senior:	Maree Wilke	0417-510-894
Boundary Junior:	Richard Watt	0415-641-661
Goal:	Graeme Hodgart	0414-995-960

You can also contact Rene or myself, and we will pass the message on:

Director of Umpiring: Mark Westgarth 0448-050-433

Umpires Administrator: Rene van Kuyk 0405-718-630

Details around future coaching sessions and training venues, like Altona, will be detailed each week.

See you on the track

Mark

Pre-Season Training Program

Week Commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Weekend
Monday					
22 Feb	Training		Training Field Coaching 6.30pm		
1 March	Training- Altona Beach 6pm		Training Boundary Coaching 5.45pm		
8 March	Labour Day		Training Goal Coaching 6.30pm		
15 March	Training- Altona Steps 6pm		Training Field Coaching 6.30pm		
22 March	Training		Training		
29 March	Training- Altona Beach 6pm		Training		Easter
5 April	<i>School Holidays</i>	Training		Training	Div. 1, 2 & Juniors
12 April	<i>School Holidays</i>	Training		Training	Div. 3 & Women