

Hi all and welcome to season 2022, especially to our new umpires for the season.

Pre-season training commences on Wednesday 16th February, 5.45pm at Hanmer Reserve Yarraville. This will be followed by the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the WRFL Umpires Association, with pizza/bbq supplied by the association. Even if you cannot stay for the AGM it is a great opportunity to have a chat and share a meal with fellow umpires.

COVID Requirements:

Direction from AFL Vic, in consultation with the AFL and the Victorian Government, the following COVID-19 rules will apply:

In order to attend **ANY** inside event, being social or for a coaching session, you **MUST** be double vaccinated if you are 18 years of age or over. Whilst inside, **EVERYBODY** must wear a face mask, expect when eating or drinking. Access to the change rooms is available to all umpires/families but you will need to enter and exit via the second door **ONLY**, when changing for training or using the toilets from outside. When entering the social room, you must check-in via the Service Vic app or sign in. You are not mandated to be double vaccinated to participate in community sport but use of social areas at ground facilities will require double vaccination to gain access. This will be the norm until further notice.

We need to refrain from shaking hands and embracing, provide your own water bottle and try to maintain 1.5m whilst in general conversation and training where possible.

Please do not attend **ANY** coaching/social or training session if you are feeling unwell.

Academies and 'Come and Try':

The WRFLUA continue to support umpires by applying for and receiving grants to support umpire development in the WRFL. The commencement of the Hoppers Crossing Academy, at the Hoppers Crossing Football Club will support young umpires in the Wyndham North area wishing to umpire in the WRFL. In that, we have three 'Come and Try' sessions over the next month:

Monday 21 Feb:	Hoppers Crossing Football Club – Hoppers Crossing	4-5pm
Monday 28 Feb:	Dunnings Road Reserve – Point Cook	4-5pm
Tuesday 8 Mar:	Skinner Reserve – Sunshine	4-5pm

The sessions are for anyone interested in umpiring to come along and try field, boundary and goal with the hope they will have a go in season 2022. If you have a friend or relative interested in umpiring, get them to 'Come and Try'. More information is on the WRFL website.

Pre-Season Training Program:

We have endeavoured to change our training program around, with options at Altona and hopefully MacKillop College on a Tuesday night, during pre-season, which will provide multiple options for umpires to train.

The season commences on 2nd April, so we have 7 weeks of preparation, and whilst we always have a focus on our physical preparation, please take note of the coaching sessions that have been scheduled. If you cannot make training for various reasons, try and arrange time to get to the various

coaching's sessions. Both goal and boundary have only **ONE** 'theory' session, whilst the field umpires have three 'theory' sessions. Those umpires who train at the academies are not required to attend the Hanmer Reserve coaching sessions, but if you wish to attend you are more than welcome.

Our academics will commence on 7th March at MacKillop College-Werribee, Dunnings Road Reserve-Point Cook and Hoppers Crossing Football Ground-Hoppers Crossing.

I will provide more details each week around the various sessions leading into that week, including the coaching sessions, but let's just start with training, share a meal and bounce the ball for 2022.

If you have not registered for 2022 please do so as soon as possible.

Looking forward to seeing you on the track.

Mark

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		16 Feb Training Hanmer 5.45pm WRFLUA – AGM 7pm	
21 Feb Training Hanmer 5.45pm	22 Feb Training MacKillop College 5.45pm TBC	23 Feb Training Hanmer 5.45pm Field Coaching Session 6.45pm	
28 Feb Altona Steps 6pm	1 Mar Training MacKillop College 5.45pm TBC	2 Mar Training Hanmer 5.45pm	
7 Mar Academies Commence 4pm Altona Beach 6pm	8 Mar Training MacKillop College 5.45pm TBC	9 Mar Training Hanmer 5.45pm Field Coaching Session 6.45pm	
14 Mar Labour Day – No training	15 Mar Training MacKillop College 5.45pm TBC	16 Mar Training Hanmer 5.45pm Boundary Coaching Session 6.45pm	
21 Mar Academies 4pm Training Hanmer 5.45pm Goal Coaching Session 6.30pm	22 Mar Training MacKillop College 5.45pm TBC	23 Mar Training Hanmer 5.45pm Field Coaching Session 6.45pm	
<i>Change over from pre-season to in-season</i>			
28 Mar Academies 4pm	29 Mar Training Hanmer 5.45pm	30 Mar	31 Mar Training Hanmer 5.45pm Whole Group Coaching Session 7pm