

Hi all

This week we commence the 2022 pre-season with training and the WRFLUA AGM on Wednesday night at Hanmer Reserve.

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, except 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.

Training Expectations:

We completely understand that everybody has commitments outside of umpiring with family and work being the number one priority. During pre-season training try and make as many sessions as possible, with MacKillop College looking to commence training on Tuesday 1st March, this will provide another opportunity to get a training session under your belt. If you can't make training, then look to train yourself by mixing a longer session and short session during the week and a long run on the weekend.

Division One:

If you wish to umpire in Division One football then there is a requirement to train as many sessions as possible, if you can't attend for work or family reasons, please text your coach.

First/Second Year/Academy/'Come and Try' Umpires:

If you are a first- or second-year umpire, new academy umpire, or attended the Tarneit Come and Try session, we encourage you to train as often as possible, because this will develop your overall umpiring skills. If you are looking to start umpiring for the first time, then you will not start training until the academies commence on Monday 7th March. However, you are more than welcome to attend any session at Hanmer Reserve from Wednesday night. If you are new and not sure who to go to, the coaches will be wearing a singlet with COACH on their back.

Coaching Sessions:

Coaching sessions are very important, especially leading into a new season with new rules/adjustments, in that, even if you can not make training, try, and make it to the coaching session for your discipline.

Field: Wednesday 23 February
 Wednesday 9 March
 Wednesday 23 March

Boundary: Wednesday 16 March

Goal: Monday 21 March

NOTE: If you are a first year umpire you are not required, as all coaching will be conducted at the academics.

2022 Registrations:

If you intend to umpire in 2022 please register as soon as possible.

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, Braybrook 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, <https://www.wrfl.com.au/umpires/>.

See you on the track

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		16 Feb Training Hanmer 5.45pm WRFLUA – AGM 7pm	
21 Feb Training Hanmer 5.45pm <i>Come and Try</i> <i>Hoppers Crossing FC</i> 4-5pm	22 Feb	23 Feb Training Hanmer 5.45pm Field Coaching Session 6.45pm	
28 Feb Altona Steps 6pm <i>Come and Try</i> <i>Dunnings Road Reserve</i> <i>Point Cook – 4-5pm</i>	1 Mar Training MacKillop College 5.45pm TBC	2 Mar Training Hanmer 5.45pm	
7 Mar Altona Beach 6pm Academies Commence 4pm	8 Mar Training MacKillop College 5.45pm TBC <i>Come and Try</i> <i>Skinner Res, Braybrook</i> 4-5pm	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