

MEMO

TO	Regional Football Leagues; Regional Community Umpiring Clubs
CC	Umpiring WA; CFWA
FROM	Dean Horsington
SUBJECT	Regional Umpiring Update
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To Regional Football Leagues and Regional Community Umpiring Clubs,

Following up our presentation at the CFWA Leagues meeting in February, I would like to provide an update on three key areas of focus across regional umpiring: staff support available to regional umpiring, OfficialsHQ registrations and umpiring education and support visits.

WA Football Umpiring Structure and Regional Support

WA Football has a coordinated structure to support umpiring across all levels, including regional areas. Our approach supports local ownership, provides targeted guidance, and promotes consistency while respecting local context.

The key WA Football staff available to support your league include:

Dan Gibbons (Community Umpiring and Pathways Manager)

Provides oversight of community umpiring and the development pathway and supports aligned and effective delivery of umpiring initiatives across community umpiring clubs, including regional leagues.

M: 0418 804 490

E: dgibbons@wafotball.com.au

Courtney Gibson (Umpiring Programs and Regional Specialist)

Primary contact for leagues and umpiring clubs, supporting umpiring operations, development, and registration compliance.

M: 0482 035 884

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Ethan Davies (Umpiring Administration Officer)

Supports the use of OfficialsHQ, assisting with registrations, appointments, payments, and system-related queries.

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Umpiring Registrations – OfficialsHQ

All umpires must register through OfficialsHQ, the AFL's platform used to manage registrations, appointments and payments, track participation, and meet compliance requirements.

Registration Link for new umpires to platform: <https://registration-afl.officialshq.com/>

For returning umpires, simply get them to login and it'll prompt them to update their details including current umpiring club.

Leagues and umpiring clubs play an important role in promoting early registration, ensuring all umpires are registered before officiating, and monitoring progress leading into the season. To safe guard you and your competition the registration and compliance is essential. Accurate and timely registrations also enable WA Football to provide targeted support where needed.

Courtney Gibson will be your primary contact for OfficialsHQ from a compliance and oversight perspective. For system-related support or technical queries, Ethan Davies is the key contact.

Umpiring Education and Support Visits

WA Football remains committed to supporting regional umpiring through education and practical support, including visits to leagues and clubs, as well as support at training and on game day.

These visits aim to build capability and confidence of coaches and umpires, support development and retention, and strengthen the overall umpiring environment.

Leagues are encouraged to work with WA Football to schedule visits aligned to their needs.

Education visits can be booked via the online request form – [link](#). If you would like to discuss your requirements in more detail please contact Courtney Gibson.

Working Together

Strong collaboration between WA Football and regional leagues is critical to the success of umpiring programs.

Your leadership is key in supporting compliance, driving recruitment, and fostering positive umpiring environments.

We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to working closely with you throughout the season.

Kind regards,

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