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2016 Umpire Handbook



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About the Riddell Umpires



The Riddell Umpires is a body of field, boundary and goal umpires who officiate in both senior and junior games in the Riddell District Football League (RDFL). The Riddell zone uses Sunbury as an approximate hub, and extends north to Broadford, takes in the Macedon Ranges, and expands south to Melton, Bacchus Marsh and Rockbank. We also supply umpires to a select number of grounds for the Ballarat Football League.

The Riddell Umpires was formed in 1983 and currently has 170 members and we have provided opportunities in umpiring as a sport for close to 1000 umpires.

We are one of the most progressive umpiring groups in Australia, providing our members with the opportunity to umpire interstate and overseas. The Riddell Umpires were also the first umpiring group in Victoria to adopt the AFL 'Green' Uniform along with having one of the only female coaches in the country. We are extremely active on social media with one of the biggest followings of any umpiring group.

The Riddell Umpires not only operates on field matters, we arrange many social functions for our members, making us a welcoming and fun place to umpire.

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Our Values and Umpires Responsibilities



At the Riddell Umpires we pride ourselves on being the most professional and welcoming place to umpire. To do this we require all umpires to take on our values of **Respect, Integrity, Teamwork and Excellence.**

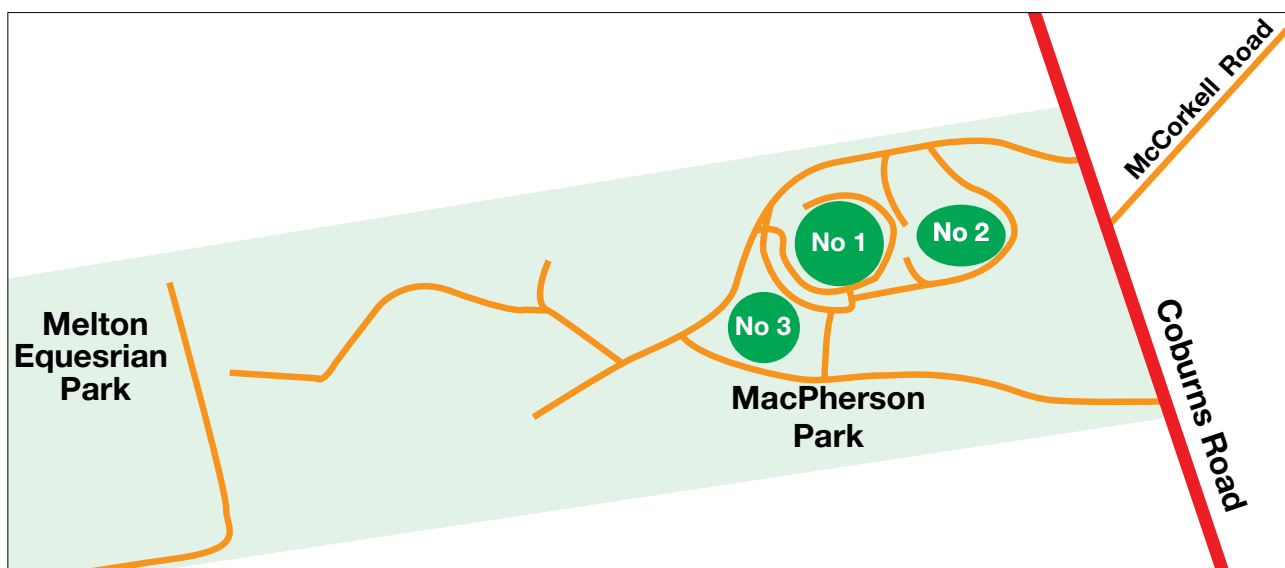
Umpires are also required to:

- Attend all training sessions, coaching sessions, and meetings as nominated by their coach. If an umpire is unable to attend training or meetings he/she must advise the appropriate coach.
- Not post derogatory comments on RDFL or RU Social Media.
- Arrive at the game on time, complete all paperwork, report all personal injuries, wear correct uniform and refrain from unprofessional behaviour.

In rare instances where an umpire's behaviour is below reasonable expectations, disciplinary action will be taken by either the individual's coach, or the Committee. This can include being suspended or fines.

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Training & Coaching Sessions



We train at MacPherson Park (Oval 1) on Coburns Road, Toolern Vale (Melton). This is the home ground of the Melton Football Club, however we have the rooms to ourselves on a Wednesday night.

Fitness and Skill Training begins at 6pm, however there are coaching sessions that are held from 5.30pm and all umpires are encouraged to arrive early to be ready for training.

Coaching sessions are held throughout the year on Wednesday night. These sessions are usually conducted inside and involve looking at the latest rules and interpretations that affect umpiring. A coaching Calendar is published at the start of the year, however as a general rule the following times apply.

5.30pm: 1st and 2nd Year Field Umpires

6.00pm: Goal Umpires

6.45pm Boundary Umpires

7.45pm Senior Field Umpires

7.45pm All Umpires

All umpires are asked to wear an official Riddell Umpires training top to training along with a drink bottle. Shower facilities are available at training.

A meal and drinks are available each week at training for umpires to purchase. Partners and Parents are welcome to join us for meal at around 7.15pm.



Accreditation

All umpires who walk onto the field must be AFL Accredited or be enrolled in Accreditation. The AFL have introduced this to make sure that all umpires have a minimum level of knowledge about umpiring.

New umpires will be invited to complete their Level 1 accreditation online, while returning umpires will need to keep their accreditation up to date every 4 years. More information can be found on our website.

Mentoring

All new umpires will be allocated a mentor who will assist them in their first year of umpiring.

Membership



All umpires become automatic members of the Riddell Umpires. The association is run by members who volunteer their time to provide benefits to its members. A membership fee ensures that the Umpires Association can provide the facilities and services it does to members, some of which include:

- Reduced Food and Drink prices (including many free meal nights)
- Access to quality training and fitness equipment.
- Subsidised social functions
- Subsidised clothing
- Trophies for Grand Final Umpires and award winners.
- Subsidised interstate and overseas umpiring trips

Membership will be deducted from umpires match fees and 2016 prices are:

Adult: \$60

Junior: \$35

Committee of Management



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Assistant Coaches

- Dwayne Connell** – Assistant Field Coach
- Harley Darmanin** – 1st Year Field Development Coach
- Eric Garwood** – Assistant Boundary Coach
- Bruce Pizaro** – Assistant Goal Coach
- Matthew Bonacci** – Field Observer

Remuneration

MATCH PAYMENTS 2016

SENIORS

Field	\$118.00 RDFL \$123.00 BFL
Boundary	\$73.00 each for 2 umpires \$74.00 each for 2 BFL \$60.00 each for 3 & 4 umpires \$61.00 each for 3 & 4 umpires BFL
Goals	\$67.00 RDFL \$68.00 BFL

RESERVES

Field	\$76.00 each
Boundary	\$51.00 each for 2 umpires \$39.00 each for 3 umpires \$36.00 each for 4 umpires
Goals	\$49.00 each

UNDER 18's

Field	\$72.00 each
Boundary	\$45.00 each for 2 umpires \$36.00 each for 3 umpires \$34.00 each for 4 umpires
Goals	\$47.00 each

MATCH PAYMENTS 2016

JUNIORS - UNDER 16

\$65.00 each for 2 umpires

JUNIORS - UNDER 12

\$48.00 for 1 umpire

JUNIORS - UNDER 10

\$48.00 for 1 umpire

JUNIORS - UNDER 14 & YOUTH GIRLS

\$59.00 for 1 umpire

\$45.00 each for 2 umpires

PAY DATES

June 15th

July 15th

August 15th

September 15th

October 15th

Please Note:

Deductions from pay includes Membership Fees, Uniform, Social Functions, Fines and any other deductions agreed to between the Umpire and the Association.

TRIBUNAL: Travel expense reimbursement to the RDFL
Tribunal is \$20.00

Match times and Duration

SENIOR FOOTBALL			
Grade	Start Time	Quarters	Breaks
Senior Football	2.00pm	4 x 20 min. PLUS time on	5 min. - 20 min. - 5 min.
Reserve Football	12.00pm	4 x 20 min. - No time on	5 min. - 15 min. - 5 min.
U/18.5 Football	10.00am	4 x 20 min. - No time on	5 min. - 15 min. - 5 min.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL			
Grade	Start Time	Quarters	Breaks
U16 Football	2.30pm	4 x 20 min. - No time on	4 min. - 8 min. - 4 min.
U/14 Football	1.00pm	4 x 15 min. - No time on	4 min. - 8 min. - 4 min.
U/12 Football	11.30am	4 x 12 min. - No time on	4 min. - 8 min. - 4 min.
U/10 Football	10.00am	4 x 10 min. - No time on	2 min. - 2 min. - 2 min.

Finals matches

Juniors: Finals will run through August and September. We ask that boundary and goal umpires make themselves available for these games which take place on a Sunday.

Seniors: Finals will run through August and September. We ask that ALL umpires make themselves available on both Saturday and Sundays.

Match Appointments

Schedula is our online umpire appointment administration system. It is designed to simplify the process of managing and accessing match appointments and umpire availability information.

To access Schedula either visit

www.riddellumpires.com.au or

www.schedula.com.au

It is very important that umpires notify us if they are unable to umpire for any reason. Match appointments are generally made well in advance and thus umpires are encouraged to give as much notice as possible of unavailability. The timeline below indicates the method that umpires should use to communicate their unavailability to umpire a match.

Up to 10 days prior to the match: Use Schedula to update your availability.

Between 1 and 10 days prior to the game: Ring/ Email/SMS your coach directly.

Always check your appointment in Schedula as some times can vary.



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On Match Day: We highly recommend umpires do not pull out of a game on the day. However, if you are sick, please RING your coach directly.

Umpires who change their availability within 10 days of the appointment can be fined or demoted.

Match appointments are posted on Schedula at 5:00pm on the Tuesday prior to match day, each week. Umpires receive a notification email from Schedula when they have been appointed to a match. They must then log on to Schedula and confirm their appointment as soon as practical.

More information on how to use Schedula is available on our website.

Arriving at the game

Umpires need to arrive early to ensure that they are ready to umpire the game.

Seniors: 1 Hour

Reserves & 18's: 45 mins.

Juniors: 30 mins.

Umpires should arrive dressed in the Riddell Umpire polo, along with formal pants/skirt.

Paperwork

Seniors/Reserves/Under 18's. The paperwork is to be taken to the RDFL Headquarters, 20 Long Tree Drive, Melton West or 8 Ardcloney Drive, Sunbury.

Juniors: Paperwork is collected by the club after the last game of the day.

Tribunal

The venue for the Senior Tribunal and the Junior Tribunal is the RDFL Headquarters, 20 Long Tree Drive, Melton West. The Tribunal commences at 7.00pm on a Tuesday night. Umpires are officially representing our Association, and accordingly, are to wear our association polo.

If you make a report on the weekend, please email General Manager, Steven Giles on gm@riddellumpries.com.au. You should do this the night of your game. Include in your email some details of the report and your best contact number. Steven will then keep in contact with you regarding the process.

Uniform

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The Riddell Umpires use AFL Umpire supplier BLK. Uniform is available from the training venue each week and the cost of the uniform will be taken from the umpire's match fees.

Uniform must be clean and worn correctly to games.

A full list of uniform and prices, along with photos of all items, are available via the Riddell Umpires website.



Workcover Claim Process

INJURED AT TRAINING:

- Seek medical assistance/advice from the Riddell Umpires trainer,
- At the earliest opportunity advise your coach and the General Manager of your injury.

INJURED ON GAME DAY:

- Report the injury to your coach, Riddell Umpires trainer and the General Manager at the earliest opportunity.
- No member should seek medical treatment without authority from the General Manager or the Senior Coach.
- Members are to lodge a WorkCover claim to the General Manager at the earliest opportunity.
- Member to keep the General Manager updated of expenses as they occur and provide receipts.
- Medical practitioner to provide injured player a "Return to Work" plan.
- Medical practitioner to "sign off" and declare umpire fit to return to full duties.

2016 Senior Club Ground Addresses

CLUB	GROUND	NAME ADDRESS
BROADFORD	Harley Hammond Reserve	Hamilton Street, Broadford 3658
DIGGERS REST	Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve	Plumpton Road, Diggers Rest 3427
LANCEFIELD	Lancefield Park	Chauncey Street, Lancefield 3435
MACEDON	Tony Clarke Reserve	37 Waterfalls Road, Macedon 3440
MELTON CENTRALS	Arnolds Creek Reserve	20 Long Tree Drive, Melton West 3337
RIDDELL CREEK	Riddells Creek Recreation Reserve	Sutherlands Road, Riddells Creek 3431
ROCKBANK	Ian Cowie Reserve	Westcott Parade, Rockbank 3335
ROMSEY	Romsey Park	Park Lane, Romsey 3434
RUPERTSWOOD	Salesian College #1	Macedon Street, Sunbury 3429
SUNBURY KANGAROOS	Eric Boardman Reserve #3	Mitchells Lane, Sunbury 3429
WALLAN	Greenhill Reserve	Cnr Northern HWY & Duke Street, Wallan 3256
WOODEND-HESKET	Gilbert Gordon Reserve	Davy Street, Woodend 3442

2016 Junior Club Ground Addresses

CLUB	GROUND	NAME ADDRESS
DIGGERS REST	Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve	Plumpton Road, Diggers Rest 3427
EYNESBURY	Ian Cowie Reserve	Westcott Parade, Rockbank 3335
GISBORNE ROOKIES	Gardiner Reserve	Hamilton Street, Gisborne 3437
GISBORNE GIANTS	Sankey Reserve	Station Road, Gisborne 3437
KILMORE	JJ Clancy Reserve	Kellys Lane, Kilmore 3764
LANCEFIELD	Lancefield Park	Chauncey Street, Lancefield 3435
MACEDON	Tony Clarke Reserve	37 Waterfalls Road, Macedon 3440
MELTON	Blackwood Drive Recreation Reserve	Blackwood Drive, Melton South 3338
MELTON CENTRALS	Arnolds Creek Reserve	20 Long Tree Drive, Melton West 3337
MELTON SOUTH	Melton Recreation Reserve	Reserve Road, Melton 3337
RIDDELLS CREEK	Riddells Creek Recreation Reserve	Sutherlands Road, Riddells Creek 3431
ROCKBANK	Ian Cowie Reserve	Westcott Parade, Rockbank 3335
ROMSEY	Romsey Park	Park Lane, Romsey 3434
RUPERTSWOOD	Salesian College #1 & #2	Macedon Street, Sunbury 3429
SUNBURY LIONS	Eric Boardman Reserve #1 & #2	Mitchells Lane, Sunbury 3429
SUNBURY KANGAROOS	Eric Boardman Reserve #3	Mitchells Lane, Sunbury 3429
WANDONG	LB Davern Reserve	12 Dry Creek Road, Wandong 3758
WOODEND	Racecourse Reserve	Forest Street, Woodend 3442

Rule Books and Policies

All umpires will be issued with a 2016 AFL Rule Book, that includes all rules of Australian Football along with AFL Victoria Rules. The rule book can also be found at <http://www.aflvic.com.au/aflvictoriacountry/>

The RDNFL will issue a list of local Bylaws each year, that have particular rules that effect our football. This is available via the RDNFL website. Rules directly relating to Riddell Umpires will be explained at training during coaching sessions.

The Riddell Umpires adopt all RDNFL policies. The full list can be found on the RDNFL website.

POLICIES

AFL Laws of the Game

Codes of Conduct

AFL Victoria Cybersafety Policy

AFL Goldfields Vilification & Discrimination Policy

AFL Victoria De-Registration Policy

AFL Gender Regulation Policy

AFL Victoria Infectious Disease Policy

AFL Anti-Doping Code

AFL Victoria Alcohol Charter

AFL Victoria Smoke Free Policy



Website

All umpires are expected to check the Riddell Umpires website regularly. All coaching notes are available each week, along with videos, links to other important information and the latest news about our association. We also have a Facebook and Twitter page.

www.riddellumpires.com.au



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Riddell Umpires website. At the top, there is a banner with the text "JOIN AUSTRALIA'S MOST PROGRESSIVE UMPIRING GROUP" and a photo of a group of umpires. Below the banner are three main navigation buttons: "BECOME AN UMPIRE" with a "MORE INFO" link, "COACHING CENTRE" with a "MORE INFO" link, and "FEMALES IN UMPIRING" with a "MORE INFO" link. The "RECENT NEWS" section features three articles: "VFL Listed Umpires 2016" with a photo of Josh Bain, "Jordan joined the Riddell Umpires midway through the 2014 season" with a photo of Jordan, and "Zac has officiated in just under 100 games" with a photo of Zac. The "MEMBERSHIP FOR SEASON 130" section includes a "GOLDFIELDS TV" button and a "SPONSORS" section listing "MAC'S HOTEL" and "HIGH STREET MELTON". The "INSTAGRAM" section shows a grid of photos. The "Have You Updated Schedule?" section includes a "schedula" button and a note about updating availability. The "AFL Goldfields Game Development Officer" section features the AFL logo and a description of the role. At the bottom, there is a "WE ARE PROUD TO BE AFFILIATED WITH" section with the USAFL logo and the "UMPIRES AUSTRALIA" logo.



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Social Calendar

DATE	EVENT
Saturday, April 23rd	Restaurant Night @ Macs Hotel, Melton
Wednesday, April 27th	First Year Umpires Pie Night @ MacPherson Park, Melton
Saturday, May 21st	Trots Night @ Tabcorp Park, Melton
Tuesday, June 7th	Dinner @ Costello Tavern, Gisborne.
Sunday, July 3rd	Reverse Raffle @ Diggers Rest, Bowling Club
Sunday, July 24th	AFL Game Collingwood vs Fremantle
Saturday, July 30th	Movie & Dinner Night @ Melton.
Wednesday, September 14th	Senior Grand Final and Junior Presentation Night.
Friday, October 7th	Annual Dinner Dance @ Tabcorp Park, Melton.

More detailed information about each social event will be posted on our website, social media around the rooms.