



AFL Riverina Umpire Selection Policy

AUDIENCE AFL Riverina Umpires, AFL Riverina Umpire Coaching Group

AIMS To provide a fair and reasonable system for the appointment of umpires to matches throughout the AFL Riverina Region

PROCEDURES

The Umpire Coaches for each discipline and Umpire Coach Manager will make appointments each week. They will receive feedback on umpire performances from other umpire coaches and observers on a weekly basis to assist in the selection process.

HOME & AWAY MATCHES

The AFL Riverina Umpiring Department will email appointments via schedula each Tuesday afternoon for the coming weekend matches. Umpires are to advise their unavailability to umpire to their respective coach at least seven (7) days prior to the match(es) they will not be available to umpire.

When determining which umpires will be appointed to each match the AFL Riverina Umpire Coaches will use the following criteria and considerations:

- The best performing umpires through the Performance Management System will be appointed to the best matches.
- The Performance Management System which will measure umpires in the following;
 - On-Field Performance
 - Fitness
 - Law Knowledge
 - Attendance at Training and Coaching Sessions
- Umpires who have shown improvement in lower grades will be provided with opportunities at higher levels to further their development.
- Umpires will be rotated to lower grades/leagues to assist with the development of younger/inexperienced umpires
- Each umpire must accept their appointment and ensure they perform to the best of their ability in each match.
- Any senior field, senior boundary or senior goal umpire coach shall be eligible to be appointed to any home and away match as required

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

- Any senior field, senior boundary or senior goal umpire coach shall not be eligible to be appointed to a representative fixture match

FINALS APPOINTMENTS

- Finals appointments will take into consideration where the umpire is rated in the Performance Management system across the year with the best umpires appointed to the best matches.
- Umpires may move between grades or leagues throughout the finals series to ensure that the best performing umpires are appointed to the Grand Finals.
- Appointments will be advised the same as per the Home & Away series.
- Any senior field, senior boundary or senior goal umpire coach shall be eligible to be appointed to any early finals match and grand final, with the exception of a senior (first grade or equivalent) grand final unless prior written approval has been granted by the State Umpiring Manager or an independent selection panel is in place.