



## **AFL Umpire Coach Professional Development Program E-Newsletter 2009 – Week 28**

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Through the AFL Umpire Coach PD program the Australian Football League along with each State Umpiring body is continuing to commit to its promise of providing stronger support and training to Umpire Coaches throughout Australia. The AFL sees Umpire Coaches as having the greatest influence over the environment in which an umpire participates in, and sees the coach as the key person in providing support for all umpires within their group.

### **Umpire Coach Advice – Summer Training Groups**

As the footy season draws to a close in most places across Australia umpires should be looking forward to a well-earned break. However, once the mind and body feel refreshed umpiring groups should consider creating summer training groups to keep people involved and keep people fit. John Rogers, Independent Schools Coach provides this article that explains the opportunity his umpires have to enter the summer training/coaching group with the opportunity to enter the SANFL academy. The AFL would like to thank John for taking the time to provide this article.

### **Summer Group**

With the season almost over the SANFL is in the process of introducing once again a summer training/coaching group for umpires "Field/Boundary or Goal" to enter the SANFL Academy. Training will be conducted once a week.

This is an opportunity for umpires not only to advance their careers but to provide the umpire with a physical and knowledge based training to enhance their overall umpiring. Panels from affiliated leagues have been asked to nominate umpires who have displayed that they have the potential and commitment to move to the next level in 2010. This year with the implementation of the U/18 competition we have had several of last season participants being accepted into this year's Academy.

John Rogers  
Independent Schools Coach

Does your umpiring group have a summer training group? Does an opportunity exist to encourage your umpires to join summer training groups at the next level to further develop their umpiring and fitness levels?

If you have any coach advice you would like to submit to the network of umpire coaches please email them to [Umpire.Development@afl.com.au](mailto:Umpire.Development@afl.com.au). We encourage umpire coaches to submit their advice.



### **Footyweb update – umpires can access and update their own details**

The Australian Football League and affiliated state bodies are determined to create accurate database records. Therefore, we have decided to provide umpires and umpire coaches with a registered email address in the system access to their individual record to allow them to update their own data themselves through Footyweb. This is a vital step in ensuring accurate reporting and importantly it will allow us to develop more effective strategies that will better service umpires across Australia in the future.

If you have been sent an email we would appreciate if you could take the time to update your details.

If you have any questions about this please contact your State Umpiring Manager.

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### **Have your say – AFL Umpire Development's 2009 Umpires Survey**

The AFL in consultation with State Umpiring bodies has produced a survey designed to determine the influential factors that motivate an umpire to commence and then continue umpiring. This is your opportunity to let your umpires have their say and help guide the AFL's approach to recruitment and retention of umpires. Ultimately, we would like to identify words that umpires associate with umpiring that we can use consistently to assist branding nationally.



This survey is quite simple and was created using survey monkey. It has only 10 questions and should only take several minutes to complete. **To complete this survey please click [here](#).**

Could you please forward this survey link onto your umpires requesting that they take the time to complete the survey?

Thank you in advance for your support in forwarding the link to your umpires.

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### **Ask the Ump**

In this section coaches are invited to send in questions which are answered by the AFL Umpiring Department (Jeff Gieschen, Rowan Sawers and Peter Howe). The idea is that this provides an opportunity for umpire coaches from across the country to seek technical advice on any area of umpiring they may be interested in learning more.

#### **Question**

Player is kicking out after a behind. After some time the umpire calls 'play-on'. Does the clock start at this point? If the clock does not start and the player gets tackled – can it be holding the ball without the clock ticking?

#### **Answer**

Interesting scenario. The clock does not start until the player kicking the ball in actually kicks the ball back into play. Yes, because the umpire has called play-on the player kicking the ball in can be tackled and penalised for HTB despite the clock not ticking.

We would like to thank Jeff, Rowan and Peter for taking the time to answer these questions.

Please send your questions to [Umpire.Development@afl.com.au](mailto:Umpire.Development@afl.com.au).

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### **Umpire Coach Activity**

If you have any coach activities you would like to submit to the network of umpire coaches please email them to [Umpire.Development@afl.com.au](mailto:Umpire.Development@afl.com.au). We encourage umpire coaches to submit their activities.

Umpire coach activities from last year can be found on the AFL website by clicking [here](#).

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### **Heading Overseas?**

If you have an umpire that is heading overseas and may be interested in umpiring or helping some of the locals out, we would like to hear from you. Please email [Umpire.Development@afl.com.au](mailto:Umpire.Development@afl.com.au) with the umpires name, email address, phone number and overseas destination and we will aim to put them in touch with the local group to get things started.



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