

Mentors

A panel of mentors will be set up for those participants requiring mentoring.

Clubs will need to provide at least one or two members prepared to take on this task.

All mentors are to be approved by the committee of the umpire's association.

Mentors will keep the committee up to date with the progress of all their students.

Mentors are to work with the participants on an ongoing basis. They will provide written assessment to students covering what they did well and areas they need to practice and improve on. A copy is to be kept by the mentor and one sent to the umpire's association secretary.

If possible during the seasons we envisage this happening weekly. This will need to be judged on when the time comes.

At least once a month the mentors and participants will meet to keep an ongoing report on their progress and cover any queries or problems they maybe having.

Mentor Eligibility

Ideally anybody wishing to mentor students would hold at least a C grade badge.

If they do not hold a badge but are suitably experienced, they can apply to the Umpire's Association committee for approval.

Our aim is to have a fairly large pool of mentors, all with experience.

If you only wish to do this in the suburbs, that's great but you will need to meet with the committee of the Umpire's Association at least once so you know what is expected of you and the format of the program.

The program is to be co-ordinated by the Umpire's Association with the assistance of the clubs so the program is uniform in both the city and suburban courts.

Further Information

Additional information about the program will be available on the SAUNCA website (www.saucna.net) on the umpires page. Inquiries should be made to Sandy Barker, Secretary, Umpires Association.

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Orange Band Program

A program to support and
develop new and
inexperienced umpires



The Orange Band Program is being introduced where NEW or INEXPERIENCED umpire's wear an orange band around the top of their arm so it makes them easily recognizable to players, team personnel and spectators.

The main objective of the program is for people to identify these officials as "learners" and understand that they may make mistakes. They must also understand that harassment or abuse of these umpires will not be tolerated and steps are in place to ensure that everyone concerned knows that SAUCNA and the Umpires Association are behind these umpires 100%.



Aims of the Program

The aims of the program are as follows;

1. To encourage more people to become involved with umpiring
2. To see the overall standard of umpiring improve
3. To encourage participants to attempt their badges in order to build their confidence and for our pool of badged umpires to continue to grow. (If they wish to)
4. To build each participants confidence and knowledge of the rules
5. To educate all game personnel and spectators to show tolerance and understanding towards all umpires.
6. To give participants the knowledge that they have the full support of the SAUCNA Umpires Association
7. To ensure the umpiring techniques they learn will provide a solid foundation for their continued development for years to come

Who is Eligible

The program is open to all club juniors, learner or inexperienced umpires. Applications must have turned 13 years to be included in the program however umpires of all ages are eligible to be involved in this program.

Applicants must not have an umpiring badge from any Association.

Be a current member of the SAUCNA umpires association.

Be willing to align their umpire development to SAUCNA by attending at least one umpires clinic, sitting at least one theory exam and by completing the program they undertake.

Level of Commitment

- The course will be conducted over two years that can be extended if individuals need more time.
- The process will be ongoing through both the winter and summer seasons

Cost for Participants

- Each participant to pay a once only fee of \$5 to help with costs
- Participants are to provide their own white shirt, good quality whistle and up to date rule book. The umpires Association is in the process of getting their own shirt which will be available to participants to purchase.
- The orange bands with Velcro fastening will be provided to clubs by the Umpires Association on a once only basis. If any are damaged or lost, they are to be replaced by the clubs.
- All other materials or items required for the course will be provided by the Umpire's Association.

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