

Hawthorn Citz Umpiring Academy

Aim of the Program

To provide a pathway for the recruitment of YJFL umpires.
To induct and train young umpires in a safe and supportive environment.
To support Citz players who want to try umpiring.
To support Citz former players who want to pursue umpiring.

Why Umpire?

- Umpiring is a great way to get fit and build up speed and endurance
- Football umpiring pays better than any other sport
- YJFL umpiring provides a great social outlet
- Umpiring is challenging, it enhances personal communication skills
- Great for self-confidence and building resilience

When and where will I umpire?

For club umpires, Sunday mornings at Glenferrie Oval or Victoria Rd Reserve.
For YJFL umpires, Sunday morning or afternoon at a ground near your home base.

What if I play? Can I still umpire?

Yes, you will always be appointed to games that do not have a time clash with your Citz game.

Do I get paid?

Yes, it is the best pocket money going around, see fee schedule set out below.

Will you teach me how to umpire?

Yes. Full instruction and coaching will be provided.

Will I be supported in a safe environment?

Yes, at Citz we adopt a zero tolerance policy to any abuse to umpires from players, coaches or spectators. We comply with all applicable child safe policies. We have a club child safety officer. The YJFL have matching policies to protect YJFL umpires and a strong commitment to providing a safe environment at training and games.

Who can join?

The Academy is open to:

- Citz registered players, boys and girls
- Brothers and sisters of Citz players
- Former Citz players who want to try out umpiring

We are strongly encouraging girls to try out as umpires, you can follow the pathway of Sarah Poustie who has quickly become one of the best umpires in the YJFL!!!

How do I sign up?

Parent or guardian to send an email to stephenjmcburney@gmail.com provide your contact details, dob of umpire and consent. Include any umpiring experience. If your child is playing for a Citz team, tell us which team it is.

Umpiring Academy Pathway

Level 1

Umpire aged under 14 and no previous umpiring experience

Umpire 14 years or older who wants to be as a Citz club umpire

- Will be inducted and provided instruction to umpire under 8's, 9's and 10's.
- Will officiate as a Hawthorn Citz club umpire
- Will umpire home games only at Glenferrie Oval or Victoria Rd Reserve
- Will be paid by Hawthorn Citz as per Citz club umpire rates below
- Will be provided coaching and mentoring by Citz umpire coach

Level 2

Umpire 14 years or older who wants to be a YJFL field umpire

- Will be inducted and coached how to umpire all age levels from under 11 up.
- Will sign up and officiate as a YJFL umpire
- Will generally umpire games close to home base
- Will be paid by the YJFL as per their approved rates
- Open to registered players who want to play and umpire
- Open to anyone else who just wants to umpire and not play
- Compulsory umpire training session one night a week
- Will be provided coaching by YJFL and mentoring by Citz Umpire coach

Level 3

Umpire 16 years or older who wants to be a VAFA field umpire

- Will have completed Level 2 umpiring at YJFL
- Will train with and be appointed to umpire VAFA games (usually on Saturday)
- Will be paid by the VAFA as per their approved rates
- Compulsory umpire training session one night a week (joint VAFA/YJFL)
- Option to continue to umpire YJFL games on Sundays
- Option to continue to play YJFL games on Sundays
- Will be provided coaching by VAFA and mentoring by Citz Umpire coach

Timetable

Thurs 6 April	Initial communication seeking expressions of interest
Wed 12 April	7.00pm - online meeting for Citz umpires and parents
Tues 18 April	7.00pm - online YJFL club umpire meeting
Fri 21 April	Training session, match simulation, Glenferrie Oval
Sat 22 April	Formal induction into the Academy at Citz season launch
Sun 23 April	YJFL Round 1
Sun 30 April	YJFL Round 2
Fri 5 May	Training session for club umpires - Vic Rd - debrief on Rds 1,2
Date tba	Mid-season training session and social function
Date tba	Attend AFL match for umpire observation
Sun 3 September	End of year Citz presentation and graduation

Citz Club Umpire Schedule of Fees

Club Umpire	Single Umpire	Two Umpires
Under 8	\$25	N/A
Under 9	\$30	N/A
Under 10 girls	\$35	N/A
Under 10 mixed	\$40	\$35

YJFL Schedule of Fees (2022)

YJFL Umpire	Single Umpire	Two Umpires
Under 10	\$42	N/A
Under 11	\$46	\$40
Under 12	\$50	\$43
Under 13	\$52	\$45
Under 14	\$66	\$55
Under 15 3 & 4	\$82	\$62
Under 15 1 & 2	\$87	\$66
Under 16	\$90	\$68
Colts 3 & 4	\$95	\$75
Colts 1 & 2	\$98	\$80
Youth Girls (U18)	\$98	\$80