

Umpiring is every ones
business



WAFC Vision & Values

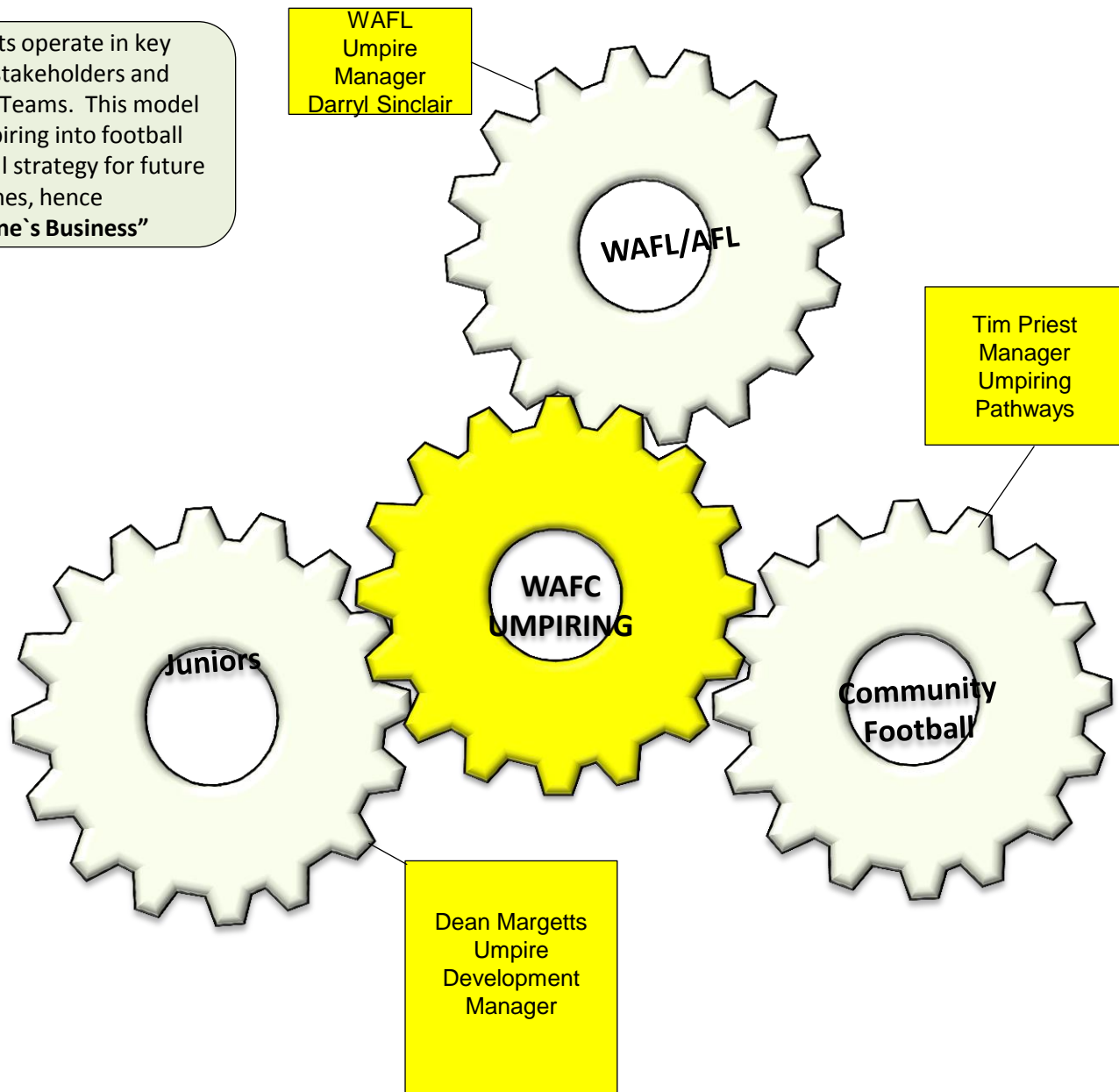
To provide a positive experience unmatched by any other sport that generates significant community benefits.

Our Values are:

Respect | Passion | Professionalism | Team

The 4 Umpire game markets operate in key partnership with relevant stakeholders and associated WAFC Business Teams. This model ensures integration of umpiring into football industry and this is a crucial strategy for future sustainable growth outcomes, hence

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WAFC Umpiring - Structure 2014

Core Business

- “Competition” & “Development”.
- “Education & Training”
- “Umpire Accreditation” –Field, Goal & Boundary
- “Umpire Coach Accreditation” (State wide PD program).
- “Green shirt mentor program”.
- Umpire Talent Pathway “Coaching”

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In 2013 over 50% of junior games were umpired by a green shirt umpire in their 1st or 2nd year.

The average age of green shirt umpires is 15 – 16 yrs.



Each week in season approximately 2,500 field umpires are required.

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**Nationally 89% growth
in appointments V
13% growth of umpires.**



**The Annual umpire
turnover at
community level is
25%**

**The gap between umpire
supply and demand is
forecast to exceed 20,000
by 2014.**

CHALLENGE - SNAP SHOT

- RETENTION of Umpires (Umpire shortage)
 - GAME LAWS – BY LAWS
 - UMPIRE COMPETENCY
 - QUALITY UMPIRE COACH`S & MENTORS
 - GAME ENVIROMENT
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- Over 50% of Junior Footy Games were umpired by a Green Shirt Umpire in season 2011 with an average age of 15 / 16 years.

WA Game Markets

- AFL
 - WAFL
 - WA Amateur Football League
 - WA Country Football League
 - WA Women's Football League
 - Sunday Metropolitan Football League
 - Masters AFL WA
 - Junior Metro & Regional
 - School Competitions
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- **Each week approximately 20,000 umpires are required to service matches played across the state. (5,000)**

Expectations

3 Participation Areas “Game Time”

PLAYERS

Individual
Flair/Style

Show
Emotion

Inconsistency
Tolerated

COACHES

Individual Game
Approach

Show
Emotion

Inconsistency
Tolerated

UMPIRES

One Standard

Not Permitted

Inconsistency
not tolerated

Expectations

3 participation Areas “Game Time”

PLAYERS

Mistakes
Tolerated

Play to learn

Win or play well

COACHES

Mistakes
Tolerated

Coach to develop

Win

UMPIRES

Not Permitted

Umpire 100%

Make Correct
decision

Role of The Umpire

- **PURPOSE OF THE LAWS**

- Laws explain how a match of Australian Football is played and seek to attain the following objectives
- To ensure that the game of Australian Football is played in a fair manner and a spirit of true sportsmanship; and
- To prevent injuries to players participating in a match so far as this objective can be reasonably achieved in circumstances where Australian Football is a body contact sport.
- AFL Law Book 2014 – (Spirit of the Law)

‘As a Footy Follower how well do you know the laws of the game’?

FIELD UMPIRE TRAINING

- ▶ **Tuesday:** Individual Game Review (DVD), Team Performance Review, Skill Sessions, Mentoring, Leadership Group, Club Visits, Fitness session.
- ▶ **Thursday:** Law Knowledge, Selection, Preview - Game Plan, Fitness session.
- ▶ **Meetings:** Code of Conduct, Core Values, Racial Vilification, Individual Discipline – “Team Integrity” Goal Setting, Benchmarks, WAFL Process, Fitness session.
- ▶ A WAFL Umpire MUST hold a minimum Level Two Accreditation

“Reports – NOI - Player Welfare”

Did you know!!!!

Did you know there are 549 AFL Laws or Interpretations of the Law that an UMPIRE must know at the WAFL level.

How many interpretations, options and reads are there in your Game Plan



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GAME DAY ENVIRONMENT

**All The Very Best for
season 2015**