

WAFC POL.14D Umpire Policy: Umpire Handshake Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
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POLICY STATEMENT

Coaches are expected to shake the hand of the match day umpires both pre- and post-game.

This mark of respect will reinforce our commitment to influencing positive game day environments and stands as an excellent example of behaviour from the Coach to Players and Spectators. Coaches should also shake each other's hand both pre- and post-match.

COVID-19 Amendment

The Handshake Policy will continue to exist in principle, but participants are not required to physically shake the hand of the umpire. A preferable option is to discuss the positive game day environment and reflect on the positives of football, demonstrating good sportsmanship.