



Job Description

Position: Chief Umpire

Reports to: Board

Main Purpose To administer and coordinate all umpiring activities of the Association and provide leadership and advice to State Umpires that will enhance the officiating of the sport

Appointment Chief Umpire is a position appointed by the board

Duties To fulfill their responsibilities the Australian Chief Umpire has a number of responsibilities which include but are not limited to the following:

- ⇒ Manage and administer all umpiring activities within Australia
- ⇒ Manage and administer the accreditation scheme
- ⇒ To design and implement a National umpiring coaching scheme
- ⇒ To act as facilitator for the National Umpiring panel including meetings and development of the National umpiring plan.
- ⇒ To review and update the National and State Umpiring syllabus
- ⇒ Provide advice and direction to State Chief Umpires in relation to:
 - Structure and framework of umpiring levels
 - Availability of resource material
 - Updating activities
- ⇒ Review and update rule book as appropriate
- ⇒ Oversee any trial rules that may be implemented

Selection The Australian Chief Umpire needs to have a mix of skills and experience that cover a broad range. The key goal in selecting an Australian Chief Umpire is to provide knowledge and leadership to advance the consistent application of the rules for the better enjoyment of the game.

The following skills and experience are required to lead the umpiring both now and into the future:

- ⇒ Thorough knowledge of the rules
- ⇒ Proven demonstration of umpiring ability
- ⇒ Ability to identify needs at all levels and act accordingly
- ⇒ Managing risk – have experience in identifying and managing risk in all aspects of umpiring and officiating.
- ⇒ People management skills
- ⇒ Motivational skills

Personal skills

Personal qualities that are desirable in an Australian Chief Umpire include:

- ⇒ Honesty and integrity
- ⇒ Leadership qualities
- ⇒ Knowledge and personality
- ⇒ People management skills
- ⇒ Patience – should work methodically and systematically
- ⇒ Enthusiasm
- ⇒ Impartiality
- ⇒ Integrity
- ⇒ Good organisational and administration skills
- ⇒ Ability to work as part of a team and be flexible
- ⇒ A good listener
- ⇒ Firm yet fair

