

Rusty's Round 1a Rev

Round One

After a strong pre-season from many umpires, it is exciting to finally get to round one.

There are four matches this weekend and whilst we had a huge number of umpire available, it was not possible to give everyone a game this week. Draft appointments were posted last night at training for the second part of round 1 (Saturday 6 April). These have not yet been distributed via HQ.

Good luck to all officiating umpires this weekend. The weather looks magnificent for the start of the season.

Congratulations to Miles Musgrave who this week will officiate in his **first AFLSE match** (Under 19's).

One Team

A big emphasis this season is on One Team. Wednesday's coaching session referred to this.

One team refers to the **actions**, **decisions** and **verbals** that are executed in order to attain the best outcome of an umpiring team performance.

We can show that we are One Team through our;

- Communication with each other on field.
- Support decision making – in order to get the best outcome out of a situation.
- Positioning ourselves as support umpires in positions of influence.
- Being switched on to rotations in zones and communicating effectively.
- Arriving at the ground before time and in respectable team attire.
- Attending the after match event as a team.

Some good examples of One Team as follows;

1. [JC/SM SKC team work \(loom.com\)](#)
James and Sophie change zones seamlessly after the ball is kicked on the full. Good trust between umpires.
2. [Teamwork. Ball OOF. \(loom.com\)](#)
As for no.1 above. Tom taps through his partner who moves into the mid zone.
3. [C HT as support. Teamwork. RD \(loom.com\)](#)
Rohan communicates this support free kick effectively. Harry acknowledges as Rohan confidently moves to the area with positive body language.
4. [Copy of Teamwork. Effort. Energy. RD SD MS \(loom.com\)](#)
Rohan, Sophie and Monique show excellent support for each other here, being alert to push up quickly to set kick and show positive body language when retaining play.

Umpires Club Hub

Please visit this important resource for updated information from AFLSE. Here you will find the following;

- Coaching modules (including video examples and explanations)
- Coaching sessions (6 uploaded from 2024 including the most recent session around Finals Criteria.)
- Appointments
- News from AFLSE

[https:// aflseclubhub.com.au/umpires/login/](https://aflseclubhub.com.au/umpires/login/)
Password : Umpires

Calendar

The following outlines the next few weeks of coaching/skills/training

Date	Training	Coaching
Wednesday 3 April	Yes	6pm : Coaching : Round 1 Review. 6.45pm : Running
Wednesday 10 April	Yes	6pm : Coaching. 6.45pm Running
Wednesday 17 April	Yes	6pm : Coaching. 6.45pm Running
Wednesday 24 April	Yes	6pm : On field skill drill. 6.45pm Running

Game Plan

The game plan for all field umpires remains the same for 2024 and is as follows;

- **Protect the ball player.**
- **Work for the team.**
- **Do the one percenters.**
- **Take control when needed.**
- **Blend into the game.**
- **Have Fun (before, during and after match).**

As always, do not hesitate to reach out if you have any queries. Have a great Easter break!

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