



Sydney Metropolitan League North West Division

Umpires Policy

This policy is put in place to reflect decisions made at the Divisional League meeting on Wednesday 20 April 2005. It was decided that Clubs would nominate high-standard umpires who would be entitled to be paid for umpiring in Sydney Metropolitan League. Only nominated umpires are to be paid. Clubs are to recommend the names of suitable umpires.

Sydney Metropolitan League will pay the registration / insurance fee for any nominated umpires who are not players and who would not otherwise have insurance protection. All volunteer umpires who are players will be covered by being listed on their club's registration sheet for medical and loss of income protection.

It is a matter of finding a balance for everyone between those clubs who have an 'exchange' system to save cost and do not want to pay for umpires and those players/clubs who complain that umpires are not provided for their games. If we want to encourage competent people who are not playing to give up their own family and recreation time to umpire we have to provide payment as an incentive and also provide them with support and encouragement.

Comments / praise / complaints about umpires should be noted on the result sheet NOT made to the umpire themselves. Consistent negative reports will be investigated and the Management Committee reserves the right to remove a name from the list of nominated umpires in such cases.

Reference of umpires by clubs may be based on accreditation or experience or both. Payment should be made for **one umpire per game at the rate of \$36 i.e. \$18 from each team.**

Procedure for appointment and payment of umpires:

- **Umpires must be first nominated to the League by their Club** as being of excellent standard or experience. (The Management Committee may ask for some background information if the person nominated is unknown to them.)
- **The individual umpire must notify the League** by Thursday of each week of their availability to umpire on the following Saturday.
- **The League will then notify the clubs involved** by Friday night each week of any umpires who have been nominated to their games. Please ensure that you check your email on Saturday morning for late Friday appointments (NB. ensure that the League has an email address for you that you can check outside working hours).
- **Only umpires who have been appointed by the League will be paid on the day** as advised above. Such payment may be made by the club or the individual team but should not be done in such a way that it causes the umpire any embarrassment – for example by having to ask for payment.
- **Clubs who DO NOT wish to have League appointed umpires** (eg because they have an 'exchange' umpire program operating within the club) should notify the League. This will be respected wherever possible although the League may override the request following repeated complaints or in exceptional circumstances.

Please observe common sense in the first few weeks as all clubs have not yet submitted their preference for handling umpire appointments within the club (ie unpaid) nor in some cases the names of umpires deserving of payment under these conditions.