



Junior Umpire Development Program

The Westside Wolves Junior Umpire Training Program is open to parents, junior players (7/8 Grade and Above) and seniors. The goal of the program is to provide opportunities for umpires of all levels to learn and develop umpiring skills from a beginner through to advanced senior level.

Umpires involved in the program will receive theoretical training together with practical experience and mentoring throughout the hockey season. Westside Wolves are required to provide umpires across most junior grades, so the umpire program forms an integral and valued component of the club.

COMMITMENT

Seminar

Attendance at a pre-season umpiring seminar is mandatory for all beginner umpires, and important for all continuing umpires. This seminar will be conducted by an international umpire and typically takes place in March each year. The date of the seminar will be advised when you register as an umpire.

Grading Sessions

Grading sessions are a fantastic opportunity to practice umpiring skills within the club environment. As there are multiple sessions across multiple grades, this provides opportunities for new umpires to “have a go” and more experienced umpires further their skills by trying their hand at a more senior grade.

5/6 Grading Carnival

The 5/6 Group Grading Carnival provides an opportunity for new umpires to practice their skills in a stress free environment. Mentoring will be provided by more experienced umpires on the day. It is important that all beginner and second year umpires attend this carnival, with more experienced umpires also required to provide mentoring.

Weekend Games

Umpires enrolled in the program will be expected to umpire games for the club throughout the season. There are games played on Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday. Umpires will be rostered according to ability and availability. It will be your responsibility throughout the season to check the roster, communicate with team managers regarding your rostered commitments and the Umpire Coordinator as to your availability.

UNIFORM

Westside Wolves umpires are expected to look professional and neat at all times. Your appearance and organization demonstrate that you are in charge! You will need to have:

- Long dark pants or tracksuit pants – supplied by the umpire

- Hockey or sport shoes
- A pen and a stopwatch
- Flouro shirt, cap, whistle and cards – these can be purchased from the club when you register as an umpire.

RULES

Umpires will be expected to learn and know the rules. The [Hockey WA Website](#) contains up to date copies of the rules, which you can access by following the link.

PAYMENT

Trainee umpires get paid, so there is an expectation that you will try hard and be enthusiastic! Beginner umpires who initially umpire with a more experienced umpire assisting, will not be paid until you are confident & skilled enough to do this alone.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

5/6 grade per game	\$20	Games at Joondalup, Rockingham, Guilford travel loading	\$30
7/8 grade per game	\$25	Games at Joondalup, Rockingham, Guilford Travel loading	\$35
9/10 & 11/12	\$30	Games at Joondalup, Rockingham, Guilford Travel loading	\$40

QUESTIONS

Please forward any questions to umpires@wolves.org.au