

'Umpiring is Everyone's Business'

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Special points of interest:

- **NOMIS Boots for umpires are available at heavily discounted rates. Boots can be purchased for as little as \$79 for group purchases of 10 or more pairs of boots.**

NOMIS Boots flyer is attached for your consideration,

- **More than 180 Green Shirt Learning Umpire packs have been distributed for 2011. This is considerably up on a similar stage in previous years.**

If you know that your group will be wishing to make Green Shirt kit orders we encourage that these are placed soon as once stock is depleted we will not be able to access any additional items.

- **'Thanks Ump' weekend as part of the Umpiring is Everyone's Business campaign will be on 14th— 15th May linked to round 8 of the AFL.**

A strong focus on how to highlight this program will be promoted through future newsletters. So get your great ideas ready for submission so that they can be shared with other groups.

V/Line Cup Umpires Panel Appointed

The V/Line Cup for 2011 has moved forward into the term 1 school holidays commencing this coming Saturday 9th April with matches continuing through until Wednesday 13th April.

One of the major changes is a shift into the regional areas for some of the matches. On Saturday there will be three games conducted at St. Patrick's College Ballarat, on Sunday there will be two games at Golden Square Bendigo and one at Melbourne University.

Matches will continue on Monday and Tuesday in Melbourne and then on Wednesday in Melbourne finals will be played across all divisions.

In preparation for this important under 15 championships a broad program has been undertaken through the initial two rounds of the V/Line Umpire Academy and with the introduction of a training day at VISY Park Carlton on Saturday 26th March.

The V/Line Cup Training Day is the first of this type since the introduction of the V/Line Umpire Academy and brought together more than 60 umpires and coaches from across

many of the WorkSafe VCFL Umpiring groups.

Being able to undertake a training session on VISY Park was an experience which the group of developing umpires enjoyed immensely.

In addition the gathering provided the whole group and each of the individual umpiring disciplines the chance to gather together and establish the goals which they will be working towards achieving during the five days of competition.

One very important component of the V/Line Cup is the Carnival Day which was introduced last year and brings together all the teams and umpires at the one venue.

This will happen on Tuesday at Highgate Reserve, Craigieburn. The newly developed AFL facility in the northern suburbs.

As part of this day umpires will join with the players in

experiencing a V/Line Life Skills session. This program will involve the V/Line Life Training Ambassador Nathan Thompson.

Attached with this newsletter is a list of the umpires who have been appointed to the V/Line Cup.

It is worth noting that some umpires from the V/Line Cup Panel of 2010 have progressed through to the VFL Development Squad in 2011. So it is an excellent opportunity for young umpires to take another step towards achieving much higher goals.

Below: Some of the participants listening to instructions at the V/Line Cup Training day at VISY Park, Carlton.



VFL Umpire Development Squad Success

Recently the VFL Umpire Development Squad lists were released and it was very pleasing to see many from WorkSafe VCFL Umpiring groups were successful.

To be given this opportunity each of the umpires has had to show excellent discipline to prepare themselves during the off season ensuring that they are in a position to impress the VFL Umpire Coaches when pre-season commences early in the new year.

Umpires successful in making it onto the VFL Development Squad for 2011 were;

Field Umpires: Daniel Butcher (Rochester / Echuca), Daniel Clemm (Geelong), Mitchell Cole (Bendigo), Jared Dyson (Gippsland), Cruze O'Shea (Goulburn Valley).

Boundary Umpires: Lachlan Alexander (Wangaratta), Leigh Bulwalda (Southern), Troy Duncan (Yarra Ranges), Patrick Flanagan (Goulburn Val-

ley), Keegan Macdonald (Sunraysia), Jay Masterman-Smith (Latrobe Valley), Jake McKinnon (Southern), Jarrod McPhee (Yarra Valley), Declan Veale (Warrnambool)

Goal Umpires: Dylan Benwell (Southern), Callum Leonard (Ballarat), Matthew Richardt (Southern).

A full list of those who trialed or have retired from VFL lists is attached.