



Female Aspiring Umpire Development Programme 2021/22

Overview

NZC is committed to developing the depth and capability of female umpires across the cricket network, through providing and facilitating development opportunities at all levels of the sport.

Underpinned by our vision 'a game for all New Zealanders; a game for life', a key factor to our success is 'normalising' female involvement in all aspects of cricket. Ensuring we have a growing and experienced group of female umpires is part of achieving that vision.

The Female Aspiring Umpire Development Programme is an element of NZC and Sport NZ's 'Strengthen and Adapt' partnership. It aims to provide development opportunities to female umpires and bridge the gap between community cricket appointments and domestic cricket appointments.

The Female Aspiring Umpire Development Programme is a national initiative, led by Eugene Sanders – NZC's Community Umpire Manager.

The [National Umpire Pathway](#) provides clear pathways for umpires across New Zealand. However, there is an opportunity to create an experience for the specific development of female umpires. The initial objective is to have a larger number of appointments to the NZC Women's Development Panel and aspiring up and coming Major Association female umpires within the next three seasons. The long term objective is to have more females appointed to Development, Emerging, Reserve, National and International Panels.

How?

The Female Aspiring Umpire Development Programme is centred on the Hallyburton Johnstone Shield domestic season. Within this Programme, National and Reserve Umpires will be appointed to fixtures through New Zealand. This is an opportunity to develop the next tier of female umpires and provide them with an insight into what a day is like for an NZC Panel Umpire.

What?

This programme is open to NZC Women's Development Panel members and other female umpires nominated by their Major Association.

Umpires will be appointed to a Hallyburton Johnstone Shield as a Reserve Umpire. They will fulfil duties through the day as briefed and observe how the officially appointed umpires control the day. It is an opportunity to work closely with the appointed umpires to learn different methods, routines and processes they adopt.

The programme provides a development opportunity for aspiring umpires to see what it takes to progress to the next level of umpiring.

It must be stressed that this is an *unofficial umpire appointment*. The Reserve Umpire will not be expected to replace any on-field umpire due to illness, injury or otherwise.

Where?

Throughout the 2021/22 Hallyburton Johnstone Shield, x15 matches have been identified for Reserve Umpire appointments within the Female Aspiring Umpire Development Programme. These matches cover locations across all Major Associations.

Reserve Umpires will primarily be appointed to Sunday matches, so as not to impede on regular Saturday cricket.

Details

NZC and MAs will make Reserve Umpire appointments throughout the season. For umpires who wish to be considered for this programme, please contact your MA Umpire Coordinator or Eugene Sanders at NZC

A post-match report is required from the Reserve Umpire detailing their experience.