

The AFL Victoria Umpiring Department will be appointing umpires from our V/Line Umpire Academy Program to the following programs throughout season 2018.

	<p>Opportunities will exist for community umpires from multi-cultural backgrounds to be invited to umpire in the AFL National Diversity Championships. The Championships for males will occur in Blacktown, NSW and for females later in the year. At both Carnivals, all umpires will be coached by AFL umpires and will be a live-in experience.</p>
	<p>The 2018 V/Line Cup will be played in Traralgon, Morwell and Moe from Monday 24 September to Thursday 27 September where developing umpires of all disciplines will be appointed to umpire games involving the Under 15 squads of the regionally-based TAC Cup teams. A live-in experience and exposure to daily discipline-specific coaching along with umpiring some of the best junior male and female footballers in Victoria are just some of the highlights of these state-wide programs.</p>
	<p>The AFL Victoria Under 16 Championships will be played in Bendigo on Friday 6 April. The Under 16 squads from the regionally-based TAC teams compete in this annual event that showcases the rich young football talent from across country Victoria, allowing us to showcase field, boundary and goal umpires in games played on Queen Elizabeth Oval. Other games played within these Championships will be played on 25, 25 & 30 March.</p>
	<p>Throughout 2018, the AFL Victoria State League Umpiring Department will be responsible for the appointment of boundary and goal umpires for TAC Cup games played throughout regional Victoria. These games are provided for applicably accredited umpires who demonstrate the applicable competencies that are required at this level of football.</p> <p>Games are scheduled to be played in Shepparton, Bendigo, Geelong, Morwell, Ballarat, Wangaratta and Albury. The development of an AFL Victoria Regional TAC Cup Squad will be implemented for the first time.</p>
	<p>In 2018 the AFL Victoria WorkSafe Community Championships will be conducted on Saturday 19 May highlighting the Senior and Under 18 Inter-league representative footballers – again, also involving Melbourne metropolitan Football Leagues. Representative teams from up to 34 Leagues will play. These games will be played across the State when most Leagues fixture a weekend of byes for all Clubs.</p>
	<p>On Sunday July 8, the best AFL Victoria Country footballers will play a combined team representing the AFL Victoria Metro at MARS Stadium, Ballarat. We look forward to showcasing some of our best goal, field and boundary umpires who will be prepared for the challenges Representative Football provides.</p>
	<p>Also on Sunday 8 July at MARS Stadium, Ballarat the AFL Victoria Country Under 19 Representative Team will be playing an Under 19 team representing the Victorian Amateur Football Association. This will be an ideal opportunity for aspiring umpires to run a game where the best under-age football talent will be on display.</p>
	<p>As part of the NAB AFL Auskick Program, community umpires will be appointed to the NAB Auskick ½ time Auskick Rules games played at all AFL venues throughout the Toyota 2018 AFL Season. This is an outstanding opportunity for younger, developing umpires to showcase their skills on some of the best ovals in Victoria in front of large crowds.</p>

These, plus more football programs are just some of the umpiring development opportunities that will be made available to V/Line Umpire Academy participants throughout season 2018.