

## 2021 AGM - MOC Report

What has worked:

Womens perspective - payment through the clubs/teams to umpires has worked for the most.  
Increase in number of juniors learning to umpire.

Challenges:

Mens comp- it has been a difficult season for umpire allocations on Sunday afternoon due to game scheduling. It is difficult to find umpires for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Friday night games due to Coffs not supplying an umpire, lack of time between games for umpires who play and umpire and lack of respect shown to umpires which has caused some umpires to withdraw from umpiring.

Robert feels that payment of umpires should not be split between Women & Men's competition's as it complicates for clubs & umpires who should be paying for certain games. This becomes a challenge for someone who "steps" it a very late notice as there needs to be an umpire on a game so they do it but have no idea who should be paying, nor does the club know who to pay.

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It is sometimes difficult to allocate umpires to the grade for which they are being paid due to clashes with playing or umpiring for 2 teams.

Lack of respect from some players towards umpires is an ongoing problem.

Junior Umpires:

There has been an increased number of Juniors willing to learn to umpire. There have been 25 Junior umpires this season who umpire Junior Girls and Junior Boys game. They were 2 umpire briefings for Juniors during the season which were run by Toby, Nathan, Hayley, Ali and Mary. A big thanks those people. These people as well as other senior players (Maddy, Angela, Sharna, Ross, Sean, Nathan) have been involved in mentoring the Junior umpires.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that prior to the 2022 season a meeting is held with 2 reps from every team where player expectations and team duties/responsibilities are outlined. Dave Ross suggests team talks from umpires 10-15 mins before a game is a good player education strategy.

Two umpires per team should be the norm- this increases pool of umpires and stops umpire burn out.

Umpire briefings for all umpires prior to season commencing. Ongoing briefings for new umpires.

Junior umpire briefings and mentoring to continue in 2022.

An umpire convenor in each club could take responsibility for their club umpires which may sort out the problems Robert referred to.

Thanks to Toby Power, Nathan Chambers, Ali Amos and Hayley Lennon for their contribution to mentoring and educating junior and senior umpires.