

Umpiring with AFL Queensland

2024/V1.0

[AFL Queensland](#) is an official [Duke 4Sport Partner](#) and counts towards your Bronze, Silver and/or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (Duke of Ed).

As an umpire for the AFL, you can complete your Physical Recreation, Voluntary Service and Skills Sections for all three levels.

The below activities are **examples** of what you can do for each Award Section.

Award Sections			
Award Level	Voluntary Service	Skills	Physical Recreation
Bronze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Umpiring on game day (unpaid hours) Volunteer in canteen/club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Bounce certificate Education modules via the OfficialsHQ platform Foundation Umpire Accreditation Online training sessions run by club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On field training Gym sessions
Silver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Umpiring on game day (unpaid hours) Mentorship program – <i>"Mentoring new recruits"</i> Volunteer in canteen/club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Umpire Accreditation Development Umpire Accreditation Boundary, Field, Goal umpiring courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On field training Gym sessions
Gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Umpiring on game day (unpaid hours) Mentorship program – <i>"Mentoring new recruits"</i> Volunteer in canteen/club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Umpire Accreditation Development Umpire Accreditation Boundary, Field, Goal umpiring courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On field training Gym sessions

- If your planned activity is not here, please contact the Queensland Award Operating Authority (AOA) at qld.award.office@qed.qld.gov.au with your proposed activity idea and we can assess suitability.
- Award plan templates and a full list of Award activity ideas to assist participants plan their activities are available from the AOA for all levels of the Award.
- The Duke of Ed is a recognised course of study for the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Participants can earn up to 4 credits—1 for Bronze, 1 for Silver and 2 for Gold. Students should only bank QCE credits once for each recognised course of study.

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Time requirements:

The Award Framework	Voluntary Service	Physical Recreation	Skills	Adventurous Journey	Gold Residential Project
Bronze 14 yrs+ Minimum Time: 6 months	3 Months	3 Months	3 Months	2 Days/1 Night - Practice Journey/s - Qualifying Journey	N/A (Gold Level only)
Averaging 1 hour a week. Plus an additional 3 Months for a major section in Voluntary Service, Physical Recreation or Skills.					
Silver 15 yrs+ Minimum Time: 6 months	6 Months	6 Months	6 Months	3 Days/2 Nights - Practice Journey/s - Qualifying Journey	N/A (Gold Level only)
Averaging 1 hour a week. Plus an additional 6 Months for a major section if the Bronze Award was not completed.					
Gold 16 yrs+ Minimum Time: 12 months	12 Months	12 Months	12 Months	4 Days/3 Nights - Practice Journey/s - Qualifying Journey	5 Days/4 Nights
Averaging 1 hour a week. Plus an additional 6 Months for a major section if the Silver Award was not completed.					

- There should be a regular commitment averaging at least 1 hour a week or 2 hrs per f/n (e.g. minimum 13 hours for 3 month commitment).
- You are encouraged to continue your activities beyond the minimum time requirements.
- Achieving your Award in a shorter time span by working more intensely is **not** permitted.

Regular commitment examples:

Voluntary Service

- You commit 1-1.5 hours per week umpiring for an average game and/or volunteering in your club's canteen.
- You can only count **unpaid hours** toward your Voluntary Service.

Skills

- You commit 1 hour per week doing online training sessions run by your club and/or achieving your Foundation Umpire Accreditation.

Physical Recreation

- You commit 1-1.5 hours per week doing on-field umpire training sessions and/or working out at the gym.