



## **AFL Umpire Coach Professional Development Program**

The AFL sees the program as a pathway for Umpire Coaches to develop and achieve their accreditation status, while building support networks in order to continue their improvement. All Umpire Coaches around Australia will now have to be a participant in the Umpire Coach Professional Development Program in order to achieve any level of Coach Accreditation. Furthermore, an Umpire Coach will now need to meet a set of criteria in order to become accredited, with observation of competency now having to occur on at least 3 occasions.

The following points below briefly outline other key areas –

- To become part of the Coach PD program, a person must be an active coach at their local association in any of the 3 disciplines.
- To achieve Level One Coach Accreditation a coach must have successfully completed Year One of the PD program and currently undertaking Year 2 of the program.
- A coach must meet a set of criteria in order to achieve Level One Coach Accreditation status and must be observed on at least 3 occasions by Glenlyon Consulting, State Umpiring Development Manager or other approved (in consultation between Glenlyon Consulting and State Umpiring Development Managers) observer.
- To successfully complete Year 2 of the PD program and move into a Networking Group a coach must have achieved their Level One accreditation.
- A coach can only participate in Level Two Coach Accreditation if they are a Head Coach of an Umpiring Association or in a role supporting Umpire Coaches (e.g. Regional Umpiring Managers) and have been selected to participate in the Head Coach Scholarship Program which is part of the PD program. Coaches selected in this group will be expected to assist in the delivery of the PD program for Year 1 and 2 participants and undertake other activities