



SUDS 2025

Success Umpire Development Squad
Program Information 2025

About the Program

The Success Umpire Development Squad (SUDS) program is designed to challenge and extend talented umpires within the Association. Umpires participate in specialised training, game day coaching and education sessions, aspiring to develop beyond their current capabilities.

program requirements

To participate, all SUDS umpires must:

- Have completed the Rules of Netball Exam and achieved a score of over 70% in the last 4-years
- Have completed their Foundations or Elite Course in the last 4-years
- Hold a current National Umpiring Badge or an interest in obtaining a National Badge
- Be open to receiving and implementing feedback and committed to self development
- Attend a minimum of one trial (see proposed dates below)
- Be available to umpire at the Fuel to Go Association Championships over the June long-weekend*

*If the umpire is participating over the weekend as a coach, manager or player, we will work with that umpire to manage loading while still receiving umpiring experience and exposure to selection pathways over the weekend.



Pathways

Umpires may move between the excellence and evolution pathways as determined by the AUDO and Umpire Coaching staff.

excellence

Umpires on the 'excellence' pathway are entrusted with higher-level games, striving to get on the state umpire pathway, marking their status as top-tier officials within the Association.

evolution

Umpires on the 'evolution' pathway are honing their skills with the help from dedicated support, paving their way to officiate at higher levels as they consolidate their expertise.

Cost & Inclusions

costs & umpire payments

The cost of the program is \$150 per participant. Participants will be paid for the games they umpire during the season. Excellence pathway umpires will be paid \$35/game, and evolution pathway umpires will be paid \$25/game. Payment plans are available.

Umpires new to the program in 2025 will be required to purchase a SUDS polo for \$35.



inclusions

- program logbook & workbook
- game day coaching with specialist umpire coaches
- umpire specific fitness, training & education sessions
- mentoring and support groups

Trials

To be considered for the program, umpires must trial. Trials are open to anyone who meets the program requirements. Invitations are distributed by the SNA AUDO to encourage those who have been identified in 2024 to trial.

Trials will be held concurrently with STRIPE trials at the SNA courts. If players are trialling for both programs, please indicate your availability and we will work with you to ensure you can put your best foot forward for all opportunities.

If umpires are unable to trial due to an injury, they may be viewed at Club trials or the Grading Carnival.

Trial dates (subject to change):

- Thursday 20th February, 5-6.30 & 6.30-8pm
- Sunday 23rd February, 8.30-10am
- Thursday 27th February, 5-6.30 & 6.30-8pm
- Saturday 8th March, 8.30-10am



Come prepared to trial. Wear appropriate footwear, bring your umpire kit and water. Please wear a white shirt. White or black bottoms may be worn. Selectors will specifically be looking at an umpires application of the rules, their ability to take on an apply feedback and positioning in relation to play.

2025 Program Dates

December 2	applications open
February 14	applications close
February 20, 23, 27	trials
March 8	trials
March 10	squad announced
March 16	pre-season camp
March 20	first training session
May 3	round 1
May 31- June 2	fuel to go association champs
August 30	semi finals
September 6	prelim finals
September 13	gran finals

All program dates are a general guideline only and therefore may be subject to change.

training & group support

SUDS training will be on Thursday evenings and will begin on March 20th. Participants are highly encouraged to attend to practice skills outside of a game-day environment.

Umpires will be allocated into small groups, headed up by an Umpire Coach. These groups provide all umpires with a support crew and environment to maximise learning.

