

Volunteer opportunities in 2020

The Fitzroy Football Club needs volunteers for all the 7 teams we field in the VAFA:

- Senior Men
- Senior Women
- Reserves Men
- Reserves Women
- U23 Men
- U19 Men
- Thirds Men

We'll provide training for all of the roles listed below, and where required, will provide the uniform or special clothing.

Some of the roles require a person every week and for others, only for home games. If you're interested in a role but won't be able to do all games, but only do home games, please still contact us at:
fitzroyfc.com.au/volunteers

Roles available

- Boundary umpire
- Game day stats – two people required
- Goal umpire
- Interchange steward
- Umpire escort
- Runner
- Scoreboard attendant
- Team manager
- Time keeper
- Water carrier

Boundary umpire *Required for all teams – home and way – except Men's Seniors*

This is a great job for someone who wants to keep their fitness up. We'll provide training, uniform and whistle.

Game day stats – two people *Required for all teams – home and away*

Caller – you'll need to have football knowledge to know all the different stats we want to keep. Effective and ineffective kicks and handballs, difference between a contested and uncontested mark, stoppage and clearance wins and losses, effective and ineffective tackles and so forth.

Data entry – for this role you need to be prepared to not watch any of the game and just concentrate on entering the data you're being verbally fed by the caller through the special keypad provided. Knowledge of the information flowing to them is desirable but not essential. More important is the speed with which you're able to input the data – it flows extremely quickly as you can imagine.

Goal umpire *Required for all teams – home and way – except Men's Seniors and Reserves*

We'll provide the flags and the coat.

Interchange steward *Required for all teams – home and away – except Men’s Seniors*

This is an easy job as you sit on the boundary at the interchange gate and make sure players from both teams enter and exit the field through the gate. You record the jumper number of the players on both benches at the start of each quarter and if a player is sent off, record this information.

You’re also the umpire escort for away games where you’ll walk umpires out onto the ground at the start of the game, off at half time, back on after the break and at the end of the game.

At the quarter breaks you take water to the umpires.

Umpire escort *Required for all teams except Men’s Seniors*

For all away games, we are required to provide an umpire escort. You’re to walk them out onto the ground at the start of the game, off at half time, back on after the break and at the end of the game.

Runner *Required for all teams except Men’s Seniors*

This is a very important role as you’ll be taking messages from the coach to players. You’ll need a good level of fitness as there’ll be a lot of running!

Scoreboard attendant – preferably two people *Required for all teams*

For each home game we need someone to the scoreboard is up to date and accurate. This is a very simple job but, an important one.

Team manager *Required for: Senior Women, Reserve Women, Thirds, U19 and U23*

This is an ideal job for someone who loves to organise and wants to be involved. You’ll be responsible for the team sheet which includes producing and printing in conjunction with the coach. On game day you need to ensure all players are listed correctly and where required, club-allocated umpires have signed the team sheet.

You’ll also make sure the players have the correct uniform for the game (players occasionally forget shorts or socks) and coordinate other volunteers such as timekeeper, boundary and goal umpires, water carriers and interchange steward. You’ll also liaise with the field umpires.

You’ll receive training before the season starts and support throughout the season.

This job is not as daunting as it sounds, and is very rewarding.

Timekeeper *Required for all teams except Senior Men*

All games except the Senior men is a set time with no time on which means, you set the timer at the start of the quarter and let it run to the end, no stopping and starting. The time keeper also records the start and end times of each quarter, as well keep score.

Water carrier – minimum of two per team *Required for all teams*

This is an important role in our on-field support and a great way to be involved. Water carriers deliver water to players during the game. To be able to do this job you’ll have to be able to jog at a reasonable pace and be aged over 15. We need a minimum of 2 water carriers per team per game and can have a maximum of 4 per team. You’ll receive training and a uniform will be provided each week.