



BV State Umpire - Technical

Position Description

Position Details

Position:	BV State Umpire – Technical Volunteer position
Reports to:	BV Umpiring Working Group Technical Officer
Term:	Two years

Primary Purpose of the Role

The State Umpire - Technical is responsible for:

- Collaboratively working with the Baseball Victoria Umpiring Working Group (BVUWG) to effectively deliver the Baseball Victoria State Umpiring Program (SUP) and the umpiring components of the Baseball Victoria Strategic Plan.
- Developing, managing and implementing the SUP, including policies, procedures and reports in relation to the SU Portfolio, focused on communications and membership engagement initiatives in consultation with the Technical Officer
- Assistance with management of umpires for state championships and other selected tournaments
- Assuming the role of technical aspects of the Umpiring Program and National Rules Interpreter
- Liaising with the SUC to ensure technical aspects and rules are current, accurate and to the highest standard
- Supervising the state staff – technical hubs
- Participating in the selection of umpires attending state championships and events
- Participating in the appointment of umpires attending national championship/events
- Preparing the technical section for the annual report

Key Duties and Responsibilities

Assistance with the management of the SUP

The assistance required will include, but is not be limited to:

- Involvement in drafting and preparing documentation in relation to amendments to the Umpires' Code
- Input to the maintenance of structures associated with selection of staff for hubs
- Input in selection of umpires for state and national tournaments
- Being required to act in the capacity of SUIC Elect in the event of incapacity or absence of that person for any reason, if selected by the SUC and Technical Officer

Attendance and participation in meetings

A requirement to attend and participate in meetings, when required, but not limited to:

- Annual SUC Meeting
- Annual National State Directors of Umpiring Meeting

Assistance with management of State Championships and other selected tournaments

A requirement to assist the SUC and SU Operations, but not limited to:

- Involvement in final selection of respective championship and competition Assessing Panels
- Involvement in final selection of umpires to staff the respective championships
- Involvement in final selection of candidates who are eligible to attempt a higher level of accreditation

Assuming the role of National Rules Interpreter

A major component of the position is to act as the National Rules Interpreter, the duties of which will include, but not be limited to:

- Being chairman of the Theory Assessment Panel, with such panel having responsibility to set and manage the Rules Assessment, marking and return of results to respective candidates
- Appointment of a Staff Member(s) to prepare the Annual Basic Umpire Exam
- Maintenance of the Rules Assessment Question Database
- Responding to questions from the general softball public relevant to rules and interpretation
- Preparation of rule change proposals for consideration by Baseball Victoria
- Maintenance of the VSBL Playing Conditions and Baseball Victoria By-Laws
- Preparation and distribution of technical bulletins as and when required
- Advising or recommending technical change to the Technical Officer
- Writing articles for inclusion on BV website and in weekly newsletter
- Recommending change, or highlighting inconsistencies in umpire mechanics

- Working with the SUIC – Development on manuals and mechanics bulletins

Key Requirements

- It is desirable for the person to have knowledge of the SUP
- A sound working knowledge of sport and officiating
- Preferably a National level of umpiring or higher
- Ability to prepare documents and materials for the development stream
- Strong computer literacy
- Ability to manage and mentor a team of volunteers to achieve goals

Personal Attributes

- Well-developed interpersonal skills
- Excellent negotiation, verbal and written communication and literacy skills
- Self-motivated, enthusiastic and disciplined
- Highly organised, with excellent time-management skills and an ability to cope with multiple tasks and rapidly changing priorities
- Ability to plan, prioritise, delegate and organise to meet deadlines
- Ability to deal with people at all levels in the organisation including volunteers
- Proactive, hands-on approach and ability to be flexible and adapt to changing responsibilities as required

Key Performance Indicators

To be discussed with the successful applicant.