



HUNTER VALLEY
FOOTBALL

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BECOME A COACH IN 2026

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Have You Registered For The 2026 Season?

Registrations Are Now Open!

The countdown to the 2026 football season has begun, and now is the perfect time to secure your spot!

Hunter Valley football offers a wide range of competitions, including:

- Miniroos
- Youth
- All age men's and women's
- Over 30s women's
- Over 35s men's

With 26 clubs across the Hunter Valley, there's a team for everyone!

REGISTER NOW!



PLAY FOOTBALL

Join Our Player Development Program!

Following recent player movement, we are inviting players to express their interest in joining the following **Hunter Hawks Player Development Program squads** in 2026:

Positions Available

- Under 15/16 Boys
- Under 12 Girls
- Under 13 Girls
- Under 14 Girls
- Under 15 Girls



About the Program

Our program is focused on creating a supportive, development-driven environment where players can accelerate their growth. Sessions are built around purposeful practice, positive coaching, and attention to player's technical and tactical progression, helping them become more confident, skilful, and game-ready.

Interested in Trialling?

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Become a Coach in 2026!

Looking to become a coach this season?

Whether you are completely new to coaching or returning for another year on the pitch, 2026 is the perfect time to take the next step in your coaching journey. Coaching is one of the most rewarding ways to contribute to your club, support player development and stay connected with the game you love.

A range of coaching courses are available to help both new and returning coaches build confidence, learn new skills and enhance their coaching knowledge.





UPCOMING COACHING COURSE

MARCH

COLES MINIROOS

10TH - MAITLAND

15TH - CLARENCE TOWN

26TH - BRANXTON

29TH - SINGLETON

12TH - KURRI KURRI

24TH - WESTON

28TH - RUTHERFORD

31ST - SCONE

SKILL TRAINING

7TH - KURRI KURRI

14TH - MUSWELLBROOK

8TH - MAITLAND

29TH - SINGLETON

FOUNDATION OF FOOTBALL

21ST - BRANXTON

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COACH DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP SERIES

SESSION STRUCTURE IN ACTION



WHAT IS THE CDWS?

The Coach Development Workshop Series (CDWS) is a series of workshops occurring monthly, targeted at providing club coaches the opportunity to further develop their coaching knowledge in tandem with formal coaching courses. The topics of the workshops will change each month and are focused on some common obstacles faced by community coaches.



MARCH 19TH



6:30PM - 7:30PM



**BERYL HUMBLE SPORTING COMPLEX,
TENAMBIT**



FREE

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What is Foundation of Football?

Who it is for?

The Foundation of Football is a Football Australia recognised course, suitable for new and developing coaches working with players aged 8-18, and is most relevant for those coaching players at the competent stages of football.

What is it?

It builds on the content learned in the Skill Training Course, further exploring how to use and adapt a games-based approach to maximise opportunities for players to play in an enjoyable environment. Coaches will also explore the four core techniques for skill acquisition that make up the majority of footballing actions in greater detail. Coaches are guided through session design and structure, adapting practices to achieve the desired outcomes, and review match day processes in more detail than the Skill Training Course.

Why it is useful?

The course provides a strong foundation for anyone starting their coaching journey. It builds confidence, introduces best-practice coaching methods, and equips coaches with the essential knowledge to deliver positive early football experiences that support player enjoyment, learning and long-term participation in the game.

The Foundation of Football is a pre-requisite to enrol for the Football Australia C Diploma.

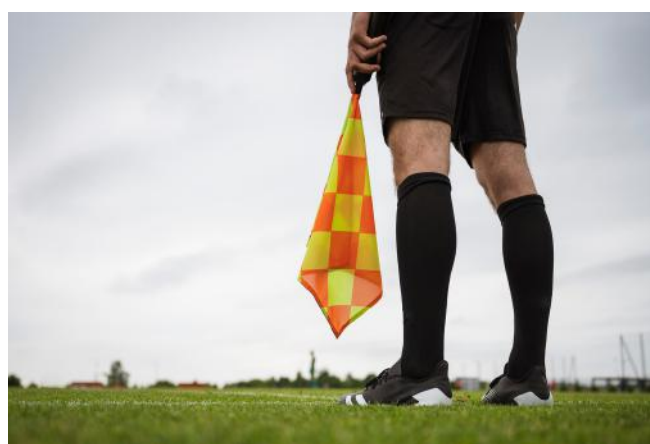
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The Pathway: How to Become a Referee

Did you know you can become a football referee from as young as 13 years old?

Every referee in Australia begins their journey by completing an entry-level course delivered under the national framework of Football Australia. It's not just about memorising the Laws of the Game. New referees learn communication. As referees move through the ranks, they learn match control, and how to manage people in high-pressure moments.



As referees gain experience, they move through grading levels. Community football leads to premier matches. From there, some progress into senior football, Zone Football League, and higher representative competitions (National Titles). Along the way, they are observed, coached, and mentored. Senior officials provide feedback after matches, helping refine positioning, decision-making and game management.

Here's something many people don't realise: several Australian referees who now officiate in the A-League once started on a local junior field, officiating games on a Saturday morning.

Refereeing isn't a shortcut. It's a development journey, just like playing. It requires learning, mentoring, resilience, and growth. And every elite referee began by simply saying, "I'll give it a go."

To become a referee, Football Australia mandates theory and then practical courses. Register now to complete your online theory course. Once completed, Hunter Valley Football will organise a practical course for your completion.

Become a Referee in 2026!

The 2026 season is just around the corner, and we're calling on all emerging and returning referees to register and be part of another great year of sport.

Referees are essential to the game, bringing fairness, safety, and integrity to every match. Whether you're an experienced official or new to refereeing, your knowledge and commitment continue to make a real difference on and off the field.

By registering for the 2026 season, you'll:

- Stay connected to the game you love
- Receive ongoing support, training, and development opportunities
- Gain valuable skills and confidence while helping games run smoothly

If you're ready to be involved, now is the time to register and start preparing for the season ahead. Your contribution matters, and we'd love to see you back out there in 2026.

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INTEREST**





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