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Qld Cricket Umpires' & Scorers' Association

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The September 2021 General Meeting of the Association will be held at the Kedron-Wavell Services Club VC Suite (Level 1 - 21 Kittyhawk Drive, Chermside), commencing at 7.00pm on Wednesday 15th September 2021 followed by the training session.

Livestreaming / Kayo

With an ever-increasing number of Queensland Premier Cricket fixtures now being live streamed on YouTube, some even broadcast on Kayo every weekend and clips being posted to Qld Cricket/club's social media accounts etc, it is imperative that the members give their consent to be viewed on these platforms. The Live Streaming Release and Consent Form is to be signed by all active members and returned to the Secretary. If members don't give their permission, we will have to consider what, if any, games they can be allocated to.

To facilitate the collection of these forms, a quantity of these forms will be available at the September Meeting for members to complete and hand back in. At this meeting, to assist the members to have a better understanding of livestreaming and the associated risks, the President will go through the points regarding this issue.

Player Votes (One Day Games)

Just a reminder for both the Men's and Women's First Grade competition, player votes for one-day games are **6-4-2 points**, **NOT** 3-2-1.

The Men's and Women's First Grade T20 and Lord's Taverners games are voted on a 3-2-1 basis.

General Meeting Raffle

At each General Meeting till Christmas, we have organised a \$50.00 K-W club voucher to be raffled off. Please bring your money along, support the Association and maybe even pick up a free feed!!!

Selectors and Observers

For the season 2021/22, an additional two observers have been appointed to cover the grades during the season. These are: -

- **Murray Branch**
- **Don White**

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**UNABLE TO STAND IN YOUR
ALLOCATED GAME?**

**IF YOU CAN'T STAND IN YOUR ALLOCATED
GAME OR HAVE ANY PROBLEMS ON GAME
DAY PLEASE CONTACT:**

ALL GRADES

Mike Ralston 0478 093 159



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New Members

We have with us once again, an eager group of prospective new members that have attended the training course this year, some of them have even completed their on-field training with Ross. Welcome to you all, I hope you have a long and enjoyable time umpiring with our Association and Qld Cricket. For all the members, please make these people welcome and share a drink and maybe even tall tale or two with them about your experiences!!!

Good luck to everyone especially those making their umpiring debuts in the coming weeks. I guarantee you'll love it.

Annual Seminar

With the ongoing Covid-19 restriction issues, it was decided to abandon the Annual Seminar that was scheduled to be held at Souths on Saturday August 14th. In its place, will be a PowerPoint that covers the various topics that were to be presented that day. From this PowerPoint, a quiz is also to be sent out. The Seminar PowerPoint quiz points are to replace the seminar attendance Bob Spence Medal points. The Regulations Refresher Exam is also currently in the works.

Availability

In the coming season, updating your availability in MyCricket will be identical to previous seasons. This season, barring any interruptions, will be another extremely busy one due to the many competitions being played especially on the Sundays. It would be appreciated if as many umpires as possible could be available to officiate on both Saturdays and Sundays during the first part of the season.

The competition program for the season is now available, but keep your eye on the Umpires' Website on the Season Fixture page for any changes.

Contacts for availability have changed, please note the **NEW** number and contact person for this season. It is important that **Mike Ralston** is now the point of contact.

Please do **NOT** contact the Secretary if your availability concerns Grade Cricket.

- Mike Ralston on **0478 093 159**.

Throughout the season, please keep your availability notice as far in advance as possible.

As an absolute minimum, your availability should be entered at least one calendar month in advance.

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**WHEN ENTERING YOUR AVAILABILITY BE SURE TO POPULATE ALL FIELDS.
IF YOU ARE UNAVAILABLE PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT BLANK.**

**DO NOT ENTER "CONDITIONAL". REMEMBER TO PRESS THE UPDATE TAB AT
THE BOTTOM OF THE SCREEN FOR EACH PAGE.**

If you must pull out of a day, or game, please send an email to the appropriate contact. Do not just change it in MyCricket. The selectors **do not** revisit MyCricket for changes made by members after selections have been made. You must contact Mike if your availability changes.

"KEEP YOUR EYE ON MYCRICKET"

Brisbane Premier League (Juniors)

Thanks to the members that have made themselves available for the School Holiday games coming up. Please let me know ASAP if you wish to stand in this competition and haven't entered your availability yet. These games are scheduled to be Marchant Park (Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st), Redlands and Ipswich (Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd). I will be sending out the allocations for these games after the September General Meeting.

Administration

Thank you to the members for getting your membership forms to me so quickly, it's much appreciated.

For security reasons, your MyCricket account will be locked after 5 successive unsuccessful login attempts. Before this happens, you should use the "Forgot Your Password" feature from the login page to generate a password reminder email - enter your email address.

If your account is locked for any reason or you have any other issues in accessing MyCricket or wish to query your umpires allowances, please contact the Secretary, Murray White, who can assist you. Please **DO NOT** contact Queensland Cricket.

IMPORTANT DATES

September General Meeting:	Wednesday September 15th
October General Meeting:	Wednesday October 20th
November General Meeting:	Wednesday November 17th
December General Meeting:	Wednesday December 15th
Third Grade to Sixth Grade season start:	Saturday September 25th
Jodie Fields Shield season start:	Sunday September 19th
Over 40s season start:	Sunday October 10th
Bob Spence Medal Annual Dinner:	Saturday April 9th

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Umpire Allowances

The umpire allowances for the 2021/22 season remain unchanged from last season and thus the following rates apply:

Men's	2021/22 Allowance
First and Second Grade (Two Day)	\$150.00
First and Second Grade (One Day)	\$150.00
Third to Sixth Grade (Two Day)	\$130.00
Third to Sixth Grade (One Day)	\$130.00
Lord's Taverners (One Day)	\$130.00
U19 Male Competition (One Day)	\$130.00
GPS Competition (One Day)	\$130.00
All T20 Matches	\$75.00
Over 40's (One Day)	\$130.00
Sub Districts (One and Two Day)	\$140.00
All Solo Umpire	\$180.00
Women's	2021/22 Allowance
Katherine Raymont (One Day)	\$150.00
Jodie Fields (One Day)	\$130.00
Kirby Short Cup (U19 Girls) (T20)	\$75.00
Youth Girls Competition (T20)	\$75.00
All T20 Matches	\$75.00
All Solo Umpire	\$180.00

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Stephen Dionysius - Ball by Ball

(First Published on Stump to Stump by Qld Cricket on 20th August)

Stephen Dionysius is a Queensland Premier Cricket umpire who had the honour of umpiring the 2020/21 First Grade grand final between University of Queensland and Northern Suburbs.

Stephen also a Mortgage and Financial Advisor with Front Row Financial Management

Let's find out more about Stephen's journey in the game

What year were you born?

1980

Do you remember your first ever game of cricket?

Wantima Junior Cricket Club, I was 11.

Can you tell us about your playing days?

I played local cricket on Northside of Brisbane mainly in Warehouse A1- B3 and had a season with Norths but didn't represent at a high level. Just loved turning up with my mates on a Saturday and having a blast.

What was your highest score?

80 not out – against Pine Rivers at their home ground and I was playing for Grange.

What were your best bowling figures?

7/56 at Peninsula and was playing for Northside Dashers.

At what age did you start umpiring?

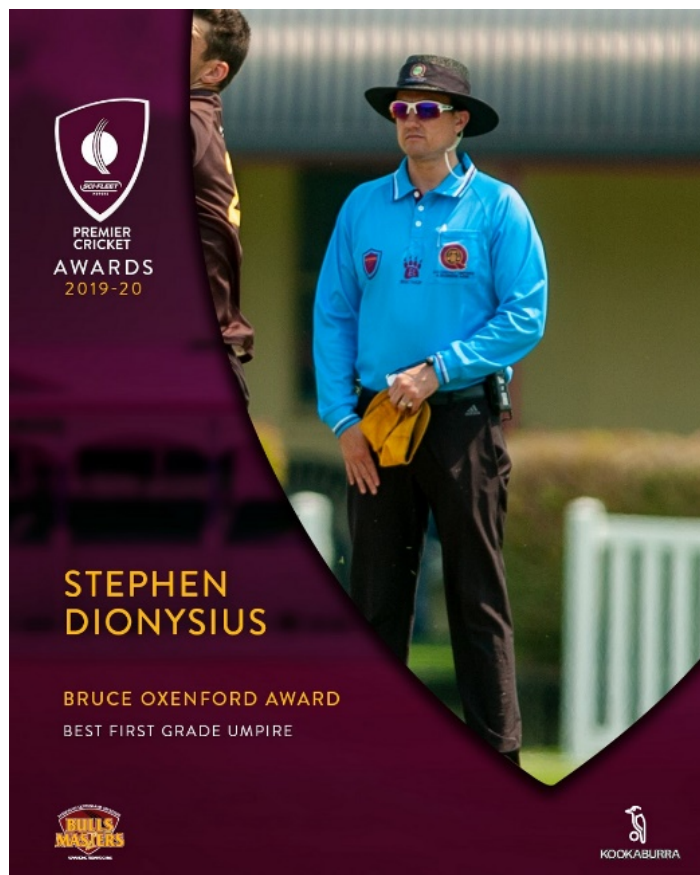
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What was the attraction to become an umpire?

I love the game and one day just said I am going to give it a go.

Can you remember your first game as an umpire in Brisbane Grade Cricket?

It was a fifth grade game at University of Qld on field number 7 – Souths vs Uni.



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How long did it take to progress through to First Grade?

About four years to cement a permanent spot. My debut was at Toombul with Damien Mealey (former National Umpire and current mentor) I believe it was against Wests. I can't recall the players – I was too fixated on trying to get through the game.

Who were the umpires you admired most when you started out as an umpire and is there anyone in particular you wanted to model your umpiring on?

The Queensland Umpires Association has been a massive supporter and without their support and opportunity to get on the park I wouldn't have had the small wins. I will never take for granted. Mike Ralston, Dave Orchard and Rob Dunbar who over time have individually helped with my game. Damien Mealey was and still is someone who invests a lot of time in my game. I have found that I take bits from all umpires to add to my game.

Do you know how many games you umpired in Brisbane Grade Cricket?

197

What was your most memorable moment as a cricket umpire?

I have a few. Umpiring the 1st grade final 2020/21 season, Umpiring the U19 National Championship final 2 years ago at the WACA with Steve Farrell (another QLD umpire).

Most favourite ground in Brisbane to umpire?

Redlands

What's the most intriguing ground you've umpired?

When I went to Imparja Cup in Alice Springs there was a ground that had a turf wicket and a concrete one close to it which was interesting.

Who were the three batsman you admired most as an umpire in Premier Cricket?

Steve Paulsen – Wests. Fantastic to watch, very smart with his shot selection and the way he just scores runs – and there have been plenty.

Jack Clayton – University of Queensland. One of the most polite but talented players today. Will no doubt score heaps of runs and hopefully take the next step at state level.

Michael Phillipson – University of Queensland. I have seen some remarkable innings which include saving games but his ability to turn a game with a fast-scoring rate truly has been great to watch.

Who were the three bowlers you admired most as an umpire in Premier Cricket?

Scott Walter – University of Queensland. Always in the game when umpiring at Scott's end, from ball one to last ball of his innings. Loves an LBW and to be fair always in the zone.

Nathan Rimmington – Sandgate Redcliffe. Could bowl all day with accuracy and swing.

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Andrew Gode – Valley. Loads of wickets and toils hard, great captain and top bloke.

Who were the three players you admired most over the years for their competitive spirit and the way they played the game?

Peter Dein – Sunny Coast

Andrew Gode – Valley

Nathan McSweeney - Norths

We can only assume there were quite a few characters in the game you had to keep an eye on in the field. Is there a particular moment or story you'd like to share about one of the characters?

What happens on the field stays on the field.

Is there any particular game you've umpired that stands out above all others?

Umpiring the 1st grade final last season.

Who's been the biggest influence in your involvement in cricket?

My wife Karen is very supportive of this passion of mine and without her it would be difficult to do and experience the things I have achieved to date. My father is also a huge help and often sits under the tree at games close to home, which is nice.

Who was the funniest umpire you've had the pleasure to umpire with?

I would say nobody is funnier than me.

Who is your favourite all time cricketer growing up?

Glenn McGrath

What did you enjoy most about umpiring?

Best seat in the house is a common saying.

Who would you consider the top 2 umpires in the game today?

We are all top umpires.

Did you have any superstitions?

Pack bag put in car night before.

Technology – good or bad for cricket from an umpire's perspective?

Good – for more reasons than not.



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What piece of technology is most valuable to an umpire and why?

Radio's for communication purposes.

What's the best advice you ever received?

Ball by Ball, what happened previously has gone now switch on.

Do you like the modern game and what can the game do to make it better for umpires?

The game of cricket has evolved and with the introduction to T20 cricket and now the Blast (male and female) different playing conditions relate to the specific game you are umpiring. I love red ball cricket though, it has different challenges.

What advice would you offer a young 20-year-old who has the ambition of umpiring Test Cricket?

Know the laws, prepare yourself physically, mentally, and emotionally. You need to stay patient, umpiring test cricket is the pinnacle and while it is good to have the ambition you do need to stay on a level playing field because it won't happen overnight.

You're a mortgage and finance adviser, tell us a little about your business and how the cricket community can get in contact with you?

I have been in the finance industry for 20 years and the last 5 years running my own business. This has allowed me to focus more on work life balance. I am fortunate to be able to take my kids to school, then hit the gym and work throughout the day. When Summer season hits, managing cricket into the equation takes planning and an awesome team around you.

What are your hobbies?

TV, Movies, spending time with family including beach visits of riding along the esplanade at Sandgate. Recently purchase 1.5 acres and am slowly getting my head around maintaining the property.

Are there any lessons from your time in cricket that you take into work or life in general?

Enjoy the game you are umpiring and don't get too ahead of yourself. If it is meant to be it will be!

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Merchandise

Merchandise is looked after by the Social Committee. Please telephone or email the following to place your orders. Merchandise must be ordered in advance (**including General Meetings**) to ensure delivery on the day.

Damien McAndrew **Email:** damien.mcandrew@bigpond.com **Mobile:** 0418 154 194

Members that ordered the Blue BLK Jacket, these have now arrived!!! They need to be paid **BEFORE** collection. The jackets are **\$90.00** each. They can be paid for by **cash on collection** or **Direct Deposit** to the Association's Bank Account: BSB: 124001 - Account: 10570684 (Please leave your name as a reference)

Members will be receiving a BLK Casual on-field shirt during the course of the season. If members need another shirt size for the giveaway or you have not provided your size, please contact Damien or the Secretary, you need to do this immediately.

If you wish to order an additional shirt outside of the giveaway, please contact Damien to check availability of your size and arrange for collection. These can be organised by arrangement with him.

During the season, merchandise orders that are to be collected on the weekend must be placed before the preceding Wednesday with Damien. It would be appreciated **NOT** to place orders until the Friday before your game and request a pickup on the weekend.

QCUSA Merchandise Price List 2021/22

Item	Amount
BLK Umpire Blue Shirt	\$55.00
BLK Casual Polo Shirt	\$50.00
Off Field Caps	\$15.00
BLK Water Bottle with Association Logo	\$12.00
BLK Umpire Jacket	(Special Order) \$90.00
White Avenel On Field Hat (XL, L, M & S)	\$40.00
Black Avenel On Field Hat (XL, L, M & S)	\$40.00
BLK Jacket (Special Order)	\$90.00
Hat Band with Association Logo	\$5.00
Belt Clip	\$5.00
BLK Carbon Gameday Gear Bag	\$60.00
BLK Carbon Premier Touring Bag (On Wheels)	(Special Order) \$145.00
Association Tie (50th Anniversary Style)	\$15.00
Umpire Counter	\$10.00
Notebook and Cover	\$5.00
The Laws of Cricket 2017 Code (2nd Edition - 2019)	(Current Ed.) \$5.00

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