



Student Officials: Umpires, Referees, Assistant Coaches.

The School of Sport Education NT greatly values the involvement of students in our program in both playing and officiating roles. We strongly encourage teachers and schools to promote these officiating roles as they provide students with an avenue for skill development and lifelong engagement in sport.

The School of Sport Education NT has established a formal pathway for student officials from the regional to the interstate level. We would like all teachers and club personnel to encourage those students who have the necessary skills, experience, and desire to take on an officiating role as an umpire, referee, or assistant coach in the School of Sport Education NT program.

Any nominated student official must have demonstrated a skill competency in the sport, be confident enough to handle make appropriate decisions and be able to communicate effectively with players, parents, and team officials. They must also be able to demonstrate they are already on a developmental pathway.

Each selected student official who needs to travel to attend their chosen event will have 50% of their travel and accommodation costs paid by the School of Sport Education NT. All meals will be provided, and the home region will provide regional uniform.

At the Inter-Region event, the student will be assessed by a School of Sport Education NT mentor, and if deemed suitable to officiate at the Interstate level, will be recommended for participation at a School Sport Australia Championship. Selected Interstate student officials are considered as team members alongside Interstate players and will need to pay the sport team levy, minus playing uniform, abide by the codes of behaviour, complete the relevant paperwork, attend all functions and be under the supervision of the School of Sport NT Interstate Team Officials.

How does the process work?

1. **Student officials** must nominate through their regional Sport Education Coordinator at least six weeks prior to the School of Sport Education NT Inter-Region event. Nomination forms will be forwarded to the School of Sport Education NT office for consideration. Forms to be sent to: inter-region.ssnt@education.nt.gov.au
2. The School of Sport Education NT will advise students, schools, the regional Sport Education Coordinator, and appointed sport mentor of appointments made. Unsuccessful students will be contacted and provided feedback.
3. A sport specific mentor will be appointed where possible to provide support during the event. Duty of Care for students will be provided by regional team officials.
4. Daily feedback will be provided by the mentor (or Convenor). A report will be provided for each student with a copy given to them. A copy with a recommendation for Interstate representation will be sent to the School of Sport Education NT.
5. Students will receive a letter inviting their Interstate participation and will need to respond to accept. A School of Sport Education NT booklet will then be provided containing relevant paperwork and information. Students will be invited to reply to: interstate.ssnt@nt.gov.au to accept the offer