



Giancarlo Zumbo

SA Walking Football Referee Director and committee member since 2021.

My involvement with football (soccer) has spanned since the 1980s. As a player 80s-90s, coach, 90s- current (coaching director), administrator 2010, referee outdoor and Futsal (State Level), referee assessor 2006-2014. State Futsal coach 2000-16. Futsal Development Officer 2002-2013.

From 2021 I became involved in Walking Football (SA) and absolutely fell in love with the game. I tried to get it started in Adelaide back in 2018 unfortunately it didn't take off then.

My involvement has increased over the years. I play and coach

the ladies on Tuesday evenings, I also play and referee on Thursday nights and Sundays in the morning. I had the pleasure of playing at the Gold Coast Pan Pac games in 2022 winning Gold in the 60+ Division and following that up with playing at the Australian Masters in Adelaide 2023 winning Bronze in the 60s Division as the Goal Keeper.

The benefits that it has brought have been enormous with my fitness and mental health. I've made new friends and like the fact we are all there to have fun.

There is room for the sport to grow here in Adelaide and the committee is focused in prompting and growing the game. We have played demonstration games (twice) at half time during the Adelaide United games and have had great results generating interest. Plus, recently doing a sausage sizzle at Bunnings to promote and raise funds for the game.

I look forward to many years of Walking Football, travelling when possible and meeting new acquaintances around Australia and ultimately one day overseas.

