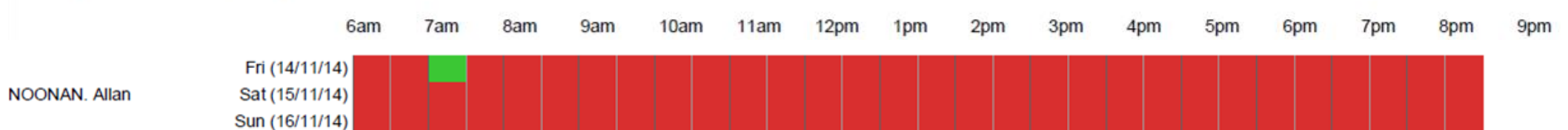


Weekly NTFL Umpire Advisor notes for Round 3

- This Weekend Round (3) is “**Community Umpiring Round**” in the NTFL. We are using this round to help “**Recruit**” new people to umpiring via the national website “getinthegame.com.au” & also help our “**Retention**” by improving the Match Day Environment. **SO for ALL GAMES - we would like photo of the coaches/captains of each team shaking hands with the umpires at the coin toss.** (The 8 Premier league games will go one step further with all players shaking hands as per attached diagram - with Goal, Boundary, Boundary Field – Home Team & with Goal, Boundary, Field , Field – Away Team)
- **NEW** “trainee” umpires to please return your “trainee vest” to Brodie **TONIGHT** in exchange for “orange socks” as discussed on Wednesday after training.
- **UMPIRE ESCORTS – for ALL games (except u12’s) as per the AFLNT By-laws.** We MUST follow these directions below
 3.1.4 AFLNT affiliated clubs must provide an AFLNT accredited official to act as umpire escort for every match administered by AFLNT.
 (a) Each club must provide an umpires escort to escort the umpires on and off the ground at the beginning, half time break and end of each match.
 i. If a club does not provide an umpires escort the match cannot commence (or recommence after half time) and the club that does not provide an umpires escort will be deemed to have forfeited that match.
(Make sure you write down any missing “umpire escorts” on the match paperwork)
 Note 1: The purpose of the umpires escort is to ensure members of their own club do not approach, or attempt to engage the umpires in conversation.
- ALL NTFL players & UMPIRES under AFLNT By-law 4.3.9 are allowed to wear bike shorts under their shorts during matches if “flesh toned”.
- **Our Water Carrying is very important** and we all need to please help jog water for our fellow umpires as hydration improves the whole team performance & morale.
 Plenty of grey shirts (YELLOW shirts/vests for the League matches only) at TIO Stadium change-room or in the away venue boxes, SO PLEASE HELP EACH OTHER OUT even if it’s only a half a game.
(No 5lt water containers to be used DURING play – ONLY at the breaks as per by-laws)
- **Please** look after our “**water-bottles**” and make sure we bring them in from behind the posts.
- **One plastic cup per person/ per day** thank you, as we waste too much \$\$\$ on them.
- **Don’t** forget to “slip, slop, slap” & hydrate properly well before you game
- Don’t forget to pick up your 2016/17 NTFL Umpires “**Season Planner**” from TIO Stadium umpires change-room as this has a lot of important information for your benefit on what’s on & which venue.
- **TRAINING** – Monday 24th will be “**SKILLS**” at TIO No 2 Oval (FIELD & BOUNDARY umpires please bring a whistle – be proactive & plan ahead). “**BRADSHAW JUNIOR FIELD**” squad skills 5pm-6pm.
 Wednesday 26th starting at 5.40pm SHARP on TIO No 2 before the 1km Time Trials on the athletic track (five efforts – Groups 1 & 2, Four efforts – Groups 3 & 4, Three efforts – Group 5).
- **PLEASE STILL UPDATE YOUR “SCHEDULA” EVERY SUNDAY before 8pm!!!** (So carefully put in your availability so the coaches can do the appointments or you won’t get a game for the next round)
If you’re going to be away or have work commitments, e.g.- **unavailable for the entire 3 days** please put your “unavailability dates” into Schedula ASAP and make yourself available only for 7am-7.30am on the FRIDAY morning (as per below example) as this will let the coaching staff know that you have been into schedula and confirm your un-availability for us.

Weekly Availability Report

Week between 10 November 2014 and 16 November 2014



Also any one playing please put you’re unavailable in schedula for the rest of the day from hour prior to your playing game because if you get injured during playing then we won’t have time to find a replace for you umpiring later that day!!!!

Also it’s YOUR responsibility to CONFIRM on “schedula” **before 8pm** on a Thursday night.

- Please remember change room etiquette, including language and dress. This includes ensuring you have your bag tidy and UNDER the seat when you leave to umpire your game.
- First name “field” umpire has to complete the “NTFL Post Match Report Sheet” properly with GRADE, Round Number & any Issues please along with all names of umpires in that particular game or you won’t get paid!
- **Please ensure in junior grades - U18 & below that the “Equal Number Rule” is applied at the start of each quarter, UNLESS you have issued a Yellow or Red Card.**
- **ALL** Yellow and Red cards are to be marked on the team sheet (right hand columns). You also need to text Noons with player, team and number.
- Please be aware that at all times, team officials such as water carriers and runners **MUST have enclosed footwear**. Thongs and bare feet are not acceptable. Too many water carriers/ runners have a way of getting in the way of play! Field umpires must pay a free kick as per the Laws DVD.
- When filling out a “REPORT” after the game, please make sure if you do make a mistake writing it out, that you destroy all 4 carbon copies & start from starch on all 4 carbon copies so we don’t have confusion like Wednesday night tribunal case! All umpires in that particular game must check off the “report” to ensure we have all correct details written out. If you still haven’t picked out the “2016-17 NTFL reporting procedure” document hand-out from the change-rooms! **Please text a photo of “your report” to Noons via mobile straight after you have finished writing it up.**
- **Only Captains are allowed to speak to umpires at the ¼, ½ & ¾ breaks.** We don’t need coaches, other players or runners/water carriers asking questions as it looks bad and only gives the impression that everyone can talk to us when we are trying to get a drink and trying to re-focus ourselves for the next quarter of footy. It’s only ok if a water carrier is asking you “if you would like a drink off them”.
- **No Team sheets OR a team sheet with no coach & runner as a minimum on it, we DON'T WALK out onto the oval until we get a copy of BOTH team-sheets** or we aren’t covered for insurance purposes. **PLEASE speak to the “Match Manager” ASAP** (bright yellow shirt & phone number on weekly match schedule outside our change-room) in relation to any team sheets or ground conditions issues well BEFORE THE MATCH!
- If you have a “Women’s match” **please make sure you check finger-nails before the game**, if they’re too long tell the player to cut them OR cover each of them up with band-aids.
- **Votes** – need to be “full names” please and not just initials or nicknames thank you!
- **A reminder NO** NTFL team shirts/jumpers/shorts/hats are to be worn inside the umpire’s change-room **especially on the weekend** (4pm Friday to late Sunday). Please change your shirt to NTFLUA polo shirt or a casual shirt, we must be seen by the general public as non-bias and continue to uphold our integrity as an umpiring group.
- Do **NOT** wear your NTFLUA polo shirt at edge of Team Huddles, Coaching bench or on Tinder!!!
- **Field Umpires** the 2016 Laws of Australia Football vision can now be downloaded on the following link <http://www.afl.com.au/laws> have a good look online to help give you a better understanding & prepare your questions for training. **Please ensure you pick up you hard copy of the 2016 Law Book & “Spirit of the Laws” after training as their is numerous changes this season.**
- Any late pull outs due to illness or injury don’t ring or text me before 7am!!!

DO NOT PHONE Mark Noonan – AFLNT Umpiring Manager on Thursday’s as it’s his RDO, please CALL YOUR DISCIPLINE COACH first!!!