

Weekly NTFL Umpire Advisor notes for Round 7

1. I've been advised from AFLNT Executive "Umpires will **NOT** take the field in any grade (Except u12's) if an umpire ESCORT is **not** provided by **BOTH** clubs"
2. As previous group discussion *about* "The NEW NTFL Umpire Requirements" there has been a cap put on the amount of spots available for Boundary & Goal umpires moving forward for the rest of the "Home & Away Rounds". So if you don't get to training at least once a week, (preferably Monday skills night) & **IF** you "pigeon hole" your-self with limited availability hours in "schedula" you will most likely miss out of the grade you could have been selected for and will result in a lower grade than expected to fit in your available hours OR MISS OUT on a game all together!!!
3. 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" so some of you better visit "The Cricket & Football shop ASAP. If this is not correct the umpiring coaching staff will inform you to remove them prior to the game. If "Players" aren't allowed wrong colours either are we!
4. **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!
5. If you have a "Female match" **please make sure the "FIELD" umpires 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. I've had too many complaints of starch marks of late!
6. **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.**
7. 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 sheet" to Noons via mobile phone straight after you have finished checking it off.**
8. **First name Field Umpire on the big "Appointment Sheet" is to ensure that all paperwork is sealed in the correct match envelope.** 2 team-sheets, 2 scorecards, 1 match day report sheet, 1 vote card sealed inside small envelope + any match day report sheets. (Missing scorecards when we have "club" goalies in round 5 – so please get them before you leave the oval) **ALL** Yellow and Red cards are to be marked on the team sheet (right hand columns).
9. **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) 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!!!!
 - a. Also it's YOUR responsibility to **CONFIRM on "schedula" before 8pm on a Thursday night** (please log into schedula even if you didn't get an email after 9pm on a Wednesday evening).
10. **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 NEW "YELLOW shirts/vests" 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 new "Umpire AFL water-bottles" and make sure we bring them in especially from behind the posts. "Blue lid = water, Red lid = sports drinks".
 - **TRAINING** – Monday 21st November will be "– The Traditional "Black Sox" handicap 8km run (all field and boundaries) & 4km for Goalies and junior umpires, please bring your \$2 as the winners get the pot. Scratch runners start at 5.50pm from the path opposite Gardens Oval main gates (please wear training singlet/shirt).
Wednesday 23rd November starting at 5.40pm on TIO No 2 (please wear training singlet/shirt or its 50pts & push ups)
 - **Don't** forget to "slip, slop, slap" & hydrate properly well before you game & ENJOY!!!

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