

Weekly NTFL Umpire Advisor notes for Round 8

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**". We **MUST** wait for BOTH clubs escorts, if it takes 4-5 minutes so be it. Please wait at the boundary line in our correct discipline order. The Match Manager may shorten some quarters due to the sufficient delay because we had to wait for BOTH club escorts!
2. **No Team sheets OR** a team sheet with **no coach, runner & team manager 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!
3. If a Field Umpire has issued a "Yellow or Red Card" **PLEASE** hold the card up towards the "Timekeepers" area **UNTIL** they hold up the matching A4 coloured sheet (2nd field umpire to jog over to the "timekeepers box" if on the "back oval" **if NO acknowledgement**). **Make sure we don't re-start play until the offender/s has completely left the oval.** ALL Yellow and Red cards are to be marked on the team sheet (right hand columns).
4. As pervious group discussion **last week 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!!!
5. 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 by all umpires in your match.
6. **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).
7. 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!
8. Please ensure in **ALL 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.
9. **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).
10. **GARDENS OVAL** - with so many games there on Sunday we need to extra mindful of which change-room to use due to the limited space, so if you're on No 1 Oval then use the Main Change-room (**bags need to please under the grandstand section near the toilet**) & **No 2 Oval to NOW use the "new 2nd Umpire Change-room (located next to canteen)**. Also we now have access to an extra lockable shower inside the Waratah Clubhouse if you wish to use after your game. Please ask the Match Manager for the key.
 - **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 28th November will be "SKILLS" at TIO No 2 Oval at 5.40pm on TIO No 2 Oval (FIELD & BOUNDARY umpires please bring a whistle). "**BRADSHAW JUNIOR FIELD**" squad skills 5pm-6pm. (**EVERYONE** please wear your **training singlet/shirt** as we have a **Special Guest** "National Umpiring Development Manager" **Adam Davis** in attendance). Wednesday 30th November starting at 5.40pm on TIO No 2 (please wear your training singlet/shirt or its 50pts & push ups)
 - **Don't** forget to "slip, slop, slap" & hydrate properly well before you game & ENJOY!!!