

Weekly NTFL Umpire Advisor notes for Round 10

1. **PLEASE STILL UPDATE YOUR "SCHEDULA" EVERY SUNDAY before 8pm!!!** (ESPECIALLY with staff Christmas Parties & people going away during the School Holidays)

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 also **CONFIRM on "schedula" before 8pm on a Thursday night** (please log into schedula even if you didn't get an email after 9pm on an Wednesday evening).

2. **PLEASE** make sure you are in the umpire change-rooms a minimum of 45 minutes prior to the schedule starting match time (1 hour for Premier League), as we get paid to umpire, so we need to be more Professional with our Preparation!! We MUSTN'T take our foot off the pedal with 2 rounds before the break!
3. **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 vests & phone number on weekly match schedule outside our change-room) in relation to any team sheets or ground conditions issues well BEFORE THE MATCH!
4. 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!
5. **Triathlon is NEXT** Wednesday 14th before the NTFLUA Christmas party. I need to **PLEASE BORROW & push** bikes & helmets for the interstaters, so if you got a spare bike/helmet please let Noons know ASAP. I can even pick them Tuesday night in my work ute if required. **Also I required 10 "Marshalls"** around this course, so if you're an injured umpire or Junior umpire Parent that can please help us out please email me ASAP.
6. The last recruitment draw for this season was conducted tonight & congratulations to – **???** for bring down **???** whom have won a \$50 "Good Guys Gift Card".
7. The 8km Black Sox Handicap race winner was Lance Hutt & the 4km Black Shorts Handicap race winner was Alastair Laird.
8. 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).
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. **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.
12. **Billeting** required of 6 Cairns Umpires during January (6th -16th), if you have a spare room please email me.

13. If you have any issues please go to your UPDATED "Leadership Group" of Jamieson Galbraith, Paul Mathews, Jasper Hutt, Samuel Wright, Aidan Fong & Jim Thiele FIRST as I have regular meetings with them to see how we can make further improvements.

14. **Water Carrying** - Plenty of NEW yellow shirts at TIO Stadium (above fridge), or in the away venue boxes, SO PLEASE HELP EACH OTHER OUT even if it's only a half a game & Stay Out of the Play. **(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".

15. *One plastic cup per person/ per day thank you, as we waste too much \$\$\$ on them.*

- **TRAINING** – Monday 12th December will be "SKILLS" at 5.40pm on TIO No 2 Oval, so (FIELD & BOUNDARY umpires please bring a whistle). "BRADSHAW JUNIOR FIELD" & "Junior GOALIES" squad skills 5pm-6pm. Wednesday 14th December "Triathlon" starting at 5.45pm on Casuarina Pool (must wear your training singlet/shirt to participate).
- **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!!!