

Weekly NTFL Umpire Advisor notes for Round 14

1. We have 9 games **NEXT "Thursday" 26th** (Australia Day - u14B, 15YG, 16B, 18G, 18B, D2 Men, Women, D1 Men & PL) **so we need you to UPDATE YOUR "SCHEDULE" EVERY SUNDAY before 8pm!** The coaches are doing the appts early than normal & we are going to read out R15 Appts on Monday night at the end of the water recovery session at the Nightcliff Pool.
2. It's YOUR responsibility to also **CONFIRM on "schedule" before 8pm on a normal Thursday night** (please log into schedule even if you didn't get an email after 9pm on a Wednesday evening). **Leon & I wasted 5 hours last Friday chasing up people!!!**
3. **ALL JUNIOR Grades** (u12, u14B, 15YG, 16B) **are back** from NEXT Thursday 26th of January to Sunday 29th - Round 15.
4. NTFL Premier League "Preliminary Final" will now be played Friday 10th March due to the National Women's Match on the Saturday 11th after the 3 Female NTFL Grand Finals on TIO Stadium. U12 Grand Finals – Friday 10th, with 3 x u16 boys Preliminary Finals on TIO 2 that night. Saturday 11th - u14B, 18B, D2 & D1 Men - Preliminary Finals.
5. **PLEASE** make sure you are "INSIDE" 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!!
6. **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".
7. 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 especially at AWAY Venues as the rooms are way smaller than TIO Stadium.
8. **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!
9. Premier League Umpires need to walk a **minimum of 12 minutes prior** to schedule starting time. So please ready to go before the teams come out. Field Umpires if teams are late out (2 sirens = 2 minutes to scheduled start) then please go & give them a "hurry up please"
10. 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!
11. 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.
12. 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).
13. 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.
14. **Don't** forget to "slip, slop, slap" & hydrate properly well before you game. & ***One plastic cup per person/ per day thank you, as we waste too much \$\$\$ on them.***
 - **TRAINING** – Monday 23rd January will be "RECOVERY SESSION" starting at the Nightcliff Pool at 5.40pm, so please bring your runners, towel & \$2 each. We will go for jog/ stretch before the water recovery **THEN R15 APPTS**. Wednesday 21st December will be "TEAM SINGLET GAMES NIGHT" starting at 5.40pm on TIO No 2 (please wear your training singlet/shirt or its 50pts deduction & push ups).

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!!!