

Weekly NTFL Umpire Advisor notes for Round 15

1. **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).
2. **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.
3. 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.
4. **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!!
5. **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".
6. 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.
7. **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!
8. 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!**
9. 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.
10. 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).
11. 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.
12. **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 31st January will be **"Skills"** so (FIELD & BOUNDARY umpires please bring a whistle). **"BRADSHAW JUNIOR FIELD"** squad skills are between 5pm-6pm. Wednesday 1st of February starting at 5.40pm on TIO No 2 for "group fitness" (please wear your training singlet/shirt or its 50pts & 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!!!