

Weekly NTFL Umpire Advisor notes for Round 16

1. The run home to finals has begin with only 3 Home & Away Rounds before finals we are starting to see some teams who can't make it trying to snip better players behind play, so EVERYONE must be switched including Boundary & Goal umpires please.
 2. **Group Photo will be on** Wednesday **22nd** of February. Please bring Red/Blue training shirt & also please bring your NTFLUA Blue Polo as well for the 2nd group photo. We will also announce the 40 member list for the 2017 AFLNT Junior Umpiring Academy.
 3. **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 must be **more Professional with our Pre-match Preparation!!**
 4. Please also remember the "**Fitness-Attitude-Skills-Training**" we use FINAL SELECTIONS for the 2016-17 NTFL Season. It has been up on the big whiteboard in the TIO Stadium change-room all season & in your "Umpires Manual".
 5. **"FINALS"**. Everyone will be required for the first 2 weeks of finals as we have nearly the same amount of games with top 6 in most grades for finals. The Coaches are ranking everyone in their disciplines on Sunday 19th February & 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 an lower grade than expected to fit in your available hours.
 6. Please take home **your green pay slips** from the TIO Stadium umpires change-room in the black label draws on the big table.
 7. **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)
 - 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).
 8. 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.
 9. **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".
 10. 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.
 11. 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!
 12. 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.
 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.
- **TRAINING** – Monday 6th February will be "GROUP COMBINED SKILLS" at 5.40pm on Rosebery Middle School (FIELD & BOUNDARY umpires please bring a whistle – be proactive & plan ahead).
Wednesday 8th February starting at 5.40pm (please wear training singlet/shirt) as we will do a 3km Time Trial after the group warm up on TIO No 2 first. This Time Trial will be goes towards YOUR Finals rankings.

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!!!