

Weekly NTFL Umpire Advisor notes for Round 18

1. **Group Photo** will be **NEXT** Wednesday **22nd** of February at **5.40pm SHARP** in the Grandstand. 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 & go through some “important finals information” e.g. – extra time procedure etc....
2. **“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 afternoon 19th February.
3. 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. SO PLEASE UPDATED YOUR SCHEDULA hours ASAP **before 8pm** on **Thursday night** after you have **“confirmed”** your round 18 match/es.
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. **Round 18** – in **ALL matches** (except League Men) to commemorate the “75th Anniversary of the bombing of Darwin” the “field umpires” will have to choose a best on the ground player & present the “special (75th Anniversary of the bombing of Darwin) match football” to them at the end of each game. **(In the 4 League men matches field umpires to please pass the footballs to the “Match Manager” as you walk off the ground as they will present “best on ground” selected by a 3 off-field person panel due to betting on Nichols Medal)**
6. **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!!**
7. **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!!!** Especially League matches – get back to the fence, because when on the wing your still in the TV camera line **(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”.
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. Please take home **your green pay slips** from the TIO Stadium umpires change-room in the black label draws on the big table.
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. 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.
13. **TRAINING** – Monday 20th February will be “SKILLS” at 5.40pm on TIO No 2 Oval, so (FIELD & BOUNDARY umpires please bring a whistle). **Wednesday 22nd** February starting at 5.40pm **GROUP PHOTO in the Grandstand** (please wear training singlet/shirt & NTFLUA Polo shirt) then we will do some sprints after group talk.

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!!!