

# Weekly NTFL Umpire Advisor notes for Week 1 Finals

1. Unfortunately we didn't get to announce the "2017 AFLNT Junior Academy list" on Wednesday night due to Brodie still following up of Alice Springs junior umpires. Many of them have changed their email addresses & phone numbers since 2016. So Next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of March at 6.50pm we will announce the 2017 list before the NTFLUA Special general meeting.
2. **Please carefully read the 2 different "Drawn game – Extra Time procedures" in the change-rooms**, and remember that all umpires MUST stay on the oval if scores are 8pts or less at the end of the game until the Goal Umpires wave off the correct scores! (then walk off in one group in order)
3. **Listen and act on feedback from coach or observer.** Understand we want you to all run well and make it difficult for us in selection. It is up to you. **There is no guarantee of where you finish in relation to where you start your finals campaign.**
4. **"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(Friday night-5pm onwards, All Saturday-7.30am to 10pm, All Sunday- 8am to 6pm). The Coaches have ranked everyone in their disciplines last Sunday afternoon **SO If you "pigeon hole" your-self with very 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!
5. **Your "SCHEDULA" availability hour's needs to be in BEFORE 8pm SUNDAY** so coaching staff can avoid any mix-ups of multi-discipline umpires. So carefully please put in your correct availability especially if you're playing (check NTFL website for playing times), so the coaches can do the appointments properly or you might not get a final.
6. NTFL Premier League "Preliminary Final" will now be played Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>, with 3 x u16 boys Preliminary Finals on TIO 2 that night. Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> - u14B, 18B, D2 & D1 Men - Preliminary Finals.
7. **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 even **more Professional with our Pre-match Preparation!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
8. **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".
9. If a Field Umpire has issued a "Yellow or Red Card" **that you Stop Play**, inform the offending player/official & **PLEASE** hold the card up towards the "Timekeepers" area **UNTIL** they hold up the matching A4 coloured sheet (2<sup>nd</sup> 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).
10. **Only Captains are allowed to speak to umpires at the ¼, ½ & ¾ breaks.** Make sure we leave the ground immediately (Field & Boundaries together) at completion of game and DO **NOT** respond to taunts from coaches or from the crowd.
11. **No Team sheets OR a team sheet with no coach & runner 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 vest & phone number on weekly match schedule outside our change-room) in relation to any team sheets or ground conditions issues well BEFORE THE MATCH!
12. **"Umpires will NOT take the field in any grade (Except u12's) if an umpire ESCORT is not provided by BOTH clubs".**
13. **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. **TRAINING** – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February will be "SKILLS" at 5.40pm on TIO No 2 Oval, so (FIELD & BOUNDARY umpires please bring a whistle). **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** starting at 5.40pm on TIO No 2 (please wear 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!!!**