

Weekly NTFL Umpire Advisor notes for Week 2 Finals

1. **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)
2. Boundary umpires appointed to **“u15 girls & u14 boys”** will do all normal Boundary duties, the only thing different is that the “Field Umpire” will ball it up 15m inside as per NTFL By-laws on junior modified rules instead of “Boundary throw-in”.
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. **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!!!**
5. Field Umpires to check “ALL player uniforms” in the change-room prior to the game. Must have correct shorts & socks on. No gloves unless they have a medical certificate & correct pair of bike pants.
6. **ALL Field Umpires** please ensure ALL match paperwork is accounted for & THIS INCLUDES making sure those scorecards are correct & they both match each other.
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 & ***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” ***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 (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. **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.
10. **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** in relation to any team sheets or ground conditions issues well BEFORE THE MATCH!
11. **“Umpires will NOT take the field in any grade (Except u12’s) if an umpire ESCORT is not provided by BOTH clubs”**.
12. 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 **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.
13. NTFL Premier League “Preliminary Final” will now be played NEXT 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. **NO Sunday 12th of March games due to Nichols Medal**.
14. **A reminder NO** NTFL team shirts/jumpers/shorts/hats are to be worn inside the umpire’s change-room ***especially on the weekend*** (4pm Friday to late Sunday). Please change your shirt to NTFLUA polo shirt or a casual shirt, we must be seen by the general public as non-bias and continue to uphold our integrity as an umpiring group.
15. Do **NOT** wear your NTFLUA polo shirt at edge of Team Huddles, Coaching bench or on Tinder!!!
16. **TRAINING** – Monday 27th 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 1st March** starting at 5.40pm on TIO No 2 (please wear training singlet/shirt or its 50pts & push ups).