

Weekly NTFL Umpire Advisor notes for Week 4 Grand Finals

1. TRAINING – Wednesday 15th March starting at 5.40pm on TIO No 2. **COMPULSORY** for ALL “Grand Final Appointees”, but everyone is welcome to train (FIELD & BOUNDARY umpires must bring your whistle as we are going to do group skills).
2. Congratulations to our remaining 8 NTFL Grand Final panels of this 2016-17 season this Saturday.
3. Please **CONFIRM** your game/s on “schedula” **BEFORE 12pm Thursday!!!** – **OR NO GAME**
4. **All umpires must be in the rooms a minimum 1 hour before scheduled start time!!!** – you **MUST** walk 12 minutes prior to scheduled starting time as this includes the National Anthem for each grade. (League Field -90min- League B&G -60min as you must walk at 6.45pm)
5. There will be a photo of every Grand Final panel prior to walking out on the field. (one will be taken just next to the “umpires Bar” about 15min prior and there will also be an on the field photo as well by Felicity)
6. If you are NOT involved in that particular Grand Final, then please stay out of the change-room as the umpires don’t need extra noise or distractions whilst preparing. **NO Mobile Phones to be used in the rooms – INTEGRITY ISSUE**
7. Goal umpires in League, Div 1 Men & U/18 boys to **wear long pants.** Field umpires to wear your **numbered shirts** for League, Div 1 men & U18 Boys.
8. The team first into the Grand Final **gets to “call”** at the toss of the coin.
9. All 14 & 16 junior GF field umpires **will have to choose a best on ground medal** for each match please. Please write it down on the “vote card” with number and club after each quarter, so we get it right.
10. After your game and you have walked off the ground, please be mindful that others will be preparing for their GF especially with two ovals going majority of the day, **so please keep the noise down to minimum** until after the next group have left the room.
11. After the League GF no one inside the change-rooms for a **minimum of 20 minutes** to ensure all reports are completed properly. Once this is done then we will have post match drinks and nibbles in the change-room.
12. **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”.
13. Please carefully read the 2 different “Drawn game – Extra Time procedures” in the change-room, toilets & walls and PLEASE 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).
14. 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”.**
15. ALL **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.
16. 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!**
17. 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.
18. “Umpires will **NOT** take the field in any grade if an umpire ESCORT is **not** provided by BOTH clubs”.