

Weekly NTFL Umpire Advisor Notes for Week 1 Finals

1. **“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).
2. 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 a 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. 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.
3. **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)
4. **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**.
5. **“GROUP DE-BRIEF FORMS”** – must be completed by all 3 disciplines in that particular match before you can leave the change-room & then place back inside the match paperwork envelope.
6. **Our Water Carrying is very important** and we all need to please help jog water for our fellow umpires as hydration improves the whole team performance & morale. **The new “PINK shirts” for ALL Premier League matches with grey shorts for the TV purposes & plenty of “Yellow shirts” in the away venue boxes, SO PLEASE HELP EACH OTHER OUT** even if it’s only a half a game & **stay OUT of the WAY!**
7. **PLEASE** make sure you are wearing your NTFLUA polo (new stocked arrived), NTFLUA shorts (\$20 each), **covered footwear** & be **“INSIDE”** the umpire change-rooms a **minimum of 45 minutes prior** to the schedule starting match time (90min for Premier League Field), as we get paid to umpire, so we must be **Professional with our Pre-match Preparation!**
8. 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.
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 (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).
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. When filling out a **“REPORT”** after the game, please make sure 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 “2017-18 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**.
14. If you have a “Women’s match” **please make sure you check finger-nails before the game**, if they’re too long tell the player to cut them OR cover each of them up with Band-Aids.
15. **TRAINING** - Monday 26th of February will be **“SKILLS” including** “Ruehland Field & Bradshaw Junior Field” panels at “TIO No 2” (FIELD & BOUNDARY umpires bring your whistle – be proactive & plan ahead). **Wednesday 28th February** will be starting at 5.40pm on TIO No 2 for FITNESS (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!!