

Weekly NTFL Umpire Advisor Notes for Week 2 Finals

1. Next Wednesday 7th of March we will announce the “2018 AFLNT Junior Academy list” on the steps. Friday 5.35pm is the AFLW match between Crows & Dockers at TIO Stadium.
2. **ALL NTFL finals for “Week 3” are on Saturday 10th of March (7.30am to 10pm)** with Grand Finals for u12’s x2, u15 & u18 Girls + Women’s GF played before the League Men’s preliminary final at 7pm. All other grades preliminary finals on the back oval.
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. 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** (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!
11. **“Umpires will NOT take the field in any grade (Except u12’s) if an umpire ESCORT is not provided by BOTH clubs”.**
12. 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.**
13. **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. 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.
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. **DO NOT** wear your NTFLUA polo shirt at edge of Team Huddles, Coaching bench or on Tinder!!!
15. **TRAINING** - Monday 5th of March will be our final **“SKILLS”** at 5.40pm on “TIO No 2” (FIELD & BOUNDARY umpires bring your whistle – be proactive & plan ahead). **Wednesday 7th March** will be starting at 5.40pm on TIO No 2 for the final chance to win points for the “Training Singlet Red v Blue Games Challenge Night” (so please wear training singlet/shirt or its -50pts).

DO NOT PHONE Mark Noonan – AFLNT Umpiring Manager on Thursday – full staff PD & Friday morning I’m carrying the Commonwealth Baton Relay, please CALL YOUR DISCIPLINE COACH first if it’s urgent!!!!