

Weekly NTFL Umpire Advisor notes for Week 3 Finals & Female/u12 Grand Finals

1. Congratulations to our first 5 Grand Final panels of this season with the two u12's, u15 girls, u18 girls & Women's Grand Finals this Saturday. **There will be the National Anthem prior to each GF, so you will need to please walk at 12minutes prior to schedule starting time** and not a minute later unless the Match Manager says so.....
2. If you wish to eligible for one of the 8 remaining Grand Finals (7.30am to 10pm) Next Saturday 17th of March **PLEASE STILL UPDATE YOUR "SCHEDULE" before 9am SUNDAY!!!**
3. **PLEASE** make sure EVERYONE is in the umpire change-rooms a **minimum of 60 minutes prior** to the schedule starting match time (75minutes for ALL Premier League/Div 1 Finals), as we get paid to umpire, so we need to be more Professional with our Preparation!!**NO EXCEPTIONS! & NO THONGS!**
4. **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!**
5. With the "AFL Women Round 6 game" at 5.35pm Friday it will be full locked down between 3.30pm so you won't be able to access the tunnel/change-room unless you have the correct match day accreditation.
6. Please **RESPECT** others preparing for Finals, boom-box, yelling, NO kicking footie's in the change-room! & if you're NOT umpiring or water carrying DON'T crowd the change-room either (especially straight after the game). please NO bags on seats in the change-room, please put below them!
7. **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)
8. 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".
9. **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!
10. **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.**
11. **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.
12. **"Umpires will NOT take the field in any grade (Except u12's) if an umpire ESCORT is not provided by BOTH clubs"**.
13. **ALL Field Umpires** please ensure ALL match paperwork is accounted for & THIS INCLUDES making sure those scorecards are correct & they both match each other.
14. **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.
15. **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!!!
16. **TRAINING** – Monday 12th March will be "Grand Final Appts (plus some awards) Evening" at 6pm at Tracy Village Social Club- \$20 per head + extra for drinks (money to Erin ASAP) **Wednesday 14th March** starting at 5.40pm on TIO No 2 for ALL Grand Final Appointees (**FIELD & BOUNDARY umpires must bring your whistle as we are going to group skills**).