

Weekly NTFL Umpire Advisor notes for Round 8

1. **TRAINING** - Monday 27th November will be a **"COMPULSORY EDUCATION SESSION"** with **3 special guests** starting at 5.40pm in the MLLLC lecture theatre. Wednesday 29th November starting at 5.40pm on TIO No 2 (please wear team training singlet/shirt or it's 50pts & push ups – everyone should have one now, if not please see Leon before training as the new stock has arrived at TIO Stadium)
2. **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 **Professional with our Pre-match Preparation!**
3. **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. Plenty of NEW "YELLOW shirts/vests" 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! (No 5lt water containers to be used DURING play – ONLY at the breaks as per by-laws) & 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"
4. **"SCHEDULA" MUST BE UPDATED EVERY SUNDAY night before 9pm!!!** (So carefully put in your availability so the coaches can do the appointments or you won't get a game for the next round)
 - a. *Also any one "playing" please put you're unavailable in schedula for the rest of the day from hour prior to your playing game because if you get injured during playing then we won't have time to find a replace for you umpiring later that day!!!!
 - b. **If you're going to be away** or have work commitments, e.g.- **unavailable for the entire 3 days** please put your "unavailability dates" into Schedula ASAP and make yourself available **only for 7am-7.30am on the FRIDAY morning** (as per below example) as this will let the coaching staff know that you have been into schedula and confirm your unavailability for us.
 - c. *Appointments will be NOW be email at 10.30am Tuesday morning so it's YOUR responsibility to **CONFIRM on "schedula" before 5pm Wednesday or Leon will be grumpy & call you as a reminder to CONFIRM!!!**.
(Please log into schedula even if you didn't get an email just after 11am on a Tuesday).

Weekly Availability Report

Week between 10 November 2014 and 16 November 2014



5. **GARDENS OVAL** - with so many games there on Sunday we need to extra mindful of which change-room to use due to the limited space, so if you're on No 1 Oval then use the Main Change-room (***bags need to please under the grandstand section near the toilet***) & **No 2 Oval to NOW use the "new 2nd Umpire Change-room (located next to canteen)**. Also we now have access to new lockable shower inside the main change-room if you wish to use after your game.
6. **UMPIRE ESCORTS** - We **MUST** wait for BOTH clubs escorts at the boundary line in our correct discipline order. If a club isn't there ready to escort you out to the centre square, politely call out to that particular club. If no response after waiting 2minutes, then walk out to the middle of the oval to help keep matches on time. Field Umpires must record on the post-match paperwork which club didn't escort & they will be fined!!!
7. When filling out a **"REPORT"** after the game, please make sure if you do make a mistake writing it out, that you destroy **all 4** carbon copies & start from starch on **all 4** carbon copies so we don't have confusion like a case last season tribunal case!
 - a. 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 "2016-17 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.**
8. **Field Umpire please ensure that all paperwork is sealed in the correct match envelope.** 2 team-sheets, 2 scorecards, 1 match day report sheet, 1 vote card sealed inside small envelope + any match day report sheets. (Missing scorecards happen when we have "club" goalies – so please get them before you leave the oval) + **Votes** – need to be "full names" please and not just initials or nicknames thank you! **THEN place match envelope inside the A3 DAY envelope!**
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** (bright yellow shirt & phone number on weekly match schedule outside our change-room) in relation to any team sheets or ground conditions issues well BEFORE THE MATCH!
10. 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.

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!!