

Weekly NTFL Umpire Advisor notes for Round 14

1. THIS Saturday night 20th January @7.30pm – AFLW practise match between Adelaide Crows & Fremantle Dockers will be at TIO Stadium – only those authorised will be allowed in the tunnel & the umpire’s change-room **after 5.30pm**. Please put your bags in the umpire’s medical room if you’re staying to watch AFLW match & then meet Sharyn Morcom post game to get your bag as you won’t be allowed in the tunnel until an hour post AFLW game.
2. **ALL JUNIOR Grades** (u12, u14B, 15YG, 16B) **are back** from NEXT Thursday 25th of January to Sunday 28th - Round 15.
3. **NEXT ROUND 15 – “Heritage Round”** (special Thursday 25th – Sunday 28th January) League matches Thursday 7.30pm, Friday 4pm x2 venues & Saturday 2pm. Thursday 25th night from 5.15pm– TIO Stadium & Asbuild Ovals. Friday 26th – Gardens & Norbuilt ovals are on all day with all the grades (15+ games). Saturday 27th – Tracy Village & Jabiru. Sunday 28th – MCG, Gardens Oval & TIO Stadium.
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. If you’re going to be away during school holidays 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 un-availability for us. **(Also please take out your normal availability)**
 - b. *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!!!!
 - c. *Appointments will be NOW be email at 11am 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).
5. **TRAINING** - Monday 22nd January will be **“SKILLS & vision”** at TIO 2 (FIELD & BOUNDARY umpires bring your whistle – be proactive & plan ahead). Wednesday 24th January starting will be **“TEAM SINGLET GAMES NIGHT”** starting at 5.40pm on TIO No 2 (please wear your training singlet/shirt or its 50pts deduction & push ups).
6. **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 (1 hour for Premier League), as we get paid to umpire, so we must be **Professional with our Pre-match Preparation!**
7. **POST GAME** I don’t want to see umpires walking out of the change-room in bare-feet every again like last weekend because they only brought their on-field match shoes & no towel for a shower in those very wet conditions. **Preparation & PROFESSIONALISM at ALL times please!!!** This includes not washing your muddy shoes in the shower!!!!
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. Please ensure in **ALL junior grades – “U18 & below”** that the **“Equal Number Rule”** is applied at the start of each quarter, **UNLESS** you have issued a Yellow or Red Card.
10. 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.**
11. **Don’t** forget to “slip, slop, slap” & hydrate properly well before your game.
12. **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!**
13. If any LATE pull outs (illness/injury) **AFTER 4pm Friday** please call Samuel on his mobile 0437 206 128 as we don’t check my emails on weekends & we can’t afford umpires not turning up to games in this heat. It’s not fair on the other umpires in your match.

DO NOT PHONE Mark Noonan – AFLNT Umpiring Manager as he is away on personal leave until 9am Monday , please CALL YOUR DISCIPLINE COACH first if it’s urgent!!! Dean Dempsey – 0448 882 313, Gerard – 0408 585 822 & Angela – 0402 660 442