

Weekly NTFL Umpire Advisor Notes for Round 16

1. The run home to finals has begun with only 3 Home & Away Rounds before finals we are starting to see some teams who can't make it are trying to snipe the better players behind play, so EVERYONE must be switched including Boundary & Goal umpires please.
2. **TRAINING** - Monday 5th of February will be will be a "Whole Group COMPULSORY TASS" starting at the MLLLC Lecture Theatre 5.40pm. We will have 3 special guest speaker on many different topics. Around 6.30pm the u18 will stay behind for the "2018 Junior Umpiring Academy Information Presentation" & adults doing some vision. **Wednesday** 7th February there is an "u18 off-campus event" & the adults will do fitness training on TIO No 2 (please wear team training singlet/shirt).
3. **LIGHTNING** – Please note this is only in the case of Lightning affecting the safety of Players and Officials:
 - a) If an Umpire deems that the game needs to be halted they can at their own discretion call **both Captains** into the middle after stopping play to inform them that due to lightning the game will be stopped immediately and for the Captains to lead there players of the field to seek the safety of the dressing rooms and our Umpires do the same. One of the umpires must then inform the Match Manager of this decision and the Match Manager to then speak on the **PA to inform patrons**.
 - b) If a Match Manager deems the game unsafe due to **lightning** they have to go to the time-keepers box and instruct the time keepers to press the siren **5 times**, this will indicate to the Umpires that the game must be stopped and all players and officials are to leave the ground **immediately**.
 - c) As per normal procedure the game can be re started if the lightning has passed and it's deemed that play can **safely proceed** within 30 minutes.
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)
 - 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. **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 "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!** League matches please make sure you wear your grey umpiring shorts or black/blue shorts for TV purposes.
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 ever again** like last Sunday 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. **Group Photo will be on** Wednesday **21st of** February. Please bring Red/Blue training shirt & also please bring your NTFLUA Blue Polo as well for the 2nd group photo.
10. Please take home **your green pay slips** from the TIO Stadium umpires change-room in the black label draws on the big table.
11. Please ensure in **ALL junior grades – "U18 & below"** that the **"Equal Number Rule" is applied at the start of the match ONLY.**
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. **Don't** forget to "slip, slop, slap" & hydrate properly well **before** your game.

Kind regards, Noons