

Weekly NTFL Umpire Advisor Notes for Round 17

1. EVERYONE will be required for **“Super Saturday”** in **Round 18** on Saturday 17th February as we have 4 full community venues going all day. There are some juniors Friday night & limited games on Sunday.
2. The run home to finals has begun with only 2 Home & Away Rounds before finals we are starting to see some teams who can't make it are trying to snipe/punch the better players behind play, so EVERYONE must be switched including Boundary & Goal umpires please.
3. **TRAINING** - Monday 12th of February will be **“SKILLS” including** “Ruehland Field & Bradshaw Junior Field” panels at “TIO No 2” (FIELD & BOUNDARY umpires bring your whistle – be proactive & plan ahead). **Wednesday** 14th February will be fitness training on TIO No 2 (please wear team training singlet/shirt).
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. *Appointments will be NOW be email at **8pm Wednesday** so it's YOUR responsibility to **CONFIRM on “schedula” before 9am Friday 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 8pm Wednesday).
5. **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. BBQ also that night after fitness.
6. **“FINALS”**. Everyone will be required for the first 2 weeks of finals as we have nearly the same amount of games with top 6 in most grades for finals. The Coaches are ranking everyone in their disciplines on Sunday 18th February & if you “pigeon hole” your-self with limited availability hours in “schedula” you will most likely miss out of the grade you could have been selected for and will result in an lower grade than expected to fit in your available hours.
7. **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!**
8. **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!**
9. **POST GAME** I don't want to see umpires walking out of the change-room in **bare-feet ever again** like Sunday week 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!!!!
10. 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.
11. Please take home **your green pay slips** from the TIO Stadium umpires change-room in the black label draws on the big table.
12. Please ensure in **ALL junior grades – “U18 & below”** that the **“Equal Number Rule” is applied at the start of the match ONLY**.
13. 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.**
14. **Don't** forget to “slip, slop, slap” & hydrate properly well before your game.
15. 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!!