

# Weekly NTFL Umpire Advisor Notes for Round 18

1. **Group Photo** will be NEXT Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of February at 5.40pm SHARP in the Grandstand. Please bring Red/Blue training shirt & also please bring your NTFLUA Blue Polo as well for the 2<sup>nd</sup> group photo. We will go through some “important finals information” e.g. – extra time procedure etc. BBQ on the steps also that night after the fitness session.
2. **“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 afternoon 18<sup>th</sup> February.
3. 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. SO PLEASE UPDATED YOUR SCHEDULA hours ASAP before 8pm on **Thursday night** after you have **“confirmed”** your round 18 match/es.
4. **“GROUP DE-BRIEF FORMS”** – must be completed by all 3 disciplines in that particular match before you can leave the change-room & then place back inside the match paperwork envelope.
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. **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!
6. 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)
7. **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 (90min for Premier League Field), as we get paid to umpire, so we must be **Professional with our Pre-match Preparation!**
8. **POST GAME** I don’t want to see umpires walking out of the change-room in bare-feet ever again like a couple of weeks ago 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!!!!
9. 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.
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.
14. 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. **TRAINING** - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> February** will be **GROUP PHOTO in the Grandstand** (please wear training singlet/shirt & NTFLUA Polo shirt) then we will do some sprints after group talk. Then a BBQ with appointments & important messages.

**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!!**