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UMPS COACHES CORNER NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Edition 1 of the Coaches Corner Newsletter for 2009/10 NTFL season. This is for all Umpires at training and all those that miss Monday night's coaching session due to work or sickness. **(Spare copies will be in the "HANDOUT" Pigeon Hole from each Friday afternoon).**

Round 1 & 2 we have been quite good as a group on field, but we must keep on building our foundation for the season and improve upon each match we do.

Off Field we to a dramatic lift ASAP with our:

- **Presentation** — this is most important characteristic of great umpiring. NO hands on hips, your shirt must be tucked in at all times, your socks correctly pulled up, no 5 o'clock shadow will be allowed on game day (either a full beard or clean shaven – in between is not acceptable). In addition, for all umpires (most importantly League) hydration before and during the match is vital, but drinking water as you come off the ground will not be tolerated? It does not present the image of a professional umpire, especially when viewed on the TV.
- **Preparation** — before your match — again hydration is the platform to great umpiring, so drink plenty of water. Study the team sheet and learn each player's name. All umpires must be in the umpire's change-room a minimum of 45 minutes before the scheduled starting time. For the league FIELD umpires this is a **minimum** of 1 Hour because you must also visit each team before their Senior Coach's address.
- **Team Huddles** — I will not tolerate any umpire wearing their NTFLUA Blue Polo Shirt (Walk-out shirt) in or around the team huddle. If you would like to listen to the coach's 1st & 3rd Qtr address then change your shirt. This is NOT NEGOTIABLE. When you wear the NTFLUA Blue shirt you are representing the Umpires Association!
- **Coach PD Program** — for those participating in the Coach PD program please send me a copy of your two plans before this Sunday night (18 Oct).





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- **Remember to RUN WATER for your fellow umpires**
- **Accreditation** — all new people to umpiring should have their Level 1 Accreditation manual, diary & DVD. If do not have all of these items then see me (Noons) over the weekend. For all other umpires Level 2 will be available next Monday night (19 Oct) after training.

Round 1 & 2 notes to remember from now on and through-out the season please:

- I'm still missing Rego Forms, No rego = No pay & No gate pass. So get them fill in and return ASAP.
- Please make all new umpires welcome & appreciated ☺
- If you need a New Uniform please see Noons
- Please bring your OLD AFLNT Logo Shirts in and place them in the Community Leagues Umpires Black Bag in the Change-room.
- NTFLUA Blue Shorts may be purchased for \$20 COD
- If you haven't already picked up your updated hand-out of NTFL Rule changes for this season, then please grab a copy ASAP out of the Pigeon Holes!
- Please remember the "Commencement of Play Rule" especially at League level, you should have a clearer understanding of it now – see Noons if you don't please.
- Keep up the good work with the water carrying especially after your game please.
- **If you're not at training Wednesday night to sign off your Appointments it's YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to call AFLNT on 8980 4888 before 12 Noon on Friday!**
- Your pays should go in (Tuesday 20th Oct) please be patient as this is a new system and we are having some teething problems
- **If you have a Report, you must ring me or Michael Barfoot – 0439 384 197 between 2pm-5pm on a Tuesday afternoon** to find out if the reported player has taken a set penalty or if it's going to fight it at the tribunal.
- Unavailability must be in by the end of training on Mondays at the latest please as we do appointments on a Tuesday.

Round 2 Field Umpires Coaching Session Notes

League Field Umpires Whiteboard

Work Wells +	Work On's -
Change Of Control - Communication	Match Preparation
Signals	MZ Positioning (must get outside the tramlines)
Communication with other umpires	Change Of Control – Timing & Positioning (Top of 50m arc we must keep as MZ)





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Field Coaches Whiteboard

Work Wells +	Work On's -
Free Kick selection	MZ SKC on the wing – we push closer to it
High Tackles – protecting the ball player	Change Of Control - (Top of 50m arc we must keep as MZ)
Set Kick Control - generally	EZ positioning

Field TRAINING DRILL:

On Monday night (12th Oct) we work on about EZ Positioning as we must be continuously on the move, especially when we are position on the opposite side to an incoming kick we must work up and across to get side onto the Marking Contest and NOT run straight at the contest, as we are then looking from behind and not in the right position to adjudicate Hands In The Back interpretation.

Also we at the start of this drill we had a Crude high tackle close to the boundary line in the MZ that we had to get out of the tramlines and show presence, then releasing control on a big kick into the EZ.

Plus we spoke about were should the Field Umpires position there-selves for a set shot on goal after the siren has sounded – The Controlling umpire who pay the mark or free kick to stay at the Mark and clear protective area, MZ or no 2 umpire to push into the forward pocket to observe players in the goal square and the Far EZ umpire to stand behind the kicker and make sure the 10m protective are is clear from the side and behind.

Boundary TRAINING DRILL:

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Goal TRAINING DRILL:

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Milestone Avenue- Round 1:

- Roland Ostler – League Field Debut – Nightcliff V Palmerston
- Jade Farey - League Boundary Debut- Sthn Districts V Waratahs
- Tracy Clark – 50th League Boundary Games

Milestone Avenue- Round 2:

- Mark Mounsey – League Field Debut – Sthn Districts V Nightcliff
- Kane Vellar – 50th Field Umpiring Game
- Kathryn Flynn – 50th U/18 Boundary Umpiring Game

Milestone Avenue- Round 3:

- Matt French – 50th Reserves Field Umpiring Game

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