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UMPS COACHES CORNER NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to Edition 2 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). So it's your responsibility to pick up your weekly Coaches Corner Newsletter, so you're keeping up to date with what's going well, what's not and also the general news.**

Round 3 we were solid as a group on field, but we must keep on building our foundation for the season and continually improve upon each match we do.

Off Field we to a dramatic lift in our Change Room Etiquette ASAP:

- **Change Room Etiquette** — Last weekend while I was over on Tiwi Islands and also Sunday I notice a fair few change-room issues that everyone (including new umpires) need to be aware off please to help make our change-room run smoother for the rest of the season: If your on a Sunday 16's at TIO Stadium and is most likely the last match of the day at the venue then please turn off the Air-Con via the remote control/fans & lights, empty blue drink containers and tip them up-side down to drip dry on top of the big freezers. If we run out Paper towel or toilet paper during the weekend then replace it please!!! They can be found on the left hand side of the 2 big freezers every weekend. If you're on a Saturday Morning at TIO Stadium then please fill up the 2 big 20 litre drink containers to kick start the big day of footy please — one with icy water and the other icy Powerade (3/4 of a tub should make 20L just nicely) and place to two drip trays underneath please. So like the old saying "**many hands make light work**" if we all do our little bit each, then it should make the weekend a lot smoother for everyone and not just me.

Round 3 notes to remember from now on and through-out the season please:

- For majority of the people that have submitted your Rego Forms thank you very much, you should start to receive an email from Sporting Pulse on Wednesday





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Evening with your Appt/s. This is the new system which will take over me sending an email every Wednesday Night for those not at training to sign off their Appt/s and I will be doing pays from this new system, so remember NO Rego = No Pay!!!

- Preparation – before match – drink plenty of water/study the teams you have & make sure you're in the umpires change-room 45 minutes before you're your schedule starting time & League FIELD Umpires it is a 1 Hour please as we need to see teams earlier.
- **ALL FIELD UMPIRES ARE REQUIRED TO VISIT TEAMS PRIOR TO THE MATCH IN ALL GRADES!!! (in your training singlet/shirt for League/Reserves umpires please)**
- Accreditation – All new people to umpiring should have Level 1 Accreditation Manuel/Diary & DVD by now, if not see me over the weekend please for them. Make sure you bring your Accreditation Diary with you every match so a Coach or Senior Umpire can help you fill in a box or two in the diary and then by the end of the year you should have it completed.
- Don't forget to help run WATER for each other 😊
- 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 (Friday 23rd 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.





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Round 3 Field Umpires Coaching Session Notes

League Field Umpires Whiteboard

Work Wells +	Work On's -
Fitness	EZ Positioning (more angle required as kick comes into Forward 50m arc)
MZ Swaps at a score or at a set play	Match Management
Situational Awareness	Increase voice in General play

Group Training Meeting at 5.45pm Sharp:

We spoke about UMPIRE CONSULTATION as we have 2 already in the first 3 rounds of League and making a meal of the correct process. We watch the Laws DVD from 2007 which had "Umpire Consultation" on it, but not before we went around room and ask around the group what is the correct process and below is what the group arrive at with after a lengthy discussion:

UMPIRE CONSULTATION

- 1. IDENTIFY SITUATION** -GOAL UMPIRE RUNS OUT AND/OR FIELD UMPIRE RUNS IN, BRINGING BOUNDARY UMPIRES IN WITH HIM
- 2. FIELD UMPIRE TAKES CONTROL**, AND REMOVES ALL PLAYERS FROM THE VICINITY, BEFORE COMMENCING ANY DISCUSSION
- 3. DISCUSS WHAT WAS SEEN** – ONLY STATEMENTS OF FACT ARE RELEVANT, NO "I THINK" OR "IT COULD OFF". IT'S A SIMPLE **YES OR NO** I SAW IT GO THROUGH.
- 4. IF COMPLETE AGREEMENT IS NOT ACHIEVED**, THEN THE LESSER RESULT SHALL BE INDICATED





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Field TRAINING DRILL:

On Monday night (19th Oct) we worked on opening our angles up as the football heads towards the boundary line especially in the strike zone as we have missed a few high tackles because we have been chasing back-sides and not getting side-on to the contest. So remember if the football heads towards the boundary line make sure you work hard to get side-on to the contest and in a 3 umpire system go the fat side.

Boundary TRAINING DRILL:

We are introduced this in the near future.

Goal TRAINING DRILL:

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Milestone Avenue- Round 4:

- Leon Fennell – 650th Goal Umpiring Game
- Bill Armstrong – 200th Goal Umpiring Game
- Graeme Flesfader – 100th Umpiring Game
- Grant Butler – 100th Goal Umpiring Game
- Mark Atkins – 50th Field Umpiring Game

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