



## Boundary Umpires

### Season 2019 – Information night

Greetings all, thanks to everyone who could attend Wednesday nights information session and walkthrough of the new rules which will be implemented this season.

Below I have put together a summary of what was discussed so for those who couldn't attend you can get an understanding of what will be expected from you as a boundary umpire this season. For those that attended, this should provide clarity on topics discussed.

#### ***Training –***

Training this season will be held on Wednesday Nights **ONLY** at Moorleigh Reserve, Bignell Rd from 6:15pm and concluding before 7:45pm. Our training sessions will incorporate both fitness and skills components. The plan for this season will be to incorporate a more structured program from previous years to further improve your skills and fitness.

Every month will be broken down into training blocks, each having a particular focus. These sessions will be an opportunity for yourself to gain a broader understanding in the role of boundary umpiring as well as enhancing your skills and fitness. We will endeavour to have at least one video session where the coaches will show footage from previous games and have an open discussion with the group about what was good and opportunities for improvement.

During the season, as training is only once per week and we only have 21 sessions in season it is vitally important that you make the effort to attend. If you are unable to attend for whatever reason, please ensure you inform either Mitch Lea (Assistant Coach) or myself (Tim Fierenzi, Boundary Coach) prior to training on Wednesdays to enable the training sessions to be as productive as possible.

#### ***Appointments –***

All games are appointed weekly on Schedula ([www.schedula.com](http://www.schedula.com)) and will be released on Wednesdays at 10am. It is important that as soon as you receive the email from Schedula, that you confirm it ASAP so there is no need for coaches to follow you up later in the week.

Schedula is also extremely important as this is where you set your game day availabilities so the coaches know when you are available as well as where you will enter your bank details so you get paid!! If you are struggling to find where to do this there are some great tutorials on YouTube and there is also a help link on the Schedula website.

If you are unavailable for any week throughout the season, please make sure you not only set your unavailability in Schedula, but also inform the coaches by **no later** than the Monday prior to the weekend.

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We appoint 132 umpires each week, so when declining games please understand the impact this has on your coaches and peers as we need to find replacements on short notice. Please remember it is your responsibility to inform us if you can or can't umpire each week.

\*NB: if you are not yet on Schedules please contact either Matt Grimwood (SFNL administrator), Jonathon Auditore (SFNL Director of Umpiring) or myself

### **Requests –**

If you have any requests for games due to prior engagements or you would like to run with someone, please make sure you inform your coaches by the Monday prior to the weekend. If you do not let us know we will appoint you to other games that you may need to decline.

Please remember as we officiate games across the southern area there will be weeks where you may be required to travel 25-30 minutes to your games, so if you need to umpire with someone remember to inform your coaches. We will accommodate requests where possible.

### **Game Day**

On match day, each game will ideally consist of 3 boundary umpires depending on the number of umpires we have available and this will be run using the 3-umpire system (more information can be found about this on the email attachments).

In the SFNL, we officiate games that commence at 2:15pm (Seniors), 12pm (Reserves) and U19's (9:30am\* may change week to week)

It is vitally important that we are punctual to our games meaning we arrive on time as well as wear the appropriate attire

Arrival Time: 1 hour before **seniors**, 45 minutes before **reserves** and 30 minutes before the **u19's**

**To game:** If you are umpiring in senior football, it is expected that you wear the SFNLUA polo top (can be ordered through icon.com with combined training top for \$50) black jeans or pants and black dress or school shoes.

**In game:** In game, it will also be expected that you wear the NEW SFNL umpiring attire; this includes green SFNL top, SFNL shorts and socks (can be ordered at training) and white/green boots or runners

On match day if you have any problems due to injury, illness or anything else of concern that will prohibit you from umpiring please contact one of the Match Day Facilitators; Harry Stamos (North MDF) or Peter Bailey (South MDF)

Finally, all the coaching staff are really excited about this year and are looking forward to what should be great 2019 season

Kind Regards,

Tim Fierenzi (SFNL Boundary Coach)

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