



# Umpire Handbook 2020

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## Head Coach Welcome

I'd like to welcome everyone to the start of a new season, which unfortunately has now been delayed.

We will endeavour to keep you posted on what will happen with Competitions but in the meantime we still need to work on keeping the fitness levels that we have gained in the pre –season, so you will receive some conditioning sessions and some coaching information as well, this way we will be prepared when the competitions do start.

We are now in our second year as a combined umpiring group for the AFL Hunter Central Coast. Again we have a full panel of coaches in all disciplines and I thank each one of them for their commitment to this group.

As Head Umpire Coach I will be working with all the coaches across both juniors and senior competitions and I am looking forward to catching up with all of you and observing you in action!




The coaching staff are here to help you learn and grow to achieve your best performances, so if you have any questions at any time please feel free to approach any one of us at any time.

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## Additional Ground Addresses

Ground	Address
Central Coast Regional Sporting & Recreation Complex (CCRSRC)	20 Lake Rd, Tuggerah
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## 2020 Junior Bylaws

2020 Bylaws are available by the QR code below. Clubs can also find a copy of the 2020 Junior Bylaws at [aflhuntercentralcoast.com.au](http://aflhuntercentralcoast.com.au), click on 'Resources' tab, then 'Policies, Rules and Regulations'.

All other relevant policies can also be found here, take a photo of the below QR code to go straight to that part of the website:

Senior Bylaws – can be found on the [aflhuntercentralcoast.com.au](http://aflhuntercentralcoast.com.au) website. Instructions as per above.



## Training

Just like a player training is important for umpires to develop their fitness, umpiring skills and knowledge of the game. It also provides an opportunity to get to know your fellow umpires and make new friends. Umpire training forms part of your level 1 accreditation, along with incentive payment. Training will run weekly on Tuesday's and Wednesday's for both Hunter and Central Coast Field Umpires, Boundary Umpires and Goal Umpires (senior focused)

### **Junior Field Umpires will train weekly upon recommencement of training**

In-Season Training is held at the following venues;

**Hunter** – Tulkaba Park, York Street, Teralba

**Central Coast** – Lisarow Sporting Precinct, Lot 2 Taylors Road, Lisarow

### **Training Times and Venues:**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Training Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Central Coast Juniors	Tuesday 5:30 – 6:30pm <b>Fortnightly</b>	Lisarow Sporting Precinct, Taylors Rd, Lisarow
Central Coast Seniors	Tuesday 6:00 – 7:00pm	Lisarow Sporting Precinct, Taylors Rd, Lisarow
Hunter Juniors	Wednesday 5:30 – 6:30pm <b>Fortnightly</b>	Tulkaba Park, York Street, Teralba
Hunter Seniors	Wednesday 6:00 – 7:00pm	Tulkaba Park, York Street, Teralba

### **Junior Satellite Training Sessions:**

This year we will be running training again at your club. All umpires are welcome to attend any clubs training. It's a way of educating umpires along with answering any questions parents, coaches or fellow team mates might have about becoming an umpire.

All club training dates will be released on a monthly basis.

\*Any changes to training will be communicated by email, text messages and facebook groups.



## Umpire Education

The AFL has a National Umpiring Accreditation Scheme which offers levels of competencies to all Field, Boundary and Goal Umpires. Umpires will undertake an online course in order to umpire games. Course cost: \$15

Umpires will then be observed by their local coaches throughout the year. Their coaches will tick off practical skill and knowledge competencies throughout the year. Once all competencies are completed, the coach will advise the AFL NSW/ACT Umpiring department who will award the umpire with their level 1 Accreditation.

Accreditation Course Link:

<https://umpireafl.trainingvc.com.au/login/index.php>

## Umpire Talent Pathway

AFL NSW/ACT offer multiple Umpire specific talent opportunities throughout the region including Next Gen, NEAFL and Sydney transition.



## Social Media

AFL NSW/ACT Umpiring Facebook and Twitter Accounts

The AFL NSW/ACT Umpiring Department has a facebook and Twitter account. Jump online and find out more about what is happening in umpiring all over NSW/ACT.



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AFLNSWACTUmpiring/>

## Preparation

### Appointments Process

Once you have registered for your local umpiring group, you will be required to set up your schedula profile/account. Go to [www.schedula.com.au](http://www.schedula.com.au)

Once set up you will need to update your availability, discuss with your training coach/appointments coordinator about the games you wish to umpire. Appointments are sent out Tuesday for approval, with final confirmation sent by email on Thursday afternoon.

The screenshot shows the 'schedula' dashboard for a user logged in as 'Emily Brown'. The dashboard includes a 'Dashboard' menu, 'Upcoming Appointments' (showing no appointments), 'News and Messages' (showing no messages), and 'Availability' settings. The availability section shows a calendar for March 2020 with a legend indicating 'Available' (green), 'Partially Available' (orange), and 'Unavailable' (grey). The calendar shows that the user is available all day Sundays.

**Upcoming Appointments**

The following table lists your upcoming appointments.

Competition	Type	Date	Time	Teams	Venue	Your Status
You have no upcoming appointments.						

**News and Messages**

There are no messages to display.

**Availability**

You have indicated that you are available all day Sundays.

Update Availability

**Legend**

- Available
- Partially Available
- Days with no colour markings means you are unavailable.

**Calendar (March 2020)**

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	
8	9	10	11	12	13	
15	16	17	18	19	20	
22	23	24	25	26	27	
29	30	31				

**Previous Appointments**

## Wet Weather

In the case of wet weather possibly affecting the weekends matches, please check your email on a Friday night. In the event of cancellation, all changes will be sent via email and/or schedula. Please reply to confirm you have received the changes.

## Match Preparation

### Arrival Times:

Junior Field – 30/45mins prior to your game start time

Senior Field – 75mins prior to your game start time

Senior Boundary and Goal – 60mins prior to your game start time

During this time, all field umpires must meet the coaches, ground manager and do any pre-game checks. All umpires must do an appropriate warm up, along with any match preparation e.g. strapping etc.

Please arrive in neat attire (NO club colours/polo's) with dark shorts/long pants. Seniors must arrive wearing long dark pants and neutral shirt. If you are an NCCUA member please refer to their arrival attire.

### What to pack for your game?

Good preparations, leads to a successful game so I'd strongly encourage all umpires to pack their bags the night before and triple check them.

Things to pack:

Appointment Details	Runners or boots
Laws Book	Yellow and Red Cards
Umpires Handbook (this book)	Pen/Pencil/Pocket Notepad
Modified Rules (in this book)	2 whistles (one on the fingers, one in your whistle pocket of your shorts)
Notepad to make notes for match reports and Reports	Wristbands
Uniform (Shirt, Shorts and Socks)	Tracksuit/towel/drink bottle/sunscreen
Water to drink before and after the game	Something to eat after the game

## Match Day Checklist – What to do and When

### Before the Game:



\*Note arrival time mentioned above is generic and all umpires should abide by the times outlined on page 10.

## At Each Break



## After the Match



\*Juniors and Seniors – Field Umpire 1 is responsible for match day paperwork (unless a report has been made) and needs to keep a copy of the team sheets, score cards for the match day paperwork – upload photos into cognito forms.

# Match Requirements

## Appendix “D” – Modifications/Junior Rules

### Zoning – Under 9, Under 10

The modified rules used in these age groups give participants the best opportunity to participate in the game of AFL. An explanation of the zoning rules are as follows:

- The field is divided into three (3) zones: forwards, midfield and backs. These players are to be rotated through all of the zones during each match to ensure that all players are given the opportunity to experience all field positions. Four (4) distinguishable markers are to be placed at the sideline to mark the end of each zone.
- Forwards are the only players who are permitted to kick a score. These players are to wear a clearly identifiable armband to indicate that they are forward players. Should a midfield zone player kick the ball through the goal posts, no score shall be acknowledged, and play is to restart in the same fashion as when the ball goes out of bounds.
- It is important to understand that the marking of zones is to help both player and umpire understand where players should be. It is not an 'offside' marker as is the case in Netball, rather an indication that a player is close to the end of a zone. A player shall be given a small amount of leeway over the zone line to dispose of the ball. The Umpire and team coach shall communicate with players and attempt to ensure that the use of any leeway is kept to a minimum.
- Players are unable to take full possession of the ball at the start of play or the recommencement of play around the ground. The umpire should use different players from the zone that play is in to contest the bounce.
- The enjoyment of the players is paramount in the conduct of all matches in these age groups.

### Spirit of the Game – Applicable to all age groups

Before the start of play:

- All players, coaches and umpires should gather on the ground and shake hands
- The umpire and coaches should ensure that players are aware of the rules & procedures to be followed in the conduct of the game

The spirit of the game is to give all available players a game of football. Therefore:

- Where difficulty occurs fielding full numbers, both coaches must agree to even up player numbers
- Excess players should be given to the opposition team if they are unable to field the required numbers

The Umpire should at all times:

- Endeavour to apply the rules of the game while preferring to award free kicks to players in preference to calling ball ups
- Understand that the spirit of the AFL junior match rules for each age group is to enable all players to gather possession and that “the player in possession of the ball should be given every opportunity to kick or handball”
- Attempt to involve all players as the opportunities arise, particularly when indicating which players are to receive a free kick in the Junior Age groups (Under 12 and below)



	<b>MIXED/BOYS UNDER 9/10</b>	<b>MIXED/BOYS UNDER 11/12</b>
Ground size	100m x 80m	110m x 80m (Minimum. Can be increased by agreement)
Zones	Ground divided into three equal Zones. Only forwards can score.	Not Applicable
Players	Minimum 6 – Maximum 15 (Maximum 12 on field, Match Number 12)	Minimum 9 – Maximum 21 (Maximum 15 on field, Match Number 15)
Ball	Size 2 (Synthetic or Leather)	Size 3 (Synthetic or Leather)
Quarter Duration	4 x 10 minutes	4 x 15 minutes
Quarter Breaks	4 minutes – 4 minutes – 4 minutes	4 minutes – 7 minutes – 4 minutes
Scoring	No Scoring, Ladders or Finals	Scoring, Ladders & Finals Permitted
Mercy Rule	Not Applicable	60 Points
Results	No Recording of Best Players or Goalkickers	No Recording of Best Players or Goalkickers
Tackling	Modified Tackling. A player in possession of the ball may be tackled by an opponent wrapping both arms around the opponent. The player may not be taken to the ground in the act of tackling.	Allowed. No player to be deliberately slung, dumped or thrown to the ground in any tackle
Bumping	No Bumping	Bumping is allowed
Stealing the Ball	No Stealing the Ball	Stealing the Ball is allowed
Barging	No Barging	Barging is allowed
Smothering	No Smothering	Smothering is allowed
Fend Off	No Fending Off	Fend offs are allowed
Shepherding	No Shepherding	Shepherding is allowed
Bouncing the Ball	1 Bounce Maximum	2 Bounce Maximum
Kicking off the Ground	No Kicking off the Ground (unless accidental)	No Kicking off the Ground (unless accidental)
Ball Ups	Nominated Players of a similar height. Only Centre Players allowed within 20 metres of ball up. All other player to be sent away from the area. No Full Possession from Ball up – Player must knock the ball to a team mate and may not play the ball again until it has either hit the ground or another player has taken possession.	Any Player. Only Centre Players allowed within 20 metres of centre ball up. All other player to be sent away from the area. No Full Possession from Ball up – Player must knock the ball to a team mate and may not play the ball again until it has either hit the ground or another player has taken possession.
Throw In	No Throw in. Free kick to opposition if ball crosses the line from a kick, Ball up 5m in from boundary if off hands	Throw in is replaced by a ball up 5m from the boundary
Marking	Any distance, player must show control	10 Metres distance, Player must catch the ball directly
Distance Penalty	25 Metres	25 Metres
Deliberately Rushed Behind	No Free Kick	No Free Kick
Coaching	On field Coaching permitted (No Runner Allowed)	Sideline Coaching permitted



	<b>BOYS UNDER 13/14</b>	<b>BOYS UNDER 15/16/17</b>
Ground size	Standard Field Size	Standard Field Size
Players	Minimum 12 – Maximum 24 (Maximum 18 on field, Match Number 16)	Minimum 12 – Maximum 24 (Maximum 18 on field, Match Number 16)
Ball	Size 4 (Leather)	Size 5 (Leather)
Quarter Duration	4 x 15 minutes	4 x 20 minutes
Quarter Breaks	4 minutes – 7 minutes – 4 minutes	4 minutes – 7 minutes – 4 minutes
Scoring	Scoring, Ladders & Finals Permitted	Scoring, Ladders & Finals Permitted
Mercy Rule	60 Points	90 Points
Results	Recording of Best Players and Goalkickers Permitted by club	Recording of Best Players and Goalkickers Permitted by club
Tackling	Allowed. No player to be deliberately slung, dumped or thrown to the ground in any tackle	As per the Laws of Australian Football
Throw In	Throw in is replaced by a ball up 5m from the boundary	Throw in by attacking player if no boundary umpires are appointed or available
Marking	As per the Laws of Australian Football	As per the Laws of Australian Football
Distance Penalty	50 Metres	50 Metres
Deliberately Rushed Behind	No Free Kick	As per the Laws of Australian Football
Coaching	Sideline Coaching permitted	Sideline Coaching permitted

	<b>YOUTH GIRLS UNDER 10</b>	<b>YOUTH GIRLS UNDER 11/12</b>
Ground size	80m x 60m (can be increased to 100 x 80m by agreement)	100m x 80m
Zones	Ground divided into three equal Zones. Only Forwards can score	Not Applicable
Players	Minimum 6 – Maximum 15 (Maximum 12 on field, Match Number 12)	Minimum 6 – Maximum 17 (Maximum 12 on field, Match Number 12)
Ball	Size 2 (Synthetic)	Size 3 (Synthetic)
Quarter Duration	4 x 10 minutes	4 x 10 minutes
Quarter Breaks	4 minutes – 4 minutes – 4 minutes	4 minutes – 4 minutes – 4 minutes
Scoring	No Scoring, Ladders or Finals	Scoring, Ladders & Finals Permitted
Mercy Rule	N/A	60 Points
Results	No Recording of Best Players or Goalkickers	No Recording of Best Players or Goalkickers
Tackling	Modified Tackling. A player in possession of the ball may be tackled by an opponent wrapping both arms around the opponent. The player may not be taken to the ground in the act of tackling.	Modified Tackling. A player in possession of the ball may be tackled by an opponent wrapping both arms around the opponent. The player may not be taken to the ground in the act of tackling.
Bumping	No Bumping	No Bumping
Stealing the Ball	No Stealing the Ball	No Stealing the Ball
Barging	No Barging	No Barging
Smothering	No Smothering	No Smothering
Fend Off	No Fending Off	No Fending Off
Shepherding	No Shepherding	No Shepherding
Bouncing the Ball	1 Bounce Maximum	1 Bounce Maximum
Kicking off the Ground	No Kicking off the Ground (unless accidental)	No Kicking off the Ground (unless accidental)
Ball Ups	Nominated Players of a similar height. Only Centre Players allowed within 20 metres of ball up. All other player to be sent away from the area. No Full Possession from Ball up – Player must knock the ball to a team mate and may not play the ball again until it has either hit the ground or another player has taken possession.	Nominated Players of a similar height. Only Centre Players allowed within 20 metres of ball up. All other player to be sent away from the area. No Full Possession from Ball up – Player must knock the ball to a team mate and may not play the ball again until it has either hit the ground or another player has taken possession.
Throw In	Throw in is replaced by a ball up 5m from the boundary	Throw in is replaced by a ball up 5m from the boundary
Marking	Any distance, player must make reasonable attempt	Any distance, player must show control
Distance Penalty	25 Metres	25 Metres
Deliberately Rushed Behind	No Free Kick	No Free Kick
Coaching	On Field Coaching (No Runner Allowed)	On field Coaching permitted for Rounds 1-4, then Sideline Coaching

	<b>YOUTH GIRLS UNDER 13/14/15</b>	<b>YOUTH GIRLS UNDER 17</b>
Ground size	<b>110m x 80m field (Minimum).</b> If both teams have 13 or more players on the team sheet, the match <b>must</b> be played on a standard size field. (Refer to AFL Laws of the game: Standard field is a minimum 135*110)	Standard Field Size  (Refer to AFL Laws of the game: Standard field is a minimum 135*110m)
Zones	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Players	Minimum 9 – Maximum 22 (Maximum 16 on field, Match Number 15)	Minimum 7 – Maximum 22 (Maximum 16 on field, Match Number 15)
Ball	Size 4 (Leather)	Size 4 (Leather)
Quarter Duration	4 x 15 minutes	4 x 15 minutes
Quarter Breaks	4 minutes – 7 minutes – 4 minutes	4 minutes – 7 minutes – 4 minutes
Scoring	Scoring, Ladders & Finals Permitted	Scoring, Ladders & Finals Permitted
Mercy Rule	60 Points	60 Points
Results	Recording of Best Players and Goalkickers is Permitted by club	Recording of Best Players and Goalkickers is Permitted by club
Tackling	Allowed. No player to be deliberately slung, dumped or thrown to the ground in any tackle	Allowed. No player to be deliberately slung, dumped or thrown to the ground in any tackle
Bumping	Bumping is allowed	Bumping is allowed
Stealing the Ball	Stealing the Ball is allowed	Stealing the Ball is allowed
Barging	Barging is allowed	Barging is allowed
Smothering	Smothering is allowed	Smothering is allowed
Fend Off	Fend offs are allowed	Fend offs are allowed
Shepherding	Shepherding is allowed	Shepherding is allowed
Bouncing the Ball	2 Bounce Maximum	As per the Laws of Australian Football
Kicking off the Ground	Kicking off the Ground Permitted	Kicking off the Ground Permitted
Ball Ups	Any Player. Only Centre Players allowed within 20 metres of centre ball up. All other player to be sent away from the area.  No Full Possession from Ball up – Player must knock the ball to a team mate and may not play the ball again until it has either hit the ground or another player has taken possession.	As per the Laws of Australian Football – Junior Modification (Prior Opportunity)
Throw In	Throw in is replaced by a ball up 5m from the boundary	Throw in by attacking player if no boundary umpires are appointed or available
Marking	10 Metres distance, Player must show control	10 Metres distance, direct catch
Distance Penalty	25 Metres	25 Metres
Deliberately Rushed Behind	No Free Kick	No Free Kick
Coaching	Sideline Coaching permitted	Sideline Coaching permitted

# Match Day Roles - Clubs

## Ground Managers

The Ground Manager is responsible for all Football Operations matters on home match days including supervising and assisting with the setting up of the Club operational facilities on match days. The Ground Manager is also the match day “director” and principal point of liaison between Coaches, Team Managers, Umpires and spectators.

### ROLE TASKS:

Specific tasks that the Ground Manager will discharge are as follows:

Supervise and assist with the establishment of the Ground Management infrastructure on home match days including:

- Ground layout, putting out promotional and information signage, Establishing the timekeeper location with required infrastructure including desk, protective fencing, siren, stationery and PA system, Erecting the scoreboard, Replacing protective padding on all goal posts
- Inspecting the ground before the commencement of play to establish safety i.e. removing sticks and other foreign objects that may cause harm or injury, making sure the playing surface is clear and flat.
- Ensure the appropriate mandatory ‘Match Day Check List’ is completed before games commence and if conditions change as part of the clubs’ risk management approach
- In conjunction with a member of the Club committee making sure that the policies of the Council in relation to use of the Ground are given effect to especially the wet weather policy.

Acting as the principal point of contact for Team Managers and Coaches and ensuring that:

- Completed Team sheets are lodged by both Teams prior to quarter time in each match.
- Check coaches have been selected on the team sheet, prior to printing it off. To have a coach handwritten on the team sheet, could mean that they are not accredited
- Team Managers/Coaches complete all League forms in relation to Club and Ground assessment are completed and lodged
- Ensure all games run strictly according to the published timetable.
- The scoreboard for each match is attended and kept up to date during the progress of the match.
- The results for all matches for each days play are entered onto the Footyweb site by no later than 24 hours after Sunday’s play.
- Inputting match day paperwork into the HCC online system
- Scores are entered as per the mercy rule ‘if applicable’
- Be across the mercy rule procedure as outlined in the Bylaws (section 4.2).
- Overseeing spectator behaviour at all home matches, take appropriate action to “manage” any situations that might arise in conjunction with any available member of the club committee
- Ensuring that only people listed on the team sheet are on the oval either during the game (runner, water carrier), or during breaks (coach, team manager etc).
- Umpires are “looked after” properly at each match. I.e. drinks, facilities, forms, equipment, personally escort the umpires onto and from the field of play during game time.
- Supervising and assisting with the dismounting and storage of equipment at the end of all Scheduled home matches.

## Timekeeper

AFL HCC recommends clubs have a timekeeper for each game that is separate to the Ground Manager. This is in case the ground manager has other things/issues needing to be dealt with, there is always someone watching the time. It is also suggested the opposition team supply a timekeeper for each game also. The role is to act as the official keeper of time for the duration of the match.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Keep time for each quarter of the match
- Record information on timekeeper report – times of quarters, red and yellow cards etc.
- Lodge completed timekeeper report with the Ground manager after the game has finished for uploading with match day paperwork.
- Sound the siren in accordance with the procedures contained in the association / league rules and regulations
- Stop the clock used for timing of each quarter as required by the association / league rules and regulations
- Perform any other function as may be directed

## **Team Manager**

- To ensure all off field football matters are dealt with efficiently and in a timely manner for the team managers grade of competition.
- Provide administrative support to the coach and any football staff.
- Arrange the required support staff for games to take place i.e. ERC if applicable
- Support the coaching staff to make sure the required administrative and support arrangements are in place.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Ensure the coach and players are provided with sufficient equipment to ensure the efficient operation of the team
- Ensure all players are either currently registered with the League or has an approved clearance from previous Club
- Provide the Secretary with a list, in jumper number order, of all players and keep all players lists updated as every change is made
- Check jumpers are in good order at all times and have appropriate sponsors logos attached if required
- Ensure other support staff has been appointed and are in attendance as required
- Ensure the integrity of best and fairest voting in accordance with their Club policy (if applicable)

## **GAME DAY RESPONSIBILITIES**

The following list of duties is intended to be used as a guide to assist Team Managers in completion of their duties each Saturday. Duties may be varied to reflect an individual's time commitment or the role as negotiated with the team Coach.

- Team sheets – produced in footyweb and 3 copies printed on the day (one for home team, one for away team and one for umpires/timekeeper)
- Complete, sign and give team sheets to umpire in accordance with league rules.
- Ensure all players named on team sheet including runner and trainers and water carriers are registered.
- Full names are required, first and surname.
- Jumper number assigned to each player on the team sheet
- Club best & fairest votes (if applicable)
- Players property
- Liaise with your club and opposition to see if boundary and goal umpires are to be arranged as required
- All club umpires are to be correctly attired according to league regulations.
- Ensure player's drinks are on hand at all times (liaise with trainers on the provision of drinks).
- Liaise with trainers to ensure sufficient equipment are on hand.
- Prior to home matches, ball is to be given to the umpire for inspection.
- Ensure ball is returned after the completion of the match.
- Liaise with Ground manager for home games to see if the organisation of scoreboard attendant is needed.
- Determine, with appropriate football staff, best player awards for the team side
- Prepare awards for distribution

- Check with umpires within 10 minutes of finish of game that there were no reports (“all Clear”).
- If reports collect report and return to Secretary and advise any player involved that he/she will be required to attend the tribunal.

## Runner

To assist coach on match day by delivering messages to players during the match.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- To deliver messages from the coach to players whilst each quarter is in progress.
- To deliver the message as quickly as possible and return to the coaches box immediately.
- The runner must not loiter on the ground.
- The runner must not interfere with any players or officials throughout the game
- The runner must be correctly attired in accordance with league requirements

Each Team is permitted to use a maximum of one (1) team runner. Team runners are not required to enter the field via the interchange area.

- a. No team runners are permitted on the field in Under 9’s or Under 10’s Mixed or Youth Girls games due to coaches being permitted to coach on field.
- b. In the case whereby a coach is unable to coach from the field due to medical reasons a nominated official can complete this role, provided they are on the team sheet.

Runners are permitted to enter the field at any stage throughout the match (variation from 2020 AFL Laws of the Game).

## Umpires Match Day Paperwork

Please ensure you're reminding one of the field umpires to fill out the Umpires Matchday paperwork. Its best to ask them to fill it out prior to payment being offered. Link to the form is below but can also be found on [aflhuntercentralcoast.com.au](http://aflhuntercentralcoast.com.au) and click on 'Resources', then 'Match Day Paperwork'.

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/AFLHunterCentralCoast/AFLHunterCentralCoastJuniorUmpireMatchReport>

If for any age groups you don't have an allocated Field Umpire from the league, please have the club person who acted as the Field Umpire to fill this form out. This is the form where Best and Fairest votes (from U13 and up) is filled in, as well as other important questions, so it's important to have it filled out for every game.

Take a photo of the QR code below and will take you to the Umpire form:



### AFL Hunter Central Coast Junior Umpire Match Report

**Competition \***

**Home Team Name (e.g. Black, Blue etc)**

**Away Team Name (e.g. Black, Blue etc)**

**Was the proper match ball supplied? \***

**Who was your match mentor?**

As Per By Laws



## Umpire Payments

The League would have provided you with an Umpire Sign on Sheet that clubs can use to have umpires sign in to receive their payment. This form is then uploaded with the Club Match Day Paperwork after the last game (and would have all umpires from all games from that day on it). Umpire costs for 2020 are:

Junior Umpire Payment Rates for 2019/20 AFLHCC Seasons				
Junior Age Group	Rates Single Field Umpire	Rates Two Umpires	Rates Three Umpires	2019/20
	Base Rate (per match)	Base Rate (per match)	Base Rate (per match)	Incentive Payment (per match)
Under 9 & 10	\$25	\$20		\$3
Under 11 & 12	\$35	\$25		\$3
<b>Youth Age Group</b>				
Under 13 & 14	\$60	\$40		\$5
Under 15 & 16	\$70	\$50	\$50	\$5
Under 17	\$80	\$60	\$60	\$5
Youth Girls Under 14/15	\$60	\$40		\$5
Youth Girls Under 16/17	\$70	\$50		\$5
Boundary		\$15		\$3
Goal		\$10		\$3



Junior Umpire Rates for AFLHCC Final Series		
Semi & Preliminary Finals		
	Base Rate (per match)	Incentive Payment (per match)
Field Umpires (2 Umpires)	Same as Home & Away Fees	\$5
Field Umpires (3 Umpires)		\$5
Boundary Umpires (2) – U15+	\$25	\$5
Boundary Umpires (4) – U15+	\$20	\$5

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Schedule A - Rates for 2019/20 AFLHCC Seasons			
Black Diamond Cup	Rates per person	2019	2020
	Base Rate (per match)	Incentive Payment (per match)	Incentive Payment (per match)
Field – 3 Umpires	\$100	\$33	\$35
Field – 2 Umpires	\$130	\$42	\$45
Boundary	\$75	\$24	\$26
Goal	\$60	\$18	\$20
<b>Black Diamond Cup Reserves &amp; Cup Women's</b>			
Field	\$60	\$19	\$25
Boundary	\$40	\$11	\$17
Goal	\$35	\$9	\$13
<b>Black Diamond Plate Men's &amp; Plate Women's</b>			
Field	\$50	\$18	\$20
Boundary	\$35	\$11	\$13
Goal	\$30	\$9	\$11

Rates for AFLHCC Final Series				
Black Diamond Cup	No of Officials	Payment per Official (Does not include Incentive Payments)		
		Base Rate (per match)		
		Semi Finals	Prelim Finals	Grand Final
Field	3	\$120	\$135	\$175
Boundary	3	\$95	\$110	\$145
Goal	2	\$75	\$85	\$110
Emergency	1	\$50	\$60	\$70
Interchange Steward	1	\$25	\$25	\$25
<b>Black Diamond Cup Reserves &amp; Cup Women's</b>				
Field	3	\$75	\$85	\$110
Boundary	2	\$55	\$65	\$80
Goal	2	\$45	\$50	\$65
Emergency	1	\$40	\$50	\$60
Interchange Steward	1	\$25	\$25	\$25
<b>Black Diamond Plate Men's &amp; Plate Women's</b>				
Field	3	\$65	\$75	\$90
Boundary	2	\$50	\$55	\$70
Goal	2	\$40	\$45	\$60
Emergency	1	\$30	\$40	\$50
Interchange Steward	1	\$25	\$25	\$25

Incentive Rates for AFLHCC Final Series				
Black Diamond Cup	No of Officials	Incentive Payments per Official		
		2020		
		Semi Finals	Prelim Finals	Grand Final
Field	3	\$42	\$49	\$65
Boundary	3	\$35	\$40	\$54
Goal	2	\$28	\$31	\$41
Emergency	1	\$21	\$25	\$30
<b>Black Diamond Cup Reserves &amp; Cup Women's</b>				
Field	3	\$28	\$32	\$43
Boundary	2	\$25	\$30	\$36
Goal	2	\$20	\$24	\$28
Emergency	1	\$17	\$20	\$22
<b>Black Diamond Plate Men's &amp; Plate Women's</b>				
Field	3	\$26	\$29	\$40
Boundary	2	\$19	\$22	\$30
Goal	2	\$15	\$17	\$24
Emergency	1	\$15	\$17	\$21

Note: The maximum payment for Club Umpires officiating in AFLHCC Home and Away games shall be as follows:

Club Field Umpires - \$50

Club Boundary Umpires - \$25

Club Goal Umpires - \$15

## Footballs

Team managers/Ground managers from the Home club need to have match balls available for the Umpires. A spare ball to sit at the Ground Managers desk.

Age group	Size
U9/U10 Boys/Mixed	Size 2
U11/U12 Boys/Mixed	Size 3
U13 Boys/Mixed	Size 4
U15/U17 Boys	Size 5
U10 Youth Girls	Size 2
U11/U12 Youth Girls	Size 3
U13/U14/U15/U17 YG	Size 4
Senior Women's	Size 4
Senior Men's	Size 5

## Match Day Bibs

Ground Managers to ensure team officials from both teams are wearing the correct bibs/identification. Umpires will need to easily identify those with a match day role.

### Mandatory

Match Official	Bib Colour
Coach	Blue
Team Manager	Maroon
Ground Manager	Gold
Medical (First Aid)	Pink
ERC	Red

### Recommended:

Match Official	Bib Colour
Runner	Pink
Water Carrier	White
Goal Umpire	White
Boundary Umpire	White

Teams have till round 4 to ensure the mandatory bibs are fulfilled and worn at each match day.

## Match Duration

Age Group	Quarter Length (No Time On)	Quarter Time	Half Time	Three Quarter Time
U9	10 Minutes	4 Minutes	4 Minutes	4 Minutes
U11	15 Minutes	4 Minutes	7 Minutes	4 Minutes
U13	15 Minutes	4 Minutes	7 Minutes	4 Minutes
U15/17	20 Minutes	4 Minutes	7 Minutes	4 Minutes
Youth Girls U10/U11/U12	10 Minutes	4 Minutes	4 Minutes	4 Minutes
Youth Girls U13/U14/U15/U17	15 Minutes	4 Minutes	7 Minutes	4 Minutes
Black Diamond - Cup Women's - Plate Men's - Plate Women's - Shield Men's	20 Minutes	5 Minutes	15 Minutes	5 Minutes
Black Diamond Cup Men's	25 Minutes	5 Minutes	15 Minutes	5 Minutes

Timekeepers shall sound a siren One (1) Minute prior to the scheduled completion of each break. The HOST club and Umpires shall ensure strict adherence to the quarter breaks. Coaches shall give all Quarter Time, Half Time and Three Quarter Time addresses on the field of play, outside of the centre square

## Reports

As per Appendix 'A' of the HCC Junior Bylaws, the League has adopted the State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines for the purposes of dealing with Reportable Offences. Section 5 of the State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines contains grading templates (see below) for various classifications of offences and outlines the prescribed penalties which can be offered to reported Players (where applicable).

The system will not apply to Officials who are reported. Those Reports will be heard by the Tribunal.

Umpires shall report and charge Players in the usual manner. The reporting Umpire shall complete the Player Report Form template and forward it to the League by 10.00 am on the Monday immediately following the Match (where reasonably practicable).

Team managers should be checking in with umpires post game to get the 'all clear' on any reports. If a player is reported the umpire should be letting the Ground Manager know or direct to the player, but it is recommended the team manager to also let the player know, to ensure the player hasn't left the ground without knowing they have been reported.

Once the Player Report Form and Report Template has been received, the League's Football Operations Team will process the report and decide whether:

1. the offence by the Player is suitable for determination under the Prescribed Penalty System; or
2. the Report should be referred to the Tribunal for determination.

If the offence and/or Player is suitable for determination under the Prescribed Penalty System, the prescribed penalty shall be offered to the Player (via the Club) on the Monday following the Match in which the Player was reported.

The Player (either directly or via the Club) shall notify the League of the acceptance or refusal to accept the set penalty by no later than 4.00pm on the Tuesday following the Match in which the Player was reported (or at a later date as reasonably prescribed by the League if the prescribed penalty was provided later than Monday).

If accepted, the penalty shall be recorded against the player's record kept by the League. If the prescribed penalty is rejected the Report shall be referred to the Tribunal for hearing at a time to be advised by the League.

(see below for excerpts from the State and Territory Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT in regard to grading of reportable offences). For a copy of the guidelines, visit [aflhuntercentralcoast.com.au](http://aflhuntercentralcoast.com.au), click on 'Resources; and then 'Policies, Rules and Regulations'

<http://aflhuntercentralcoast.com.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2019/03/State-and-Territory-Tribunal-Guidelines-2019-NSW-ACT-Final.pdf>

## 5.2 Classifiable Offences

### (a) Which Reportable Offences are Classifiable Offences?

Classifiable Offences are those Reportable Offences (specified in the table below) which may be graded by a Panel in order to determine an appropriate base sanction for that offence.

Classifiable Offences
Charging
Unreasonable or Unnecessary Contact to the Eye Region
Forceful Front-On Contact
Headbutt or Contact Using Head
Kicking
Kneeling
Rough Conduct
Scratching
Striking
Tripping
Unreasonable or Unnecessary Contact to the Face

### (b) Grading Classifiable Offences

A Panel may grade Classifiable Offences in accordance with the following table:

Conduct	Impact	Contact	Base Sanction	Early Guilty Plea
Intentional	Severe	High/Groin	5+ Matches (Tribunal)	N/A
		Body	4+ Matches (Tribunal)	N/A
	High	High/Groin	4 Matches	3 Matches
		Body	3 Matches	2 Matches
	Medium	High/Groin	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Body	2 Matches	1 Match
	Low	High/Groin	2 Matches	1 Match
		Body	1 Match	Reprimand
Careless	Severe	High/Groin	4+ Matches (Tribunal)	N/A
		Body	3+ Matches (Tribunal)	N/A
	High	High/Groin	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Body	2 Matches	1 Match
	Medium	High/Groin	2 Matches	1 Match
		Body	1 Match	Reprimand
	Low	High/Groin	1 Match	Reprimand
		Body	1 Match	Reprimand

A Panel may at its absolute discretion determine that the offence ought to be referred directly to the Tribunal on the basis that it is a Classifiable Offence which attracts a base sanction that the Panel finds inappropriate (see Direct Tribunal Offences in section 5.3(a)).



## 5.5 Auditory Offences

In the case of Auditory Offences the umpire may grade the offence in accordance with the following matrix:

Comments Were	Comments Directed	Conduct	Base Sanction	Early Plea
Loud *	At Umpire	Threat	Tribunal	NA
		Abusive / Obscene	4 matches	3 matches
		Insulting	3 matches	2 matches
	At another person	Threat	Tribunal	NA
		Abusive / Obscene	3 matches	2 matches
		Insulting	2 matches	1 match
Medium**	At Umpire	Threat	Tribunal	NA
		Abusive / Obscene	3 matches	2 matches
		Insulting	3 matches	2 matches
	At another Person	Threat / Obscene	3 matches	2 matches
		Abusive / Obscene	2 matches	1 match
		Insulting	1 matches	Reprimand
Low ***	At Umpire	Threat	Tribunal	NA
		Abusive / Obscene	3 matches	2 matches
		Insulting	2 matches	1 match
	At another Person	Threat / Obscene	3 matches	2 matches
		Abusive / Obscene	2 matches	1 match
		Insulting	1 match	Reprimand
Threat / Obscene = If Player <u>Unrepentant</u> add 1 match to Base Sanction and Early Plea				
* = Could be heard more than 50 metres				
** = Could be heard less than 50 metres				
*** = Could be heard less than 10 metres -Conversational				

### Auditory Definitions

- i. **Threatening** displaying an intention to cause bodily harm or causing someone to feel vulnerable or at risk.
- ii. **Obscene/Abusive** – extremely offensive, foul or disgusting.
- iii. **Insulting** – disrespectful or scornfully abusive.

## Suspended Players / Coaches / Officials

Any suspended Player, Coach or Official is an ineligible person and will not be allowed to fulfil any Official role including any official "on field" capacity in any Competition Match for the duration of their suspension.

Any suspended Coach is prohibited from, during the period of suspension, to:

- (i) displaying signs of coaching, which includes communicating to the Players, assistant Coach or Coaches, runners, water carriers, trainers etc, before or during the match;
- (ii) entering the playing arena at any stage during the match;
- (iii) being within twenty twenty-five (25) metres from the teams' interchange bench during the match; or
- (iv) entering the change rooms before or during the match, including half time.

## Citings by Clubs

As per section 14.8 of the bylaws, where a Club wishes to lodge a complaint against a Player or Official for an alleged "on field" offence (a citing), such complaint must be noted on the appropriate League Incident Referral Form (see sample Appendix 'B' in the Bylaws) which must be lodged in writing with the League no later than midday on the second business day after the incident out of which the complaint arises.

An Incident Referral Form must be submitted for each citing. An intermediate advice on the incident form may be initially emailed with the written lodgement to follow as required.

- a. **This By-Law provides a means for the investigation of serious incidents which escaped the attention of Umpires.**
- b. **A serious incident for definition is a matter which may draw a base sanction of more than three (3) matches in accordance with the grading table contained in the State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines NSW/ACT 2020, or as otherwise determined by the Competition Management Committee, based on the recommendation of the investigating officer.**

In the event a Club requests extra time to prepare the Incident Referral Form, the Competition Management Committee may, after receiving a notice of intent within the time requirements of By-Law 14.8 (A), extend the deadline to Thursday 5.00pm following the incident.

Any and each such citing by a Club must be accompanied by a five hundred (500) dollar citing fee which may be forfeited should the Competition Management Committee deem in its ultimate discretion the complaint to be frivolous. The citing fee shall be paid by cheque or be evidenced as paid by attaching to the Incident Referral Form evidence that the citing fee has been electronically or deposited manually to the League's bank account. The Competition Management Committee will, at its absolute discretion, determine whether the fee will be reimbursed in part or full to the Club lodging the citing at the conclusion of the matter.

The Competition Management Committee shall decide whether the matter should be referred to the Tribunal for consideration. The person against whom such a complaint is lodged will be notified in writing of his or her rights (via Club Secretary or President) and the procedures to be followed for the investigation. Each of the Clubs concerned will receive a copy of such correspondence.

Allegations relating to the conduct of Matches involving persons other than Players or Officials will be dealt with by a Code of Conduct Committee as designated by the League in accordance with Bylaw 14.8 (A) to 14.8 (C).

## AFL NSW/ACT Code of Conduct

As per Appendix 'A' of the AFL NSW/ACT Regulations, below is the Code of Conduct. Each person at a Match must comply with the Code of Conduct. It is the host Club's responsibility to ensure the Code of Conduct is implemented and enforced against all spectators.

1. The Code of Conduct aims to promote and strengthen the reputation of Australian Football in NSW and the ACT by establishing a standard of performance, behaviour and professionalism for its participants and stakeholders. It also seeks to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all participants and stakeholders and deter conduct that could impair confidence in the honest and professional conduct of Matches or in the integrity and good character of its participants.

### 2. This Code of Conduct:

- (a) forms part of the AFL NSW/ACT Regulations and applies to the conduct and behaviour of Leagues, Clubs, Players and Officials;
- (b) applies to all forms of Australian Football under AFL NSW/ACT's jurisdiction;
- (c) continues to apply to a participant even after that participant's association, registration, employment or engagement has ended, if that participant breached this Code of Conduct while a current participant; and
- (d) does not limit or restrict the application of the AFL or AFL NSW/ACT Rules and Regulations and the State & Territory Tribunal Guidelines, State & Territory Disciplinary Committee Guidelines, Member Protection Policy, AFL Vilification and Discrimination Policy or Anti-Doping Policy.



### **3. The Scope of the Code of Conduct**

- (a)** The Code of Conduct does not govern Reportable Offences, the Order-Off Rule, or Citations.
- (b)** Where an incident may constitute both a Reportable Offence or a breach of the Code of Conduct, the charge of a Reportable Offence will take precedence. An individual must not be penalised under both the Prescribed Penalty System and the Code of Conduct.
- (c)** The Code of Conduct may be supplemented by additional codes of behaviour or procedures as imposed by a League or Club, provided that they are not inconsistent with the terms of this Code of Conduct.
- (d)** Clubs are responsible for the behaviour and conduct of its Players, Officials, Coaches and Supporters.

### **4. Application of the Member Protection Policy**

- (a)** The Member Protection Policy aims to promote ethical and informed decision-making and responsible behaviours within Australian Football by setting out the standards of behaviour that the AFL requires of all individuals associated with Australian Football.
- (b)** The Member Protection Policy applies to individual persons who are reasonably connected with the Football Bodies, or 'members', including, but not limited to:
  - i.** Any 'person' as that term is defined in clause 1 of the AFL Player Rules and Regulations, as well as any other natural person or body corporate otherwise contemplated in the AFL Player Rules and Regulations whether they are in a paid or unpaid/voluntary capacity insofar as this does not conflict with the AFL Player Rules and Regulations; and
  - ii.** With respect to the Football Bodies, all people under the purview of the Football Body, whether they are in a paid or unpaid capacity, including, but not limited to:
    - 1.** Individuals sitting on boards, committees and sub-committees;
    - 2.** Employees and volunteers;
    - 3.** Support personnel (eg managers, physiotherapists, psychologists, masseurs, sport trainers);
    - 4.** Coaches and assistant Coaches;
    - 5.** Players;
    - 6.** Umpires and other Officials;
    - 7.** Members, including life members;
    - 8.** Affiliated Clubs;
    - 9.** Any other person or organisation that is a member of or affiliated to the AFL of Affiliated State & Territory Body; and
    - 10.** Parents, guardians, spectators, and sponsors to the full extent that is possible.
- (c)** In the event of an inconsistency, the Member Protection Policy will take precedence over this Code of Conduct.

### **5. Players and Officials**

Each Player and Official must:

- (a)** Not bring the game of Australian Football, the AFL, AFL NSW/ACT or the League or the Club into disrepute;
- (b)** Participate in Competition Matches in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football;
- (c)** Respect the spirit of the Laws of Australian Football and fair play, and behave accordingly;
- (d)** Display and foster respect for Umpires, opponents, Coaches, administrators, Officials, parents and spectators;
- (e)** Never to argue with or dispute a decision of an Official or Umpire. If a Participant disagrees with a decision, they should deal with their dispute in accordance with the relevant Rules, Regulations, Policies and Determinations;
- (f)** Control their emotions, and not engage in verbal abuse of or swearing at or in the vicinity of others, sledging Players and/or Coaches or behaviour that deliberately distracts or provokes an opponent;
- (g)** Comply with the AFL and AFL NSW/ACT Rules and Regulations including the National Member Protection Policy, the League By-Laws and this Code of Conduct;
- (h)** Never engage in any type of violence either on or off the field;
- (i)** Contribute to a safe sporting environment and respectful culture which is accepting of individual differences, and behave accordingly;
- (j)** Cooperate with their Club Officials, Coaches and team-mates;
- (k)** Participate for their own enjoyment and benefit and for the enjoyment and benefit of their teammates, Coaches and Club Officials;

- (l)** Comply with and observe the AFL Vilification and Discrimination Policy including respecting the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion;
- (m)** Not engage in conduct that is (in AFL NSW/ACT's reasonable opinion), unethical, unbecoming or likely to cause harm to the reputation of the Participant, the AFL, AFL NSW/ACT, the League, the Club or Australian Football;
- (n)** Not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media;
- (o)** Not make or post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about Players, Clubs, Umpires, Officials, the AFL, AFL NSW/ACT or the League. Social media includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as, but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, websites and blogs);
- (p)** Use appropriately the facilities and equipment made available for administration, coaching, training, Competition Matches and events, including facilities provided by the opposing teams; and
- (q)** Comply with and observe the AFL Anti-Doping Code and any relevant Illicit Drugs policies.

## **6. Parents and Supporters**

Each Parent and Supporter must:

- (a)** Support the participants and enjoy the Match;
- (b)** Encourage participation, but don't force it;
- (c)** Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning;
- (d)** Not ridicule mistakes or losses;
- (e)** Lead by example and respect all Players, Coaches, Umpires, Officials and spectators. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated;
- (f)** Recognise all volunteers who give up their valuable time;
- (g)** Not publicly criticise Umpires and instead raise personal concerns with Club Officials in private;
- (h)** Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as many such comments are politically incorrect and it is your Coach, team-mates, Club and family that are let down with such remarks;
- (i)** Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing Clubs;
- (j)** Not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any Player, Official, Umpire or supporter;
- (k)** Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, Coaches, Officials or Players;
- (l)** Not use abusive language;
- (m)** Not to enter the field of play in any sanctioned Competition Match unless granted permission by an Official to do so;
- (n)** Not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media;
- (o)** Not make or post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about Players, Clubs, Umpires, Officials, the AFL, AFL NSW/ACT or the League. Social media includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, websites and blogs).

## **7. Ground Manager**

**(a)** In maintaining the Code of Conduct, the Ground Manager shall:

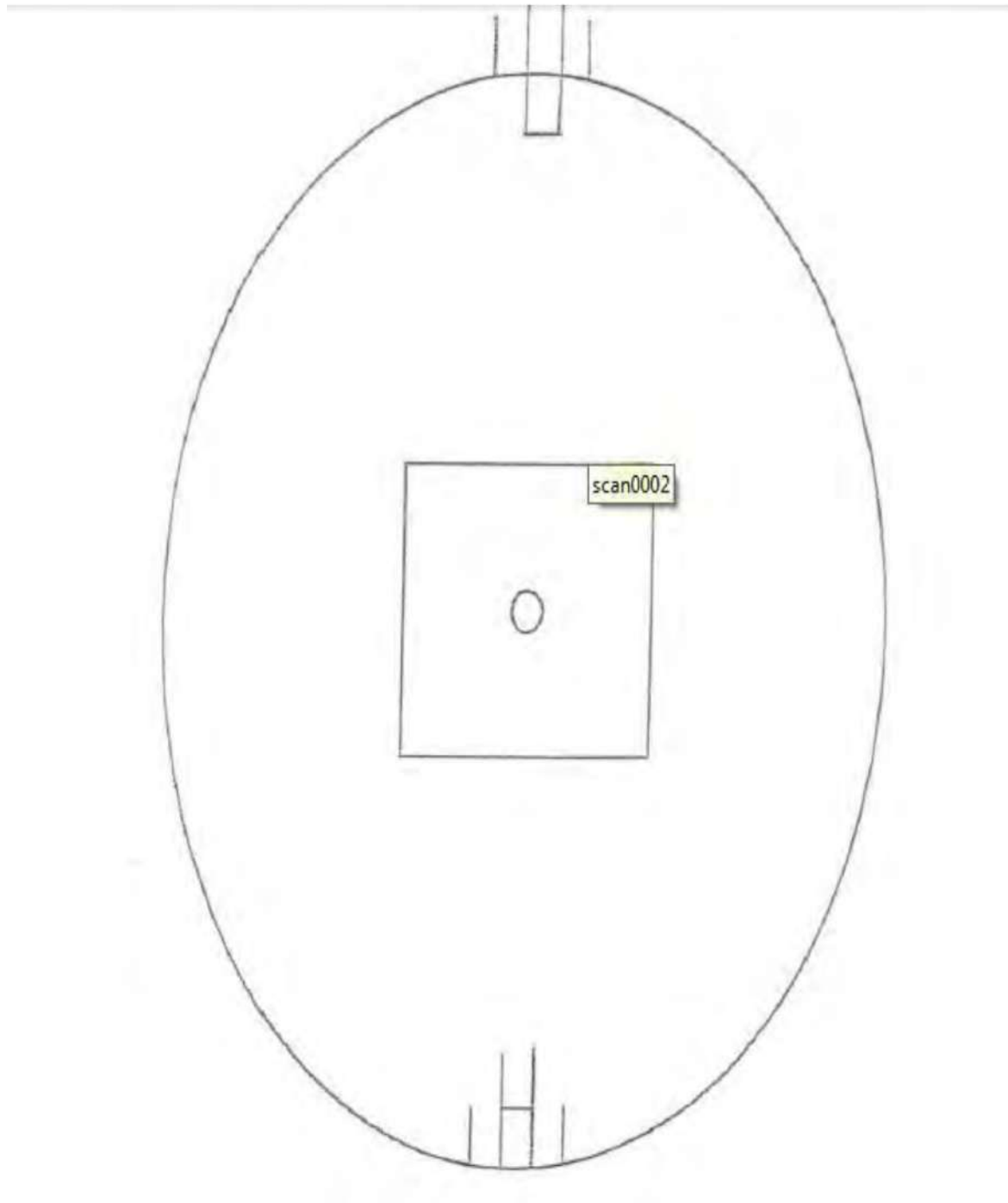
- i. Liaise with Club Officials as requested (from either the home or visiting Club) to help identify and find details for the alleged offender(s), those affected and any witnesses;
- ii. Where an incident appears to represent a minor breach, issue a warning to any person that they may be close to breaching the Code of Conduct;
- iii. Where a formal complaint is warranted, advise the affected Club to submit a formal complaint to the Competition Management Committee and follow the procedures as described in paragraph 1.2 of these Code of Conduct Disciplinary Procedures;
- iv. Ensure that appropriate signage (provided by the League is clearly visible at the venue's canteen and in each change-room.

**(b)** The Ground Manager will also assist the Umpires upon request to:

- i. Identify and obtain the details of any supporter, member or non-member spectator that they believe to be an offender or witness to a breach; and
- ii. Identify and obtain the details of any Club Official or member that they believe to have been involved in a Reportable Offence where the Umpire has not been able to ascertain the individual's identity.

(c) Club Officials must co-operate in assisting the Ground Manager upon request to identify and obtain details for any member or supporter belonging to their Club. Where it is believed that a Club Official has not co-operated appropriately, it will be considered a Level 2 breach.

## Diagram of field for report notes



# Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association

The below information relates to becoming a member of the NCCUA. This membership is **voluntary** but by becoming a member you'll help support and become part of the umpiring community, strengthening the total numbers of umpires within the region.

Any questions directly related to the NCCUA please contact Rachel Robinson – [president.nccua@gmail.com](mailto:president.nccua@gmail.com)



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### PERSONAL DETAILS

First Name	_____	Surname	_____
Home Phone	_____	Work Phone	_____
Preferred e-mail	_____	Mobile Phone	_____
Alternate e-mail	_____		
DOB	_____	Occupation	_____
		Discipline	_____

### MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE

Please see over for Membership Package information.

<input type="checkbox"/> Gold	\$80	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Running Life Member	\$35	<input type="checkbox"/> Parental/Social Member	\$20
Elected Life Members ONLY			

### BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS (FOR INCENTIVE PAYMENT)

BANK NAME:	_____
ACCOUNT NAME:	_____
BSB:	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
ACCOUNT NUMBER:	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

### PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO PERMISSION

I also give permission for photographs and videos to be taken of me or my child and for these to be used by or on behalf of the NCCUA or AFL Hunter Central Coast in public posts or for training purposes.

<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
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### DECLARATION

I hereby certify that I have provided all information honestly and truly. I have read and agree to be bound and abide by the terms of the NCCUA Constitution, By-Laws, Code of Conduct and Privacy Policy.

Signature of member	_____	Date	_____
Signature of parent/ guardian if under 18	_____	Date	_____

### NCCUA APPAREL

Please select an item and size to order:

NCCUA Match Day Polo Shirt	\$40	<input type="checkbox"/> XS	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> L	<input type="checkbox"/> XL	OTHER: _____
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For enquiries about Training Apparel: email [president.nccua@gmail.com](mailto:president.nccua@gmail.com)

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Rec'd Date	_____	Amt Rec'd	_____	Tend Type	_____	PPP Apr By	_____	Sec Date	_____
Rec'd By	_____	Amt Out'g	_____	Conc Sight	_____	PPP Terms	_____	Receipt No	_____

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## MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE INFORMATION

Membership of the NCCUA is important! By joining the Association you'll help support and become part of the umpiring community, strengthening the collective voice and fellowship of umpires in the Newcastle and Central Coast areas.

All packages include Membership of the Association, entitling you to:

- discounts at NCCUA functions and events;
- access to the NCCUA Member Group on Facebook;
- support services, including an advocate at all Tribunal Hearings (if desired); and
- discounts and special offers from NCCUA sponsors, partners and suppliers.

Members will also receive the following 'Member Pack' items, depending on the selected package.

	Non-Members Price	Basic	Gold	Life Member	Parental/ Social
Season Launch	\$15	✓	✓	✓	
Grand Final Appointment Night	\$15	✓	✓	✓	✓
Presentation Night	\$55		✓	✓	
Insurance		✓	✓	✓	✓
Off Field Polo	\$35	✓	✓	✓	For purchase
Members Entitlements	Members Only	✓	✓	✓	✓
Voting Rights	Members Only	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Package Value</b>		<b>\$65</b>	<b>\$120</b>	<b>\$120</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>Membership Cost</b>		<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Member Saves</b>		<b>\$15</b>	<b>\$40</b>	<b>\$85</b>	<b>\$10</b>

Gold Members receive even greater discounts on group functions in 2020 which will be subsidised by fundraising profits

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## Bank Deposit Details

**Bank:** Greater Building Society

**BSB:** 637 000

**Account:** 780184450

**Account Name:** Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association

Please use your name as a transaction reference and email [secretary.nccua@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.nccua@gmail.com) with the transfer details.

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## NCCUA CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct –

- applies to all members of the Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association and those umpires who umpire on a casual basis with the Association.
- should be read in conjunction with the NCCUA By-Laws and AFL Hunter Central Coast Codes of Conduct.
- is designed to assist members of the Association achieve a better standing in the Hunter and Central Coast AFL community.

Umpires will conduct themselves in a manner, which will enhance the image of umpiring in the Hunter and Central Coast regions.

Umpires understand that the game, which they are controlling, is the most important game in Australia at that time.

An NCCUA member's personal integrity will be beyond question.

All matches will be umpired without bias whatever the conditions, state of the game or any other circumstance.

Umpires are expected to have an appropriate level of fitness to participate in games. Umpires are also expected to attend training and forums to the required level to ensure they maintain both accreditation and competency.

A thorough knowledge of the current laws, interpretations and trends in Australian Football is obtained through regular attendance at training, obtaining and upgrading knowledge through the AFL National Accreditation process.

NCCUA members will contribute to the continuing success of the AFL Hunter Central Coast competitions through

- a strong commitment to these competitions, both on and off the field.
- providing a knowledgeable, positive and professional approach towards all stakeholders involved in our great game.
- a personal presentation that will enhance the image of the umpire and umpiring in these competitions.
- a positive response to game feedback.

On match day, umpires are given the important responsibility of managing the game both on and off the field on behalf of the AFL Hunter Central Coast. This places all umpires in a position of focus and influence.

Clubs, Supporters and Football administrators expect NCCUA members will

- have the safety and welfare of all stakeholders as a No. 1 Priority.
- accept responsibility for all their actions.
- be impartial in their officiating.
- avoid any situation, which may lead to a conflict of interest or bring the umpire, umpiring or the Association into disrepute.
- be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction at appropriate times.
- carry out administration and on field policies developed by the AFL Hunter Central Coast.

The NCCUA Social Media Policy and Child Protection Policy must also be adhered to.

This code of conduct will be enforced at training sessions, on match day and on social media.

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