



UMPIRING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pay the first kick and do not play the advantage.
2. Give the utmost protection to the player in front or going for the ball.
3. Give reasonable time to dispose of the ball (less emphasis on the tackler).
4. Free kick against players raising a leg when marking, attempting ruck taps or spoiling from behind.
5. Strictly enforce verbal abuse and complaints with the GREEN yellow and red card send of rule.
6. No 50 metre penalties _ only 15 and 30 metre.
7. At centre throw ups, the white line shall separate the ruckmen. Ruck can come from any direction around the ground but only one from each team to contest the centre, and around the ground knock or throw in.
8. Centre Square rule is operative at centre throw ups _ 2 umpires and boundary umpires will control this.
9. Field Umpires and teams to assemble in the centre of oval prior to the start of each game. Umpires to advise both verbally and by sign what a penalty kick is given for.
10. When boundary umpires are not available the following procedures are to operate:
 - Ball out of bounds from foot, on the full: kick in by opposing team.
 - Ball out of bounds from foot, not on the full: kick in by opposing team.
 - Ball out of bounds off the hands, the central umpire will bring the ball in approx 10 metres and signal a toss up.
11. Where a player has reached the age of fifty (50) years or more, he has the option of wearing identifiable coloured clothing for the purpose of protection from injury during a game.
12. Protection will take the form of non-contact by an opposition player when the qualifying player obtains possession of the ball. The qualifying player must dispose of the ball in the correct manner by hand or by foot within a reasonable time.
13. He will not travel more than ten metres whilst in possession of the ball.
14. The qualifying player cannot be tackled, pushed or bumped, but may be shepherded from attacking. Should the player be infringed as described above, he will be awarded a free kick at the point of infringement.
15. Should the qualifying player fail to dispose of the ball as described above, a free kick will be offered to the closest opposition player.
16. Umpires to enforce the end of quarter change over times. No time on is granted during games. Games must finish on time regardless of commencement times.