

Umpire Convenor Meeting March 28th 2011

MINUTES

- Meeting opened 7:30pm
- Reminders:
 - Umpires **MUST** have clearance. To be cleared you need a pass mark in the online exam, a level one accreditation (post 2002) and clearance from Lyn or Cindy. Fine for umpiring without clearance is \$10
 - Fine for umpire not signing the score sheet is \$5.
 - Please provide your clearance forms to Lyn and Cindy by this Saturday at the latest.
 - Convenors must sign the book for every timeslot that your club plays. That is, someone who can deal with issues is to be listed on the sheet.
 - Michael is not available during the 3pm timeslot
 - Twitter is the best method of obtaining wet weather notifications. Subscribe to [cdna_news](#). Information will be available on the website and the SMS system will operate again but the contact information needs to be updated.
 - Last 2011 level one accreditation will be held on April 15th 9am to 1pm. Bookings essential. Contact Michael. After 15th April, umpires will not be given a clearance to umpire without the level one.
 - Only when a player comes off her game, to umpire her game, can she umpire without a clearance.
 - Ensure all your umpires are registered. The penalty for umpiring without registration is 4 competition points.
 - Please ensure your umpires wear **APPROPRIATE** foot wear. Appropriate footwear should support the feet and have a sole that is suitable for the playing surface.
 - Umpires required for representative carnivals. Please give names to Michael Seery.
 - Rule Reminders:

Jewellery

- *1.4.3 NO ITEM OF JEWELLERY, except a wedding ring and/or medical alert bracelet, shall be worn. If either or both are worn, each shall be taped.*

Please be aware that a bandaid is not sufficient for taping. Sports tape or similar should be used.

Change to Rules relating to Stoppages

- *Rule 3.4.2 Team Officials and bench players may coach while play is in progress provided that they remain seated or stand at their Team Bench. Coaching is also allowed during intervals (refer Rules 2.1 and 2.2) and during Stoppages (refer Rule 7). Team Officials and bench players may not indulge in inappropriate comments or behaviour (refer Rules 20 (iv) and 20.1.2).*
- *Rule 7. Coaching is permitted during any Stoppage by any Team Official who may approach the players at the Side Line. Bench players may approach the Side Line if coaching occurs. During a Stoppage any Team Official may approach the players at the Side Line for the purpose of providing rehydration. (Refer Rule 3, 7, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3).*
- Umpiring equipment and attire is available for sale/order at umpires control.
- CDNA Convenors and assistants attempt to be in attendance in Umpires Control at all times, however we may have been called away to deal with an issue. The first point of call for courtside issues is the club convenor.
- There was general discussion about beginner umpires wearing “visibility vests” or bibs. There was a mixed reaction to this proposal and no clear view on whether it should be introduced in Campbelltown.
- We are all sharing a significant shortage of umpires this season. Thank you all for your input in sharing your reasons for the shortages. A variety of reasons were discussed and ranked in order of impact:
 1. Not enough mentors/coaches
 2. Grading/timeslots
 3. Lack of respect for umpires

Other reasons are:

- The amount of time it takes to develop learners
- Differences in payments across clubs
- Not enough senior umpires

- Multiple roles ump/coach/player/administrator
- Lack of a recruitment process
- Convenors don't know each other

A smaller group of convenors will workshop ideas to solve the top reason “not enough mentors/coaches” with a goal to motivating the return of experienced umpires to assist coaching and mentoring our developing umpires. They will report back to you on the outcomes. The group is Arlene Morrison, Sharyn Abdul, Joanne Kellaheer, Emma Salzke, Linda Kable and Denise Whelan.

The second ranked reason, “grading/timeslots” can only be solved in the short term by getting to know each other better and swapping umpires. One option for 2012 is an alternative distribution of grades across the timeslots. The Umpires Co-ordinator to raise this with the Association Executive.

The third ranked reason is, “lack of respect for umpires”. We need to support each other and our developing umpires by ensuring the team bench abide by rule 3.4.2.

....team officials and bench players may not indulge in inappropriate comments or behaviour,.....

This includes derogatory comments about an umpire's abilities. A firm, but gentle warning to the sideline is usually sufficient. Support your developing umpires by setting an example yourself of what you expect from the sideline and players. Clubs have a responsibility to ensure that players, coaches and spectators abide by the various codes of conduct.

Thank you to Linda Kable for facilitating this discussion. Thank you to the convenors for your input into the discussion.

Meeting closed 9:45pm