

UMPIRE INFORMATION MANUAL 2018



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Introduction

Welcome to Season 2018 as an EDFL umpire. To those who are returning for another season, thanks and welcome back. To those who are new umpires, congratulations on taking up a new challenge.

This manual has been designed as a resource for you, to assist you in your role as an EDFL umpire. As an umpire you should read this manual and become familiar with its contents, and at the same time you should also have it with you on match day as a quick reference guide.

An umpire **must** always act in a manner which places the umpire above reproach, with honesty, integrity, trust and respect, as you are representing the EDFL and the umpiring group.

Umpiring can build your confidence, teach you to make important decisions under pressure, and improve your interpersonal and communication skills.

It's important to enjoy your involvement in the game.

Our coaching panel is there to assist and develop each umpire to make their experience as enjoyable as possible.

Good luck with your umpiring in the 2018 season.

Role of the Umpire

The role of the umpire is to apply the laws of the game consistently and ensure the game is played in a safe and fair manner. The laws of the game give the umpire the responsibility to manage the game on and off the ground. You need to appreciate the importance of the role you have taken on.

Expectations of the Umpire

- **Honest and Impartial** – In all duties performed on and off the field.
- **Responsible** – Punctual and dependable game day and in relation to paper work and Schedules.
- **Knowledgeable** – Read and Understand Laws of the game and EDFL By-Laws.
- **Act with Integrity** – When representing the EDFL and the umpiring team.

Umpire's Code of Conduct

All umpires agree to abide by the Essendon District Football League, and the Essendon District Football League Umpires Association governing rules and any agreements that are in place.

All umpires are expected to wear their EDFL uniform in all matches they are appointed to and act with integrity and fairness in applying the Laws of the Game and the EDFL Rules and Regulations.

At all times we need to support and assist all our team mates in the performance of their umpiring duties.

Enjoy the 2018 Season

- Support the **EDFLUA** by being actively involved in meetings and social functions.
- Regularly attend training and be an active member of the EDFL umpiring team.
- Make yourself available every week during the season.
- Fitness is the key to positioning and accurate decision making.
- The aim is to make umpiring enjoyable for every member of our team.

Contact Details

Coaching Panel

Umpiring & Development Manager: Rowan Sawers 0434 689 690

Email: rowan.sawers@essendonfl.com.au

Field Umpire Coach: Don Cooke

Field Umpire Coach: Steve Martin

Field Umpire Coach: Doug Drinkwater

Boundary Umpire Coach: Stacey Cartwright-Smith 0410 659 951

Assistant Boundary Umpire Coach: Anthony Laughton

Goal Umpire Coach: Tom Ennis 0406 754 897

Assistant Goal Umpire Coach: John Bladen 0408 337 194

Development Coach: Neil McLean

Development Coach: Leigh Keen

EDFL Contacts

Umpiring Administration: Ken Waters 0418 146 953

Email: ken.waters@essendonfl.com.au

EDFL Office: 9373 2703

78A Napier Street

Essendon Vic 3040

Preparation

Training/Coaching session details:

Just like a player, training is important for umpires to develop their fitness, umpiring skills and knowledge of the laws and their interpretations. It also provides the opportunity to get to know your fellow umpires.

Training/Coaching also forms part of your Level 1 and 2 Accreditation and therefore it is important that you make the effort to attend.

Unfortunately, training can be affected by availability of grounds due to cricket and is therefore split into pre-season and in season components.

Training details: Goal, Boundary and Senior Field Umpires

In Season Training – Tuesday and Thursday night.

TIME – 6.15PM

VENUE - Essendon Football Ground (Windy Hill)

Appointments Process

Appointments are managed by the Schedula online appointments system. Before being provided with access to Schedula all umpires are required to register via Sporting Pulse as an umpire.

Appointments will be advised each Monday evening. If you have been appointed to a match, then you will receive an email notifying you of an appointment. You are then required to login to Schedula (www.schedula.com.au) to confirm your appointment. Appointments **must** be confirmed as soon as possible, preferably before training Tuesday.

When you do confirm your appointment print it off and put it in your folder for reference when doing the Electronic Paperwork on the club's Tablet.

Appointments take a lot of time to organise so please be respectful to your Coach and our Umpire Administrator by following this process.

If your email / contact details change at any time please immediately inform our Umpire Administrator Ken Waters (ken.waters@essendondfl.com.au).

Unavailability

It is your responsibility to inform your coach if you are unavailable to umpire on a particular day by recording it in Schedula, email or phone. If you know well in advance your unavailability (especially during school holidays) please advise your coach as early as possible.

Match Preparation

It is important that you arrive at least **45 minutes** before the match to ensure you are ready to start on time. Arriving late can cause delay and inconvenience for your fellow umpire and the teams involved.

Your Uniform

The appearance of the umpire communicates a great deal, even before the game has commenced and the first blow of the whistle. It is essential all umpires take pride in your official EDFLUA uniform. Shirts need to be tucked in and socks pulled up.

Footwear

Field/Boundary Umpires: Runners and boots are to be clean, with totally fluoro runners not permitted.

Goal Umpires: Predominately black footwear

Undergarments

Undergarments (lycra shorts/Skins) must be black-coloured to match our shorts. Full length undergarments are permitted in certain circumstances.

Jewellery

An umpire must not wear any form of jewellery while umpiring in a match.

What You Need to Umpire

Always check your appointment the night before to ensure you have the right day, time, match and ground.

It is a good idea to pack something to eat after the game. Also bring some water with you to ensure you have something to drink and that you are well hydrated.

Below is a list of recommended items in your umpiring bag:

Appointment Details	Tracksuit/towel/Drink bottle/sun screen
Laws Book	Pen/Pencil/pocket note pad
Umpires Handbook (this book)	Blue/Yellow/Red Cards
Uniform (Shirt, Shorts, Socks, Wristbands)	Water to drink before and after the game.
Runners and boots	Something to eat after the game.
2 Whistles (one on the fingers, one in your whistle pocket of shorts)	

Match Day Check List

Before the Game

- Arrive at least 45 minutes prior to the game for U/19 and reserves. One hour prior to Senior matches. Umpiring in senior matches your dress requirements are pants, EDFL polo shirt or jacket.
- Go directly to the umpire's room and ensure your fellow umpires are in attendance.
- Approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the game visit the home team room first and then the visiting team.
- Obtain from the Home Club Team Manager two match balls and ensure they are inflated correctly and are in reasonable condition (Must be the official 'Sherrin' EDFL football with EDFL Logo). Offer the Visiting Captain choice of footballs when visiting their room.

In all senior games one of these balls must be brand new.

- Introduce yourself to the coaches, captains and team officials.
- Ensure no jewellery etc is being worn by any player (If so then request it to be removed before taking part in the game)
- Check that the Clubs have a Goal and Boundary Umpire before the match if no official appointments have been made.
- Ensure you have the team sheets from both clubs 15 minutes prior to the start of game

- If you are officiating in the first match of the day at that ground, you must receive a completed “Match Day Checklist” (Ground Inspection Form) signed by an Official from both competing clubs 15 minutes prior to the match commencing. **Clubs have been notified that Match Day Checklists must be completed prior to commencement of first match of the day.**

This may also be completed electronically and checked by the umpire.

- Enter the field of play 7 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled start of game or once the previous game has concluded.
- Make sure the teams are on the ground soon after you are. If not, make a note to report late arrival on match report.
- Call captains to toss in the centre of the ground.
 - Away team call the toss.
 - Players move into position to commence the game.

NEVER LEAVE VALUABLES IN UMPIRING CHANGEROOMS AT TRAINING OR ON MATCH DAYS

At the End of the 1st and 3rd Quarters

- Go to centre or a dry spot near the centre and discuss the game with your fellow umpires, mentor or coach.
- Only the umpire escorts should be in the vicinity.
- Take notes of best players at the end of each quarter.
- Only your mentor, coach or an EDFL official can approach umpires during the breaks.
- Ensure you have a drink at every break to stay hydrated.

After the Game

When the final siren sounds, and you have indicated the end of play:

- Collect the ball, if it is nearby; otherwise leave it to be collected by the clubs. Walk directly from the ground towards your change rooms, meeting both Umpires’ Escorts.
- Go directly into your change rooms and close the door. The only people who are allowed in your area will be:
 - Other Officiating EDFL Umpires.
 - EDFL Coaches, Mentors and Board Members/Officials.
 - Club Team Managers.

Electronic Match Day Paperwork

The EDFL uses an electronic system to capture all game day information. Paperwork such as signed ground inspection form, team sheets, time keeper record forms, will be kept by the clubs in case they are required by the EDFL at a later date.

All match day information will be recorded electronically including reports. Please refer to training video on EDFL website.

How will it Work (Summary):

This report can be done on an iPad, Tablet, Smartphone or iPhone.

To start your umpire's report, click on "Umpire's Match Report".

Select which type of competition you are umpiring.

Then click on "Open Report"

Enter the Access Code (**Which the umpires will be informed of**) Then click "Next"

Date is automatically set at the day you are umpiring and Finals Game or not is selected for you.

Select the Home Team. Select the Away Team.

Select which division the teams are in.

Enter the score of Home Team. Enter the score of Away Team

Select the Field Umpires names from the drop-down list.

Select the Boundary Umpires from the drop-down list

Select the Goal Umpires from the drop-down list.

If there are no Boundary or Goal Umpires appointed, you put *N/A from the drop-down list.

If all umpires are entered click No.

If there any Umpires that are not on the drop-down list click on yes and enter: Select type and put either Emergency or Not listed EDFL, Select the umpire's role (Field, Boundary or Goal) then type their name. If there are more than one umpire not in the drop-down list, click on +Add another umpire and repeat the previous steps.

You click on the Open/Close Best and Fairest Votes.

This is where you give your votes for the best players for the game.

Select the club, type in the player's name and number.

You type in the name of the player/s **Exactly as on the team sheet.**

You give the 3, 2, 1 votes.

After you select the box of Home team.

This section is where you enter any fines. Click which box you require yes or no.

If you select yes, this will drop down the box with all the fines you require.

You proceed to click the box appropriate of fine/s, also any comments relating to the fine/s.

Home Team Blue cards: if you select "yes" enter the players name, number and the reason he was given a blue card. Add more players as required.

Then you enter your ratings of the home club as per item. If you enter 2 or under you must explain why you gave that rating.

Enter the Home Team Representatives name from the Team Sheet then click if the Representative was present or not.

Click on "choose file" and take photo of Home Team Sheet.

After you select the box of Away team.

Go through the same process as you previously did with the Home Team.

Enter the Away Team Representatives name from the Team Sheet then click if the Representative was present or not.

Click on "choose file" and take photo of Away Team Sheet.

Timekeepers Record click on "choose file" and take a photo of the Timekeepers Sheet.

If you have a report of a player click on yes and then press Submit Match Report and the program will go into Player Report Sheet, otherwise wait until the Match Report has gone through and it will say Thank You. Then close the browser.

If the club does not supply any Electronic Device or Mobile Phone, you take the team sheets, Timekeepers Sheet and Goal Cards with you and do the report at home on your device.

If you have to take the paperwork, then please ring Ken immediately so he can arrange to get this paperwork from you.

You cannot do these reports on your computer because you must use the camera on your device.

ANY PROBLEMS PLEASE RING KEN WATERS 0418 146 953

Electronic Report Form (Reporting a Player or Official)

Please find **below** the correct procedure in filling out the electronic report forms:

- Make sure correct player(s) name(s) and number(s) are listed on the form.
- Make sure correct reportable offence ticked and stated on the electronic report form.
- Make sure **both** team managers sign the report form.
 - Reported Player's Team Manager and
 - Opposing Team Manager

An email with all the details of the report will be sent to both clubs when submitted.

If an umpire needs to report a player/official he enters all information into the system. This information is immediately emailed to Rowan, Brett(Juniors), Ken and Shannon Colgan of EDFL Football Operations. Ken will send a copy of the report by email to the reporting umpire for his reference, once you submit a reportable offence it is also emailed to the clubs.

Set Penalties schedule is set out at the back of this manual. Please take a copy of this schedule to all matches.

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Reporting of Club Officials

Any club official who is named on the team sheet, (e.g. coach, team manager, runner, umpires escort, time keeper, trainer, boundary umpire, goal umpire or water person) who commits a reportable offence either before, during or after the match must be reported on the normal umpire's report sheet. (The charge is then referred to the EDFL tribunal)

If the offence takes place after all the electronic paperwork has been finalised and signed off by the team managers, the umpire will must lodge a letter or email of complaint to EDFL CEO Craig Armstead EDFL Head Office, 78 Napier Street Essendon 3040, by 6:00 p.m. Monday. Umpires must also advise Rowan Sawers on 0434 689 690 or Ken Waters on 0418 146 953 the same night the incident occurred.

Melee Rule

(For Seniors, Reserves and Under 19 Competitions)

A melee is an incident which occurs prior to, during (including the quarter time, half time and three-quarter time intervals) or following the completion of an EDFL match, and:

Is an incident of a character which in the opinion of the umpire and/or an EDFL Board Member and/or League General Manager is likely to:

- (i) Prejudice the interests or reputation of the EDFL; or
- (ii) Prejudice the interests or reputation of the EDFL competition or;
- (iii) Bring the game of football into disrepute.

Involves **EIGHT** or more players and/or officials of the opposing teams who;

Are aggressively or forcefully engaging in grappling, pushing, shoving, tripping, wrestling or other like acts which would potentially constitute a Reportable Offence in relation to that player or official of the opposing team; and

It occurs over a sustained period of time where such incident has the effect of preventing or hindering the start or continuation of the game; and

Umpires are to report any melee (as defined above) that occurs on the ground on the official match report sheet and Clubs will be fined \$100.00 for the first offence in a game, \$200.00 for a second offence in that game and **\$300.00 for each additional offence** in that game. **Depending on the circumstances of the incident(s) it is up to the Umpires discretion whether to impose a fine on either club or both clubs as per the above definition.**

In using this discretion, the Umpires shall have regard to the following factors:

- (a) The team whose player/s and/or officials instigated, provoked and/or prolonged the incident that led to the melee: and
- (b) Whether the number of player/s and officials from one team involved in the melee were significantly greater than the number of players and/or officials from the opposing team.

Nothing in this Rule precludes an Umpire from reporting a player for a reportable offence committed during a melee.

Forfeit and Non-Completion of Matches

- An Affiliated Club not fielding at least 14 players 20 minutes after the scheduled starting time of the match shall forfeit the match. If, during the course of a match, a team is reduced to less than 14 players the match shall be forfeited and the Team Sheets shall immediately be signed in the presence of the field umpire and forwarded in the usual manner to the General Manager.

In the event of an Affiliated Club commencing a game without eighteen Players, any additional players entitled to play may take the field, after the captain of the relevant Affiliated Club has notified the field umpire of such intention. A player who has not signed the Team Sheet shall not be permitted to participate in a match after the Team Sheet has been lodged with the field umpire.

Club Officials and Responsibilities

Runner **Fluro Yellow Bib**

The Runners sole duty is to deliver the coaches message and then take the most direct route back to the coach immediately after delivering the message. The runner must not speak to or abuse an umpire, opposition player or official.

Trainers **Black Bib**

The Trainers sole duty is to attend to injured players and immediately leave the ground. They are not to carry coach's messages and are not to speak to the field umpire/s or opposition players. They must be dressed in white pants and a black bib, with their club name clearly identifiable.

Water Persons **Green Bib**

Water persons are to conduct themselves the same way as the trainers. They must also not act as a second runner. Water Persons when not out on the ground must position themselves outside the boundary line and adjacent to the 50 metre arc line.

Number of Water Persons

U/19	Two
Reserves	Two
Seniors	Two

Umpires Escort **Blue Bib**

The Umpires Escort will escort the umpires to and from the field and stand with them at quarter and three-quarter time. When escorting the umpires from the ground they are to take the umpire to the door of the umpire's rooms. The escorts are not to abuse the umpires or question their decisions.

Match Information

Undergarments (such as Skins)

Player's undergarments must be tight fitting and be skin coloured (neutral or black) or the same colour as their team's shorts. Full length undergarments are permitted.

Protective Equipment

A player must have written approval from the EDFL to wear any protective equipment in a match. The letter of approval must be available if requested to be viewed by the umpire to allow the player to participate in the match.

Order Off Rule

Red, Yellow and Blue Card

Red Card

Where a Field Umpire has reported a player for a breach of the laws of Australian Football that player shall, where the reporting umpire considers the player's conduct is of such a serious nature that the player should not participate any further in the game:

- (i) be shown a Red Card;
- (ii) leave the playing surface immediately; and
- (iii) not be eligible to participate in the match for the remainder of that match.

- **The player can be replaced immediately.**

Red Card is used for a reportable incident that would go directly to the tribunal and the reported player would not be offered a set penalty. Refer Umpire Report Sheet.

Yellow Card

Where a Field Umpire has reported a player for a breach of the laws of Australian Football that would entitle the player to take a set penalty, that player shall/may:

- (i) be shown a Yellow Card;
- (ii) leave the playing surface immediately; and
- (iii) not be eligible to return to the playing surface until 15 minutes playing time has elapsed (not including any breaks that might occur) from the time the player left the playing surface following the report/Yellow Card.

- **The player can be replaced immediately.**

Yellow Card is for reports which the player would be offered a set penalty.

Blue Card (Cooling Off No Report)

Where a Field Umpire considers that a player is behaving in an unduly aggressive and unruly manner or in any manner that would bring the game into disrepute, that player may:

- (i) be shown a Blue Card;
- (ii) leave the playing surface immediately; and
- (iii) not be eligible to return to the playing surface until 15 minutes playing time has elapsed (not including any breaks that might occur) from the time the player left the playing surface following the Blue Card.

- **The player can be replaced immediately.**

In each of the above circumstances, the player shown either a Red or Yellow or Blue Card may be replaced immediately.

Issuing a Send Off Card

Where a Field Umpire proposes to issue a Red, Yellow or Blue Card to a player the Umpire shall:

- A. Show the player a Red, Yellow or Blue Card as applicable by holding the Card above the umpire's head for a period of five (5) seconds;
- B. Inform the player that the player is to leave the field immediately;
- C. Hold the applicable Card aloft above the umpire's head for a further period of five (5) seconds in the direction/s of both the interchange bench of the team of the player who has been shown the card and in the direction of the timekeepers.

Ensure the player(s) that have been shown a Blue, Yellow or Red card have left the playing surface before recommencing play.

The timekeepers of the match shall determine when the 15-minute time period has elapsed.

Two Yellow Cards in a Game

A player who has been shown a Yellow Card on two separate occasions in the same match by the Field Umpire/Umpires must be ordered to leave the playing surface and shall remain off for the remainder of the game, but the player can be replaced by the player's Club with another player immediately.

Tribunal Hearings

Are held at **EDFL Headquarters**

78 Napier Street Essendon. (Windy Hill)

On Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. SHARP.

Umpires are required to attend the tribunal if they have player reports as part of their normal responsibilities/duties as an Umpire.

If any umpire is unable to attend the tribunal, please notify Rowan Sawers or Ken Waters so that alternative arrangements can be made.

It would only be in very extreme circumstances that an umpire would be excused from attending the tribunal. An umpire advocate will attend the tribunal with all junior umpires and senior umpires as required.

It is requested that all umpires attending the EDFL tribunal be dressed in an appropriate manner. All umpires should wear pants, a shirt or EDFL polo shirt, jumper or jacket that reflects some form of EDFL apparel. All clothing to be clean and respectable.

Remember that you are representing all umpires when you attend a tribunal hearing.

Investigations

Umpires who have cause to report team officials (who are not listed on Team Sheet) must lodge a letter or email of complaint to **The CEO, Mr Craig Armstead, EDFL Head Office, 78A Napier Street Essendon 3040, by 6:00 p.m. Monday.** Umpires must also advise their coach of this action by phone or email after the game.

Executive League members will then investigate the complaint/charges on a date to be advised. The umpire/s will be required to attend this hearing.

Finals Selection

Prime consideration for finals selection is:

- regular attendance and attitude at training, which can include school academies,
- game day umpiring performance,
- a positive attitude to umpiring,
- reliability and availability to umpire.

Umpires Match Payments

As your employer, the EDFL pays you a fee for your work as an umpire. Match fees are calculated on a scale according to the age group.

Payment into your nominated bank account will be made by the EDFL weekly and at the end of the Final Series.

The EDFLUA has an arrangement with the EDFL for the automatic deduction of association fees and match uniform costs from Match fees.

Social Media Policy

The EDFL and EDFLUA acknowledge that Social Media has increasing prevalence in both the professional and private lives of its members. These may include social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, forums/discussion boards etc. All umpires and coaches should recognise the risk and damage that may be caused, either directly or indirectly, by being part of Social Media.

Using discriminatory, defamatory, abusive or otherwise objectionable language on any form of social media will not be tolerated.

Please ensure any comments are respectful and don't show signs of discrimination, harassment or bullying. Any inappropriate comments will not be tolerated and both the EDFL and EDFLUA are able to take action against anyone found to be not adhering to the Social Media Policy.

Working With Children Check (WWCC)

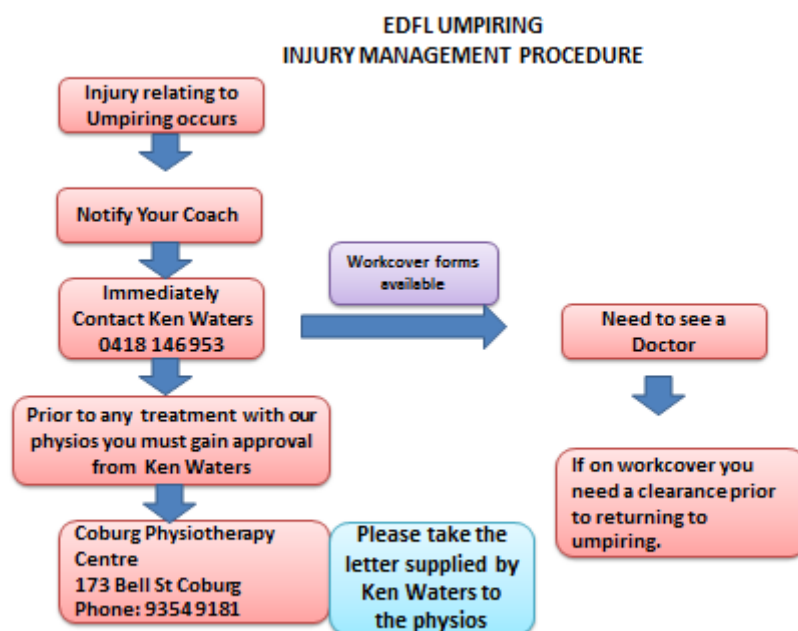
EDFL and the EDFLUA agree it is appropriate that all umpires over the age of eighteen (18) and coaches **actively** involved in the EDFL must have a Working With Children Check (WWCC).

The WWCC **must** be obtained by all umpires, coaches and officials over 18 years of age. Only umpires, coaches and officials who are exempt from providing a WWCC under current legislation are exempt from this requirement. **However**, the exemptions that will be accepted by the EDFL are limited to (along with the conditions covering the following professions in the relevant legislation):

- Current registered teachers;
- Victorian or Australian Federal police officers; and
- Some accredited drivers (e.g. taxi/commercial bus drivers).

Please go to the EDFL website Umpiring>Umpire Information for information on the WWCC.

Injury Management Procedure



You must immediately report any injury you sustain at training or in a game to your coach who will record your injury. Notification must be given immediately to Umpire Administrator **Ken Waters** if an injury has occurred and the injury will be registered in the Register of Injuries.

It is then **imperative** that you contact the EDFL Office on the first working day after your injury to discuss appropriate procedure with Ken Waters. (Contact details at the front of the Manual) You will be advised of your requirements and necessary paperwork to complete.

Should you require treatment prior to completion of the necessary paper work, please keep your receipts.

Injury Claims Process

- Umpire to obtain a claim form from Ken Waters which is to be filled out completely, including witness details.
- Obtain a certificate of capacity (medical certificate) from doctor/physiotherapist.

- Return a fully completed claim form with medical certificates to Ken as soon as possible.
- All paperwork (certificates, invoices, referrals) to be sent to Ken at the EDFL office.
- Obtain a final medical certificate/release form from the doctor/physiotherapist ending treatment for the sustained injury and forward to Ken at the EDFL office.

Note: No umpire will be appointed to a game until a Return to Work form is provided to Ken.

Designated Medical Centre for umpire injuries:

After you have sustained any injury an umpire should not return to training before supplying:

- a) A medical clearance stating that you are fit for duties.
- b) A signed Return to Work/Light Duties Form.

Depending on the injury sustained and your particular rehabilitation, the Return to Work/Light Duties form will indicate when you may return to work, light training or normal training and umpiring duties.

If you require medical treatment for you injury, please notify **Ken Waters** who will supply a letter of introduction to Coburg Physiotherapy Centre. You are then able to contact our preferred physiotherapist:



Coburg Physiotherapy Centre

173 Bell Street, Coburg 3058

Phone: 9354 9181

Fax: 9354 2018

Postal Address: PO Box 213, Coburg 3058

NOTE: At Coburg Physiotherapy Centre – make sure you specify EDFL umpires account.

Please keep your coach and Ken Waters up to date with the progress of your injury and issues related to Workcover.

Season 2018

There will undoubtedly be many other questions that you will want answered as the season progresses. Please feel free to speak to your coaches or Rowan Sawers about any matters concerning umpiring or to the EDFL office on any matters relating to registration, payment or injury.

Good Luck with your umpiring and remember that you only get the rewards from any sport if you are prepared to put in the work.



EDFL Umpires Association

The EDFL Umpires Association Committee is duly elected by its members and is independent of the Essendon District Football League. The Umpires Association acts to represent all umpires, coordinates all the social events and promotes comradeship amongst its members.

EDFLUA Social Levy

- All umpires are members of the EDFLUA and social levy of \$60 for seniors and \$40 for junior umpires under the age of 18 as at 1st January 2018 and who are attending school. This social levy can be deducted directly from match payments. This levy contributes towards functions throughout the season, awards presented to umpires and assists in the wellbeing of the umpire.

Contact Details

President: Anton Mahony

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Secretary: David Peers

Mobile: 0416739654

Email: davidpeers1@hotmail.com

If you have any concerns/queries regarding the EDFLUA please call David Peers, the Secretary

Facebook: 'Essendon District Football League Umpires Association' (NB people need to request access)

Instagram: @edflua

Twitter @edfl_umpires

TEAMAPP: EDFLUA

How to download Teamapp. Head to Apple Store on your phone (or whatever the equivalent is with your phone). Type in Teamapp in the search function. Download app for free (it is a green logo with a white T)

Search for EDFL Umpires Association once on the Teamapp app. Once you have found the EDFL Umpires Association page, which is identifiable from the black EDFLUA logo, request access and ensure that you put your name and your umpiring discipline in the request, so administration can approve. If you enable notifications for Teamapp, you will then receive all messages/news posted, go directly to your phone.

Set Penalties

NOTE: SET PENALTIES FOR ALL GRADES

Intentionally, carelessly

1	Striking another person	2 Matches
2	Using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language	2 Matches
3	Dispute a decision of an umpire	2 Matches
4	Tripping another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg	2 Matches
5	Charging another person	2 Matches
6	Engaging in rough conduct against an opponent which in the circumstances is unreasonable	2 Matches
7	Attempting to kick another person	2 Matches
8	Any act of misconduct (MINOR) As per example: Two Blue Cards	2 Matches
9	Bumping or making forceful contact to an opponent from front-on when that Player has their head down and over the ball	2 Matches
10	Use of obscene gesture	1 Match
11	Engages on time wasting	1 Match
12	Attempting to strike another person	1 Match
13	Attempting to trip another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg	1 Match
14	Engaging in a melee, except where a Player's sole intention to remove a teammate from the incident	1 Match
15	Intentionally shaking a goal post when a player is kicking or has kicked for goal	1 Match
16	Wrestling another person	1 Match
17	Wearing boots, jewellery and equipment prohibited under Law 9	1 Match

REPORTABLE OFFENCES TO BE HEARD BY TRIBUNAL

**NO SET
PENALTY**

1	Striking another person (Tribunal)
2	Kicking another person
3	Using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language towards or in relation to an umpire
4	Behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an umpire
5	Attempting to make contact or strike an umpire
6	Intentionally, recklessly or negligently makes contact with or striking an umpire
7	Failing to leave the Playing Arena when directed to do so by a field umpire
8	Any act of Misconduct (MAJOR) As per example: Head Butting, Eye Gouging, Kneeing, Stomping, makes contact with injured player, Scratching, spitting at a player or umpire, Staging, Instigating a melee, Pinching.

