

Boundary Umpire Handbook 2017



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Boundary Umpiring In the EDFL:

This handbook is designed to introduce people to boundary umpiring and for those with experience, refresh some of the specifics around this discipline of umpiring.

It is only an introduction to the practice of umpiring and more detailed information will be given to umpires at coaching sessions held weekly.

In order for you to get the most out of the coaching sessions, it is important that you bring this booklet to training every Thursday so that you can take notes and refer to the diagrams that we have provided.

EDFL umpiring coaching programs are about:

- establishing a positive learning environment for umpires,
- developing umpires,
- improving umpiring performances at all levels,
- building relationships within the EDFL

Contacts:

Your points of contact as a boundary umpire should be as follows:

Coaches

Boundary Umpire Coach: **Stacey Cartwright-Smith** 0410 659 951

Assistant Boundary Umpire Coach: **Anthony Laughton**

Assistant Boundary Coach Training: **Dylan Oster**

EDFL Contacts

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Administration:

All administration information is contained in the EDFL Umpire Information Manual which can be down loaded from the EDFL website and is in Umpiring>Umpiring Information.

This contains all administrative issues such as payment, injury treatment, umpire association details together with the EDFL code of conduct. If you have any administrative matter or question please don't hesitate to contact either Rowan or Ken.

Appointments Process

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

Appointments will be released 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 by as soon as possible, preferably before training Tuesday. **If you do not confirm by Wednesday evening your match could be allocated to another umpire.**

When you do confirm your appointment print it off and put it in your folder for reference when doing the Electronic Paperwork on the clubs 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 inform our Umpire Administrator Ken Waters (ken.waters@essendondfl.com.au) immediately.

Unavailability

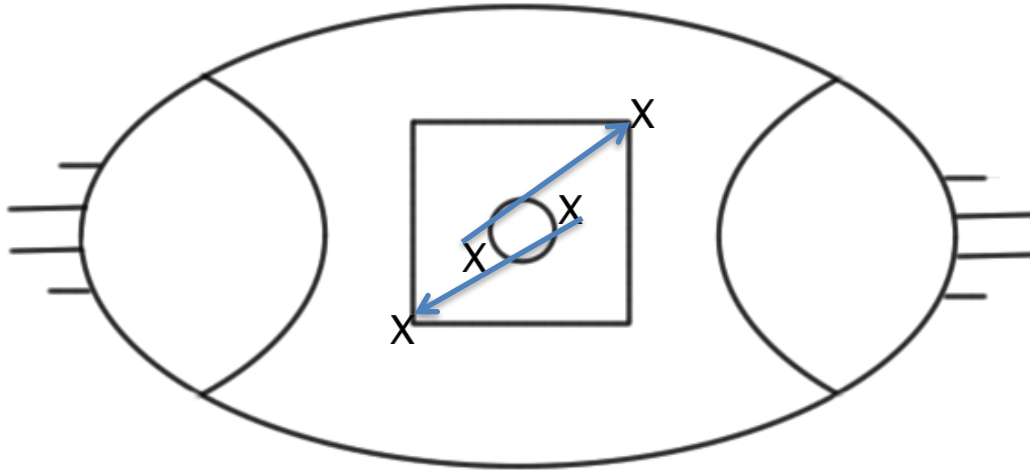
It is your responsibility to inform Stacey if you are unavailable to umpire on a particular day by recording it in Schedula, email or phone. If you know well in advance your unavailability especially during school holidays please advise Stacey as early as possible.

Please inform Stacey with at least **two** weeks' notice.

Positioning:

Setting Up For A Bounce/Throw Up At The Start Of The Game

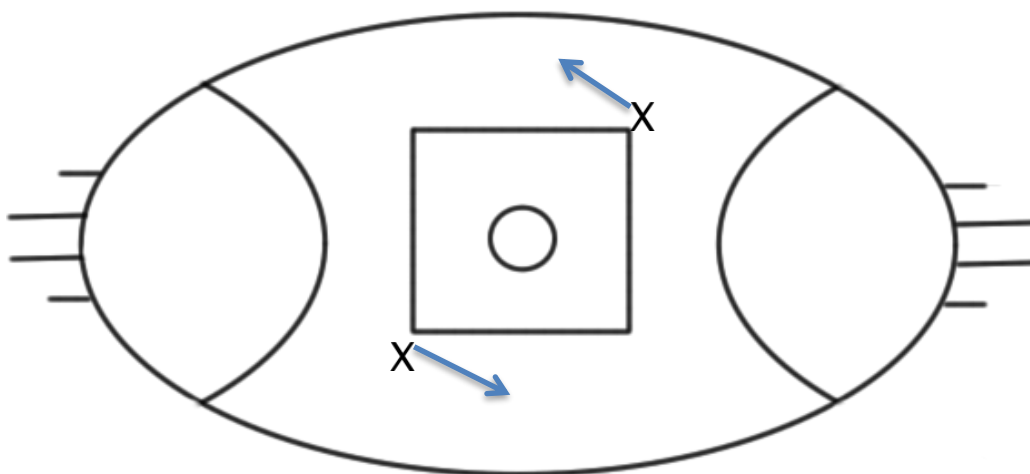
Both boundary umpires are to start on the centre circle, facing each other. When the first football club break, or upon directions from the field umpire, the boundary umpires are to run past each other towards the corner that they are facing. Approximately 10m before reaching the corner, boundary umpires are to turn around and run backwards. You will remain stationary on this corner with your hands behind your back until the field umpire bounces or throws up the ball.



At A Centre Bounce (at the start of a quarter or after a goal)

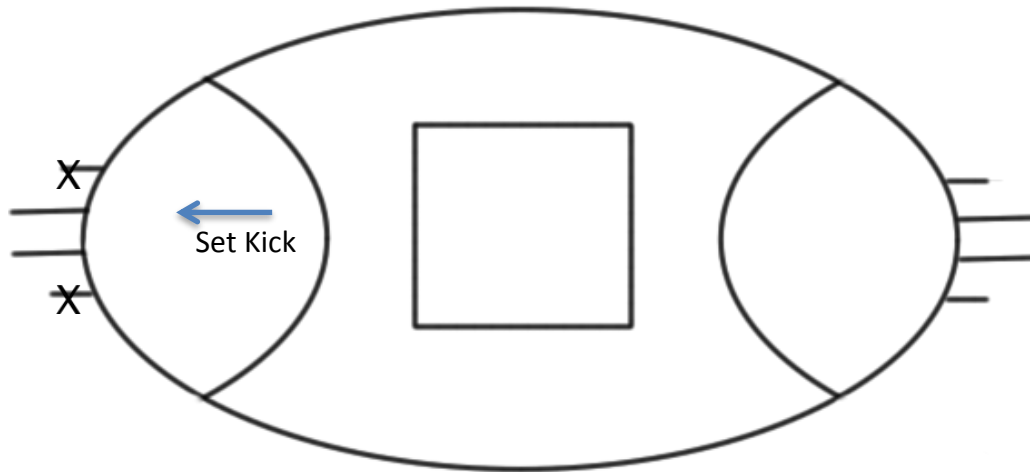
Boundary umpires must position themselves on diagonal corners of the centre square so that they can monitor the lines of the square. When the ball is thrown up or bounced, you are to run at a 20-45° angle towards the boundary line.

*Monitor for players entering the centre square before the bounce. If this occurs, blow your whistle and move in the direction that the free kick is to be taken.



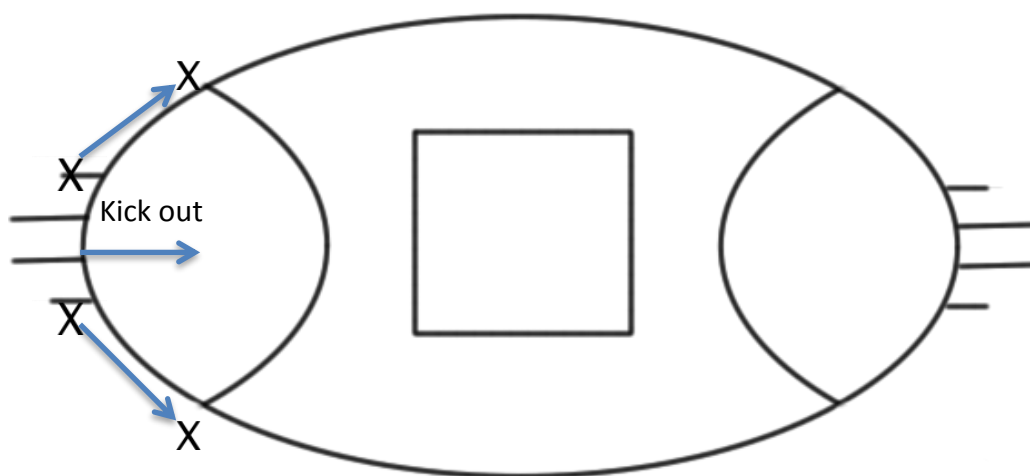
Set Kick At Goal

Where there is a set kick at goal, the boundary umpire must be positioned directly behind the point post to assist the goal umpire. The final decision is that of the goal umpire. You may communicate with the goal umpire at this stage, but it must be verbal.



After A Behind Has Been Scored

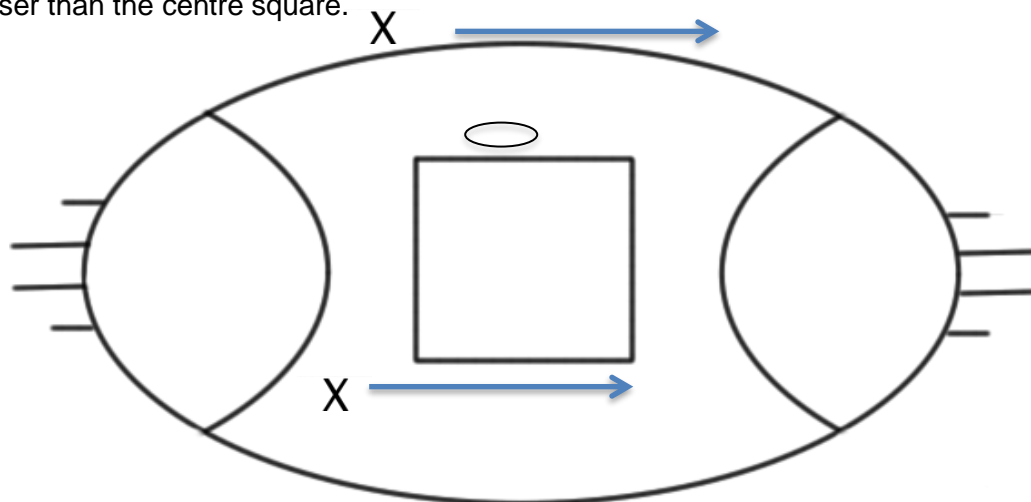
Irrelevant of whether the behind is scored as the result of a set kick or general play, boundary umpires must back off towards the boundary line. Boundary umpires should aim to position themselves on the corner of the boundary line and the 50m arc. Remember to keep the ball in sight at all times.



General Play

Boundary umpires need to follow the ball from goal to goal. They need to make sure that they do not interfere with any players and ensure that they have a good view of the boundary line if the ball is near.

Boundary umpires are expected to have the ball in sight at all times. If the ball is on the opposite side of the ground, umpires are encouraged to run in from the boundary line, but no closer than the centre square.

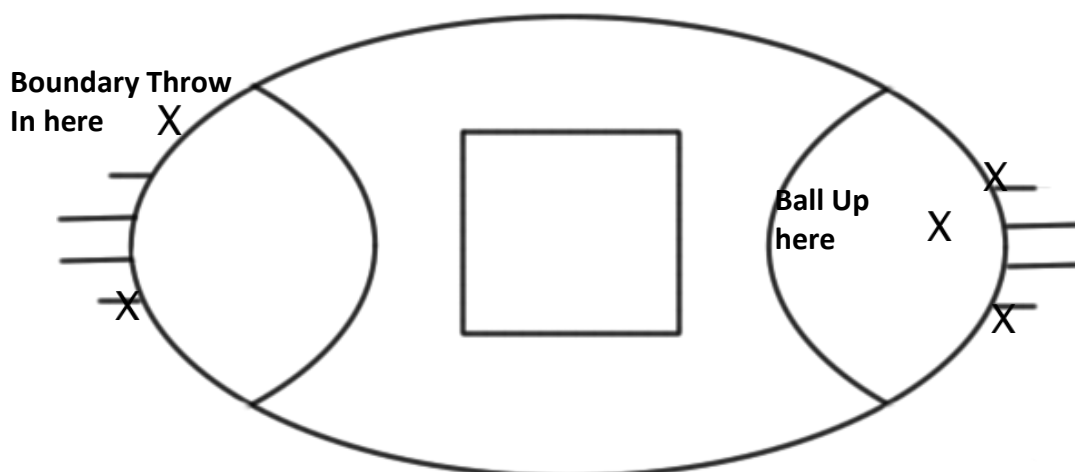


Ball Up Or Throw-In Near The Goals

Where the ball up is within 15m from the goal or point post, umpires are required to stand directly behind the point post.

Where the boundary umpire on the opposite side is throwing the ball in within 40m of goal, the boundary umpire should position themselves directly behind the point post.

Boundary umpires when taking up a stationary position within the 50m arc should be standing either behind the point post or on the 50m arc, not hovering somewhere in the middle.



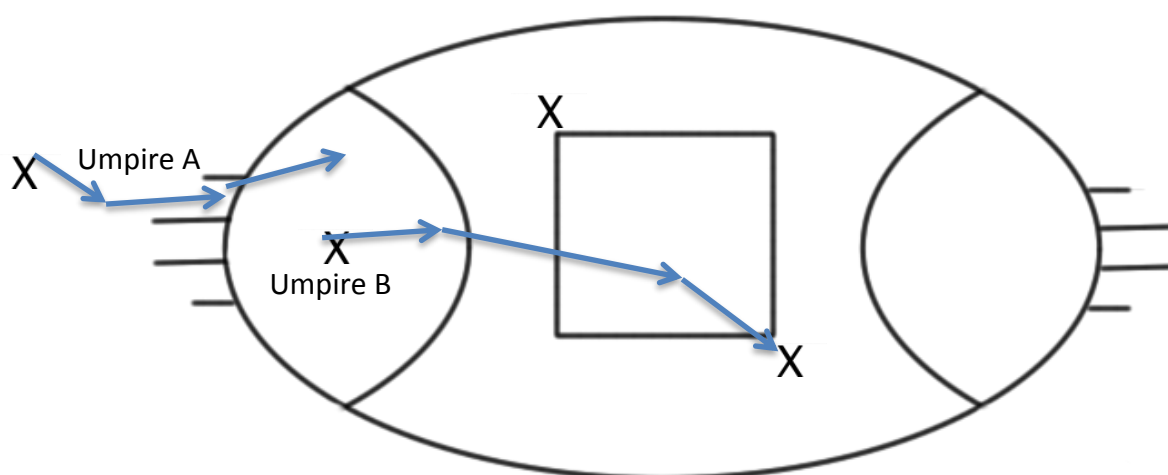
Returning The Ball To The Centre After A Goal

After a goal is scored it is the boundary umpires responsibility to return the ball to the field umpire. Often the closest umpire to the ball/goals will retrieve the ball (Umpire A).

The other umpire (Umpire B) will position themselves approximately half way between the goals and the 50m arc and wait for the ball. Umpire A will run to Umpire B where they will hand over the ball and continue to the nearest corner.

Umpire B will receive the ball and signal to the field umpire which side they will be running to. Umpire B will return the ball to the field umpire and continue to the furthest corner.

Under no circumstances are any umpires to climb over/under the fence to retrieve the ball! Players/Spectators will retrieve the ball if necessary.



Laws:

Centre square infringement

Prior to the field umpire bouncing/throwing up the ball at the start of a quarter or after a goal, the players will set themselves up either inside or outside the centre square. Once the square is 'set' that is, all players are in position, the field umpire will start the motion of throwing up/bouncing the ball.

Until the ball is released from the hand(s) of the field umpire, no player is permitted to run into the centre circle. Should a player enter the circle, even partially, the boundary umpire shall blow their whistle, indicate in the direction of the infringement and run in the direction of the free kick.

The only exception to this rule is if an opposing player pushes the player who enters the square. Then the free kick will be given to the player who was pushed.

Out Of Bounds

To be out of bounds, the ball must be completely over the boundary line. The position of the player is irrelevant. If any part of the ball is still above or on the line the ball is still in play. A whistle and an extended arm indicate this.

If a player fumbles the ball while trying to take a mark and is not in clear possession of the ball before it crosses the boundary line, the ball is considered out of bounds (touched). The signal is the same with the addition of three sharp taps to the back of the raised hand to indicate the player touched the ball before it crossed the line.

The boundary umpire should wait until the field umpire has acknowledged the decision (or overrides it with a free kick) and then throw the ball in at the point it crossed the boundary line. The throw in direction of the ball should be towards the centre circle, and if within 10 meters of the point post, in a straight line.

Out Of Bounds On The Full

If the ball goes over the boundary line as the direct result of a kick and is not touched by a player or does not bounce, the ball is out of bounds on the full.

The boundary umpire should blow their whistle loudly and extend both arms out horizontally to either side of the body with fists clenched.

The boundary umpire shall wait until the field umpire acknowledges the decision (or overrides it with a free kick). The boundary umpire, if positioned within 15m of the ball crossing the boundary line, will run to that spot and indicate where the ball crossed the line, prior to moving to position for the free kick.

Out Of Bounds From A Behind Or Knocked Out Of Bounds Directly From A Ruck Contest

When a ball is kicked out of bounds from a kick out without being touched by another player (it doesn't matter whether or not it was kicked), the boundary umpire should blow their whistle loudly and extend both arms out horizontally. Exactly the same as the out of bounds on the full.

If the Ball Hits The Point Post

If the ball hits the point post on the full (that is without it bouncing), the boundary umpire will indicate that the ball is out of bounds on the full.

If the ball is touched, or bounces before hitting the point post, the boundary umpire should indicate that the ball is out of bounds, tap the post three times and throw the ball back into play. If the boundary umpire is not in position when it hits the point post, the goal umpire will assist.

If The Field Umpire Doesn't See Your Decision

If the boundary umpire signals that the ball is out of bounds and the field umpire does not hear or see the decision, the boundary umpire should run after the field umpire and notify him that the ball was out of bounds and where this occurred. When notified, the field umpire shall indicate that the ball be thrown in or award the free kick dependant on the decision of the boundary umpire.

If the field umpire awards a free kick before the boundary umpire can notify them of the out of bounds, the decision becomes voided and the boundary umpire should take up the appropriate position to continue with play.

If a goal or behind is scored (but no free kick), the boundary umpire shall still notify the field umpire of the out of bounds. The field umpire will then direct the goal umpire to annul the score.

Throw-Ins

The boundary umpire will throw the ball back into play in the spot where the ball crossed the line. Following the signalling of the decision, the boundary umpire will wait for the field umpire to acknowledge the decision before picking up the ball. The boundary umpire shall face with their back to the arena, before throwing the ball over their head into play.

The ball needs to land 10-15m from the boundary line and reach a height of at least 3m. If the boundary umpire cannot achieve this distance, they are permitted to move in from the boundary line the necessary distance in order for the players to have a fair ruck contest.

If the ball does not reach the required height and distance, the field umpire may direct you to re-throw the ball.

Under no circumstances are you to leave the playing arena to retrieve the ball. Request a player or official to do this for you. Seek help from the field umpire if necessary.

Signalling:

Out of bounds



Touched out of bounds



Out of bounds on the full



Hitting the post



Indicating the mark



Communicating With Other Umpires Regarding Decisions

The boundary umpire is the sole judge of when the ball is out of bounds except when a field umpire awards a mark before the ball crosses the boundary line or awards a free kick.

A goal umpire may overrule the boundary umpire if the discrepancy surrounds a score.

Despite this, it is important that all umpires work as a team! Communication is important.

If the boundary umpire is 'out of position' the goal umpire may assist the boundary umpire in the following ways:

- May signal that the ball is out of bounds.
- May signal that the ball is out of bounds on the full.
- May signal that the ball hit the post on the full.
- May signal that the ball hit the post after bouncing/being touched.

The goal umpire is there to assist you. If the signal one of the above, as a boundary umpire, if you see this, you need to blow your whistle and indicate the out of bounds or out on the full decision. The only exception to this is if you believe you were in the correct position to make the correct decision without assistance.

Four Umpire System

The Four Boundary Umpire System is used in finals and at selected matches throughout the season. The following link allows you the opportunity to familiarise yourself with this system: <http://aflvic.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Four-Boundary-Umpire-System.pdf>

This system will be covered in more detailed during the season.