



Umpire Quick Reference Guide 2019

For more detailed information on any of the below points, please refer to the 2019 Umpires Manual.

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Appointments Process

Appointments are managed by the Schedula online appointments system. Appointments go out each Monday evening via email. **Appointments must be confirmed as soon as possible, preferably before training Tuesday.** If you are unavailable to umpire on a particular day record it in Schedula or contact your coach by email or phone. 2 weeks notice is desirable.

Your Uniform

Field Umpires runners and boots are to be clean, totally fluro runners not permitted. **Goal Umpires** should wear predominately black footwear. **Skins/lycra shorts** must be black to match our shorts. No jewellery.

A list of recommended items in your umpiring bag: appointment details, laws book, umpires handbook, uniform (shirt, shorts, socks, wristbands etc), runners and boots, 2 whistles, tracksuit/towel/drink bottle/sun screen, pen/pencil/pocket note pad, blue/yellow/red cards, water to drink before and after the game, something to eat after the game.

Match Day Check List

Before the Game

- Arrive 1 hour prior to the game. Ensure you are dressed appropriately.
- Go directly to the umpire's room and ensure your fellow umpires are in attendance.
- 30 minutes prior to the start of the game visit the home team (obtain two match balls) room and then the visiting team (offer the Visiting Captain choice of footballs for the match). *In all senior games one of these balls must be brand new.* If it is the first match of the day, ensure clubs have completed the Ground Inspection Form.
- Introduce yourself to the coaches, captains and team officials.
- Ensure you have the team sheets from both clubs 15 minutes prior to the start of game
- Enter the field of play 7 minutes prior to the scheduled start of game or once the previous game has concluded.
- Call captains to toss in the centre of the ground. Away team call the toss.

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.
- Only the umpire escorts should be in the vicinity.
- Take notes of best players at the end of each quarter.
- Only your mentor, coach, an EDFL official or team Captain can approach umpires during the breaks.

After the Game

Collect the ball, if it is nearby; otherwise leave it to be collected by the clubs. Walk from the ground to your change rooms, meeting both Umpires' Escorts and head directly into your change rooms and close the door.

Electronic Match Day Paperwork

The EDFL uses an electronic system (Jotform) 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. This system is also used to make any Reports on players or Officials; you will automatically be redirected to a separate form should any reports be required.

Please refer to training video on EDFL website or the 2019 Umpires Manual for details on completing these forms. If you have any issues with this, please contact Patrick (0438 572 144) asap.

Break Length

¼ Time 5 Minutes ½ Time 15 Minutes ¾ Time 5 Minutes

Match Day Officials

Trainers **Black Bib** White Pants

Runner **Fluro Yellow**

Water Persons **Green Bib**

Umpires Escort **Blue Bib**

Player's Uniforms and Equipment

Jumpers Number must be between 1 and 99. Must include EDFL and relevant sponsors logos. **Gloves** Must be from the AFL approved list. **Protective Equipment** Allowed but must have Medical Certificate and permission from EDFL.

Undergarments (such as Skins) must be skin or club coloured. **Mouth Guards** Recommended for all games, compulsory for Youth Girls. **Jewellery** NOT permitted. **Boots** Must be of an acceptable safety standard. No metal studs allowed. **Hijab or Modesty Covering** The EDFL supports the wearing of hijabs, long sleeve jumpers, and full skins to encourage active involvement of participants under religious or cultural constraints.

Melee Rule

An incident involving 8 or more player which occurs prior to, during or following the completion of an EDFL match. Umpires are to report any melee 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.

Red, Yellow and Blue Card

Red Card Where a Field Umpire has reported a player for a breach of the laws of Australian Football, 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. Player must attend tribunal and would not be offered a set penalty. **Yellow Card** Where a Field Umpire has reported a player for a less serious breach of the laws of Australian Football that would entitle the player to take 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, that player is sent from the ground for a period of 15 minutes (breaks are not included in this time).

In each circumstance, the player shown a Card may be replaced immediately.

Tribunal Hearings

Are held at EDFL Headquarters (Windy Hill) on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. All reporting umpires must attend.

Injury Claims

All injury claims must be made to Patrick Moloney (patrick.m@essendondfl.com.au) immediately following the incident.

Social Media Policy

When using social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, forums/discussion boards etc. all umpires and coaches should remember that they are a representative of the EDFL; using discriminatory, defamatory, abusive or otherwise objectionable language on any form of social media will not be tolerated.