



Junior Umpiring
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UMPIRES DEMEANOUR

Feedback received on how umpires are relating to club officials and players is disturbing. As umpires we must display the highest levels of honesty, integrity and professionalism at all times. Recent examples all from last weekend that I have received via email are:

- Constant, rude arguing between the other field umpire and a club boundary umpire all day including during the game
- The field umpire also seemed to have a negative attitude towards club all day
- Umpire turned his back and walked away from a club official and player who wanted to apologise for an incident that occurred during a match
- I spoke to the umpire after the game, introduced myself, got a grunt in reply, didn't say his name,
- The umpire did not engage in professional communication and was dismissive
- didn't take my feedback well (I did introduce myself, by the way, and I was trying to be constructive)

As umpires we expect to be treated appropriately and professionally. It is a two way street though with clubs, teams, players and officials.

SLING TACKLES & DANGEROUS TACKLE

To promote a safe environment in SANFL Juniors ALL sling type and dangerous tackles are to be penalised. If you see any of the following:

- A player lifted off the ground in the tackle
- Two distinct actions in the tackle
- Or Intent to hurt by force in the tackle

You must be vigilant in this area. **IF IN DOUBT** – err on the side of paying a free kick !

COACHING NOTES

Please be aware of the following

- We DO NOT pay deliberate out of bounds in SANFL Juniors/SANFL Schools
- Players may bring the ball back in to play following a behind without waiting for flags to be waved in Under 11 to Under 16.5 matches
- Pay ALL high tackles (duty of care). We would rather see (and so would clubs and players) soft frees paid for high tackles than see missed high tackles
- Do not inform players to "get it out". That is a coaching instruction and we are not coaches. Coaches may have asked their players to keep it in ! Only time to instruct this is in

the higher grades where a player has dragged it in and to alert him to the impending call of holding the ball.

- Keep on the move. There is too much walking by umpires during matches. It looks lazy and unprofessional.
- Move around scrimmages keeping an eye on the ball players head and shoulders for infringements

ARRIVAL AT MATCHES

Please arrive at your match no later than 20 minutes prior to start time. Clubs have been instructed to action the Non-Arrival of Umpire process and organize their own umpire if the appointed umpire doesn't show 10 minutes prior to match time.

Upon arrival make it known to club officials you are there and introduce yourself to each coach prior to the match. This is a compulsory requirement from this weekend in all matches.

FOOTBALLS

The official match ball in SANFL Juniors is BURLEY.

If you are handed a TW Sherrin – please ask politely “Do you have a Burley ?”

If YES swap and play with a Burley.

If NO play with the TW Sherrin but advise club that you will be advising Competition Management and then record it via the MatchDay App. Club will be fined.

SANFL SCHOOLS

Year 6/7 matches in Tiger League (Glenelg) and West Adelaide Zone

Please note that at the conclusion of your match you will be approached by the HOME school team manager and asked to complete a voting slip for 3-2-1 from your match. Be prepared for this by monitoring players during the match so you can award the votes correctly and ensure you do not leave the match without having done so. If you are unsure as to what to do ask on the day.

ALL matches in North Adelaide/Norwood Zone

Bruce Potter Award relating to team behaviours is required at the completion of each match. This can be completed via Match Day App. If you are unsure how to use the app talk to your coach at training. Any voting unable to be submitted via app are to be emailed to

Jason.rivett@sanfl.com.au

ALL matches in Eagles/Western Zone

Good Sports Voting is to be completed for all matches. Requirements are emailed to appointed umpires each Thursday. Deadline for return is NOON Monday

Please note rule variations recently introduced in ALL SANFL Schools competitions:

- Year 6/7 matches – maximum two (2) bounces

ATTENDANCE AT TRAINING

Attendance at training is expected unless you are part of another umpiring group and train with that group. If everyone attended training a comprehensive bulletin such as this would not be necessary.

We will shortly commence following up all umpires who are not attending training anywhere to understand why you don't or can't attend and at the same confirm your commitment to umpiring and responsibilities you have to umpiring matches in SANFL Juniors and SANFL Schools.

Preference for multiple matches and higher grades is always given to those who attend training regularly.

If you are unable to attend training please let your coach know or contact us in the office and we will pass on the message.

SCHEDULE

It is your responsibility to maintain accurate availability information on Schedula. Far too many appointments (40+) are being declined each week due to umpires being appointed to matches then declining as they are unavailable. The reasons for unavailability are accepted but the non-recording in Schedula of your accurate unavailability isn't.

Points to note:

- As work on umpire appointments commences over the weekend for the next weekend's matches please update your availability by 6pm Friday night for the following weekend.
 - i.e Friday May 26th for matches on June 2nd 3rd 4th
 - please email Leanne.Carter@sanfl.com.au variations to your availability if you miss this deadline
- From next Tuesday the majority of appointments for SANFL Juniors and SANFL Schools will issue at 2pm Tuesday. Please confirm ASAP following that and no later than NOON Wednesday. In previous weeks we have given some leniency and followed up appointments not confirmed. From next week unconfirmed appointments will be actioned by simply replacing you.

UNAVAILABILITY

Some umpires are still simply not turning for matches last week despite confirming appointments. This reflects badly on them as an individual and on umpiring collectively but most importantly leaves competing teams in the unexpected situation of finding someone suitable to umpire at short notice.

If you cannot fulfil your umpiring commitment once you have confirmed on Schedula please call

84406933 (this number is available over the weekend and checked periodically)

If your call is unanswered please leave the following information

- Name
- Reason
- Matches appointed
- Contact number in case we need to get back to you
- No texts to mobile phone of Umpiring Manager
- No emails to Leanne or Barry

Early notice of any unavailability is appreciated wherever possible. If you call on Saturday AM for SANFL Schools matches or Sunday AM matches for SANFL Juniors advising unavailability for an 8.30am, 9.30am or 10.30/40am match it is highly unlikely we can source a replacement in a short time frame. If you have any doubts over your availability due to fitness, sickness, etc please advise Friday PM or Saturday PM when possible.

RED/YELLOW/BLUE CARDS

If you have not collected cards at training please email Leanne.Carter@sanfl.com.au advising your name and full address and we will post out to you.

There is no margin for error for in use of cards. Incorrect use can affect the course of the match. If unsure on any aspect discuss with your coach at training. For those who umpired SANFL Juniors last season be aware that there are changes !

Yellow Card

For any act of on-field behaviour deemed unacceptable by an umpire (which is not considered a reportable offence)

- Offending player is SENT OFF for 10 minutes playing time
- Offending player can be replaced immediately

Red Card

For any reportable offence

- Offending player is SENT OFF for the remainder of the match
- Offending player can be replaced after 10 minutes

Blue Card (this will be NEW to many of you)

- For any off-field behaviour deemed unacceptable by an umpire (use common sense)
- STOP the match – Ground Marshall from each team is to approach the umpire to explain issue and action required
- FREE KICK awarded against offending team/club in attacking goal square
- 2nd blue card from same team/club ENDS the match

MATCH CONDITIONS

As the appointed umpire it is your responsibility to be fully conversant with the match conditions that apply to the grade you are umpiring. It is not a good look for an umpire to be asking competing teams what the rules are.

Match conditions (rules) for all competitions within SANFL Juniors are on the SANFL website

<http://sanfl.com.au/juniors-umpiring-resources/>

NB: Matches played at Hectorville (Daly Oval) and Gaza (Klemzig) in Under 8 – Under 11 follow SANFL Juniors match conditions **NOT** North East U6 – U11 match conditions

FAIR PLAY RULE (SANFL Juniors)

The following is the “Fair Play” rule that exists in SANFL Juniors. Please be aware of it but it is not the role of the umpire to initiate it. That is achieved by agreement between teams and then advice to umpire as to what to do.

In SANFL Schools matches there are variations on this type of rule. Again just act on any instructions from competing teams do not initiate yourself.

8.18 FAIR PLAY RULE Under 8 to Under 15 8.18.1

The purpose of this Rule is to encourage coaches, to provide the best possible experience for all players on a match day. Where a match is clearly going to be one sided on the scoreboard, coaches are to use any means necessary to ensure a good experience for all players. This could include: 8.18.1.1 Rotation of players into positions they don't normally play.

8.18.1.2 Resting more skilled players.

8.18.2 If coaches are following 8.18.1 and the game is still one sided, at the next quarter break Team Manager or Ground Marshall is to approach the Field Umpire/s to notify them. Umpire/s will introduce the following additional measure to assist with evening up the game.

.18.2.1 The trailing team will start with the ball in the centre.

8.18.3 If after introducing 8.18.2 the game is still one sided, at the next quarter break Team Manager or Ground Marshall is to approach the Field Umpire/s to notify them. Umpire/s will introduce the following additional measure to assist with evening up the game. 8.18.3.1 The trailing team will start with a ball up in their forward line.

8.18.4 Matches will proceed as normal, for the whole match period. Clubs will enter final scores into Fox Sports Pulse as normal.

8.18.5 After Competition Grade Matches, the match points and percentage will be adjusted to ensure that no winning margin exceeds 10 goals/60 points. This will be completed by a ladder

adjustment by the SANFL Juniors Competition Coordinator on the Monday following the fixture games

MATCH DAY PAPERWORK

In SANFL Juniors DO NOT leave your match with ANY paperwork (team sheets, scorecards, etc). This has been reinforced with clubs again this week. If they want to leave any paperwork with you don't take it. Leave it in the umpire's rooms.

- Each competing team will provide you a team sheet in ALL matches (under 6 to under 16.5 boys/girls)
- Umpires MUST record final score in matches Under 11 (North East) & ALL matches Under 12 to Under 16.5
 - Clubs do record scores however umpires doing so is a double check
- NO paperwork is to be retained and forwarded by umpires. Team sheets (once votes completed) and scorecards (once score recorded) can be left in umpires changerooms
- IF Match Day APP does not work please submit ALL of the information via email to votes@sanfl.com.au by 9AM Monday

Match day administration requirements are to be met as follows:

Match Day Paperwork App (download on iPhone or Android) is to be used to submit information to SANFL Juniors

- **Match Score** (ALL Under 11 to Under 16.5 matches – boys & girls)
 - Check scorecards at end of match – note score – return cards to clubs
- **Red/Yellow Card incidents**
 - Offending player details, nature of incident
- **Club Ratings & Match Incidents**
 - Each competing team (home/away) is rated on the following
 - Player behaviour towards umpires
 - Player behaviour towards opposition
 - Coaches behaviour towards umpires
 - Spectator behaviour towards umpires
 - 5 = OUTSTANDING – No issues
 - 4 = VERY GOOD – Minimal Issues. No effect on match day experience. Game played in good spirits
 - 3 = GOOD – Some Issues. No effect on match day experience. Game played in good spirits
 - 2 = FAIR – Some Issues. Match day experience not enjoyable.
 - 1 = POOR – Some issues. Match day experience not enjoyable
 - Details of any incidents to be investigated
 - Names of officiating umpires
- **Votes – 3/2/1 (under 11 North East clubs & ALL Under 12 to Under 16.5 matches)**
 - Clubs will provide Team sheets to Umpires prior to match
 - App will display team lists of players
- **Incidents**
 - Record anything that you feel Competition Management need to be aware of

We understand there are some reliability issues with the matchday app. As a safeguard please keep a simple note of the votes and score in case we ask you to recall the information.

UMPIRE UNIFORMS

SANFL Juniors "National Pharmacies Optical" umpire uniforms are still available. Cost \$60 for shirt/shorts/sox

Collection and payment in cash is now only available from Football Park on Thursday evenings from 6.45pm – 7pm if you pre-order by NOON Wednesday via email to

Leanne.Carter@sanfl.com.au

If you are not wearing a SANFL Juniors umpire uniform please ensure any West End logos are covered up

UMPIRE PAYMENTS

Thank you all for your patience with umpire payments. SANFL Juniors Round 4 payments and SANFL Schools Rounds 1, 2 & 3 payments have been processed and will be credited to bank accounts overnight.

Any queries in respect of payments are to go to Leanne.Carter@sanfl.com.au NOT Nadia who you will receive remittance advice from.

If you update your bank account details on Schedula please also email

Leanne.Carter@sanfl.com.au to confirm so we can ensure records in SANFL Finance are also updated.

Payments for both competitions will now occur Wednesday weekly from now on.

UMPIRING OPPORTUNITIES

AFL ½ time matches

Saturday May 27 th	7.10pm	Adelaide v Fremantle
Thursday June 1 st	7.20pm	Port Adelaide v Hawthorn
Friday June 9 th	7.20pm	Adelaide v St Kilda

- Arrival 1 hour AFL match start time
- One ticket for umpire & one ticket for parent/caregiver/friend, etc
- Email expression of interest to Leanne.Carter@sanfl.com.au

SANFL ½ time matches

Saturday May 27	2.40pm	Glenelg v West Adelaide	Gliderol Stadium
Sunday May 28 th	2.10pm	South Adelaide v Sturt	Hickbotham Oval
Saturday June 3 rd	2.10pm	Sturt v Norwood	Peter Motley Oval
Saturday June 3 rd	2.10pm	West Adelaide v Centrals	City Mazda Stadium
Saturday June 3 rd	2.10pm	Glenelg v Adelaide	Gliderol Stadium
Sunday June 4 th	2.10pm	South Adelaide v Port Adelaide	Hickinbotham Oval

- Under 12 (Year 6/7) level football
- \$20 cash payment
- Email expression of interest to Leanne.Carter@sanfl.com.au

SAPSASA Girls Football

Friday June 2 nd	1.50pm	Girls small sided match	Mortlock Park
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- One umpire

- \$25
- Email expression of interest to Leanne.Carter@sanfl.com.au

SANFL Curtain Raiser

Saturday June 3rd 12.20pm Brighton v Henley U14 Gliderol Stadium

- Two umpires - \$65 cash payment each
- 4 x 15 min quarters (must finish by 1.40pm)
- Email expression of interest to Leanne.Carter@sanfl.com.au

SAPSASA Carnival

The annual SAPSASA Football Carnival will be held at Barratt Reserve West Beach from Monday June 5th to Friday June 9th inclusive

- \$30 per match (4 x 10 minutes) SAPSASA pay to bank account in week following carnival
- 6 x ovals – 7 matches per oval per day (Mon – Thurs) 4 matches per oval (Fri)
- Must be available for the full day (minimum 3 matches will be allocated to you)
- 12 umpires required each day
- Preference given to school students
- Email expression of interest advising days available to Leanne.Carter@sanfl.com.au

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