



# AFL NORTHERN TERRITORY LTD.

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## CENTRE CIRCLE - UMPIRES COMMENT



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This week I would like to explain to the football public about the Underage Equal Playing Numbers NTFL By -Law as there seems to be a bit of confusion about this topic of late. As we head into the last week of juniors before the Christmas school holiday period and with all the boarders gone back home.

I would like to remind all coaches that if you know you're going to be short, that you communicate this with your opposing coach prior to the match to ensure that the two teams start with equal number of players on the field.

### **2.17 Equal Playing Numbers- Underage Grades**

**2.17.1** Teams shall have equal numbers of players to commence a match down to a minimum of 14 in the underage grades unless agreed otherwise by opposition team officials. Any change to normal playing numbers must be advised to the umpires prior to the match commencing.

**2.17.2** Teams commencing with fewer than 18 players may allow other players to participate later in the game provided they are listed on the team sheet prior to the match commencing and are in attendance by the commencement of the second quarter. An on field increase in equal playing numbers can be done prior to the commencement of the second quarter with the umpires knowledge and approval, is subject to retaining equal numbers and the player/s concern being listed on the team sheet prior to the match commencing.

**2.17.3** Where playing numbers for each team are 14 or less at the commencement of the match, each quarter shall be amended to 15 minutes where the normal duration is longer.



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2.17.4 If during the match playing numbers for either team fall below 14 the provision of clause 20.7 of the laws of Australian Football shall apply.

## AFLNT Umpires Recruitment

We are currently in desperate need of **more Boundary & Junior Field** umpires at the moment, so if you're interested in giving umpiring a go then please call the AFLNT on 8980 4811 during business hours or come down to TIO Stadium on Monday or Wednesday Nights from 5.40pm.

## No Milestone's for Milestone Avenue Round 11 this week:

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