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CENTRE CIRCLE - UMPIRES COMMENT

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Edition 15

Last weekend AFLNT conducted its Mid-season Umpiring Coaches Personal Development Course. NTFL Umpiring Coaches and Observers assembled at TIO Stadium early on Saturday morning to take part in the National AFL designed course to improve their coaching skills and methods, whilst also sharing ideas on coaching techniques with the ultimate aim of improving the standard of umpiring across the top end.

Participants kicked off the morning by reviewing their pre-season workshop and the 2 teleconferences completed so far. Throughout the morning, Coaches discuss the role of the coach on match day, providing encouragement and re-enforcing positive feedback, identifying areas for self-improvement, post match performance conversations and the importance of the post-match group de-brief form.

Then the umpiring coaches and observers put a variety of these techniques, tips and hints into the practise through–out the rest of the day under the guidance of AFL Representative, former Umpire and AFL Umpires Coach David Levens who was up in Darwin conducting the course.

David was on hand to observe, give direct feed back and provide valuable information on Friday night and over Saturday about how we should be endeavouring to deliver our match – day coaching and try and instigate more discussions with the umpire on what they did well and how would they could improve in their next match. There are currently 12 participants within the Darwin and Katherine Region, with a further 3 in Alice Springs and join over 400 umpire coach PD program participant’s nation wide.

Congratulations to John Robins, who has been selected to represent the NT Umpire Coach PD Program participants at the National Coaching Conference next weekend in Adelaide, stay tune for his story about the Conference in a future edition of the Centre Circle.



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AFLNT Umpires Recruitment

We are currently in desperate need of **more Junior Field and Boundary** umpires at the moment as the **Juniors return next weekend**. 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.

Milestone Avenue Round 15:

- Kathryn Flynn – 250th Boundary Umpiring Game
- Jim Thiele – 50th Reserves Field Umpiring Game
- Bill Armstrong – 50th U/18 Goal Umpiring Game

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