



# AFL NORTHERN TERRITORY LTD.

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## CENTRE CIRCLE - UMPIRES COMMENT

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### Green Shirt Junior Umpires

In the last two weekends of football you would have seen a fair few young 1<sup>st</sup> year umpires umpiring in the Field, Boundary or Goals in the Green Mentoring Uniform especially in the U14/13's & Women's as a part of the AFL's National Umpire Mentoring Program. This program is an umpire education and development program that aims to use experience umpires to mentor new and inexperienced umpires. Under this program new and inexperienced umpires wear a green coloured shirt to signify that they are learning their craft and are being supported by a mentor.

We can all make a contribution to the success of the mentoring program and the development of umpiring and overall quality of the game.

- Good COACHES know the laws of the game and are good role models for their players. As a coach you should try and meet the umpires before the game and respect the decisions they make during the game.
- Good PLAYERS know the laws of the game and show respect for the decisions the umpire makes during the game and focuses on helping their team.
- Good PARENTS or SUPPORTERS encourage their team, know the laws and understand and Respect the role the umpire plays in the game.

So please remember before you yell out at an umpire on the weekend especially in junior games, that if continue crowd abuse occurs it will result in no umpires in juniors games like which is the case in most junior leagues around Australia, therefore who will umpire these games and give the kids a safe game of football? Will it be YOU???

### AFLNT Umpires Recruitment



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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 No. 1 on Monday or Wednesday Nights from 5.40pm.

## Milestone Avenue- Round 3:

- **Matt French – 50<sup>th</sup> Reserves Field Umpiring Game**

**Mark Noonan**  
**Umpiring Development Manager**  
**AFL Northern Territory**

