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CENTRE CIRCLE - UMPIRES COMMENT

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Edition 4

Following on from last weeks article on the AFL's National Green Shirt Junior Umpire Mentoring Program, I would like to further educate Players/Officials and Parents about the special modified rules in the Under 13 & 14 age groups for the 2009/10 NTFL Season. These modify rules are in place to add extra protection of junior players safety and teach and encourage the kids to pick the ball up on the run.

Please find below these special modified rules as per the AFLNT By-Laws:

UNDER 13s/14s SPECIAL RULES FOR 2009/10

- THE BALL MUST BE THROWN UP AT ALL RUCK CONTESTES
- THE UMPIRE MUST IDENTIFY BOTH RUCKMEN AND ONLY THE NOMINATED RUCKMEN CAN CONTEST THE THROW-UP & THEY CANN'T GRAB THE BALL OUT OF THE RUCK EITHER
- PLAYERS MAY ONLY BOUNCE THE BALL TWICE (2) WHEN RUNNING WITH THE BALL AND CAN NOT HANDBALL TO THEMSELVES OR TAKE A 3RD BOUNCE OR IT WILL RESULT IN A FREE KICK TO THE OPPOSITION
- PLAYERS MAY NOT DELIBERATE KICK THE BALL OFF THE GROUND AT ANY TIME AND ESPECIALLY NOT NEAR THE GOALS
- AN ACCIDENTAL KICK OFF THE GROUND WILL NOT BE PENALISED AND A "PLAY ON" CALL WILL RESULT
- WHEN THE BALL GOES OUT OF BOUNDS, THE FIELD UMPIRE WILL CONDUCT A "BALL UP" 15 METRES INSIDE THE BOUNDARY LINE
- IN THE EVENT OF 50 METRE PENALTY BEING AWARDED, IT WILL BE ONLY 25 METRES TO BE APPLIED
- ALL SLINGING TACKLES MUST BE PENALISED!

AND THE FIELD UMPIRES SHOULD EXPLAIN THEIR DECISIONS TO THE KIDS SO THEY CAN LEARN FROM IT!



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Congratulations to Leon Fennell in reaching 650th Goal Umpiring Game this weekend League Match between Palmerston and Tiwi Bombers starting at 2.30pm. Leon starting goal umpiring in 1994/95 season, he has umpire 5 Tiwi Island FL Grand Finals in 93-94, 95-96, 98-99, 04-05, 05-06, 3- Reserves, 7- U/18, 4- U/16, 1- U/15, 1-u/14 and numerous Community Grand Finals like Maningrida and Wadeye. Below are the achievements of other umpires in Milestone Avenue.

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

Milestone Avenue- Round 4:

- Leon Fennell – 650th Goal Umpiring Game
- Bill Armstrong – 200th Goal Umpiring Game
- Graeme Flesfader – 100th Umpiring Game
- Grant Butler – 100th Goal Umpiring Game
- Mark Atkins – 50th Field Umpiring Game

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