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CENTRE CIRCLE - UMPIRES COMMENT

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With another season fully up and going and we have already seen a Water Carrier been sent off the ground and plenty getting in the way of the play over the first 4 weeks of the season. Despite the majority of trainers and water carriers respecting the rules relating to their game involvement, a minority are not and they are spoil it for others and they have only embarrass their club and themselves.

That's why I'm reminding all trainers and water carriers of their roles and responsibilities. On no occasion must **water carriers** in particular **remain on the ground spectating and/or coach**, nor must they talk to any match officials either during the match or after the end of quarters or they risk being charged with misconduct under the bylaws. We have had several near accidents last season with boundary & field umpires narrowly avoiding collisions with water carriers doing little else than watching the game often in the middle of the ground.

A Free Kick will be paid for any runner/water carrier/trainer that gets in the way of the play as per the 2009 Laws of Australian Football DVD.

The current NTFL Bylaw "2.26 Trainers & Water Carriers" reads as follows:

- 2.26.1 The trainers and water carriers of a team whilst carrying out their duties shall be attired in a numbered and club identified uniform consisting of a T shirt, shorts in neutral colours **and wear appropriate covered footwear** as determined by AFLNT. (Note: On match day the authority to determine appropriate footwear has been delegated to the umpires).
- 2.26.2 Trainers & Water Carriers shall not enter the playing arena for any purpose other than attending to an injured Player or providing liquid refreshment to a Player **and not remain on the playing arena for such longer period than is reasonably necessary** for that purpose or after having been directed to leave the field by a field umpire.



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- 2.26.3 Trainers & water carriers shall not initiate an approach or attempt to approach any opposition player or official during the course of play in a match or during a scheduled break except when requested to provide assistance by an opposition player or official.
- 2.26.4 Clubs may have up to maximum of four (4) water carriers per match on the ground.
- 2.26.5 Clubs shall have an accredited Trainer in attendance at every match in which the Club participates.

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 5:

- Gerry Wood – 100th U/14 Field Umpiring Game
- Adrian Wellington – 50th U/14 Field Umpiring Game

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