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CENTRE CIRCLE - UMPIRES COMMENT

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Edition 7

This week I would like to remind all players and spectators that “when a player has been rewarded with a Mark or a Free Kick” that the opposition player standing the Mark must not encroach or stand diagonally forward of the Mark, in attempt to force their opponent kick down the boundary line.

We have notice that a lot of players deliberately trying to stand diagonally forward of the Mark inside the 10 Metre protected area (**as per the diagram below**) in the last few rounds and they have been penalise a further 50 meters for deliberately encroaching the protected area.

Standing the Mark and the Ten-Metre Protected Area – 16.1

16.1.2 Protected Area

The Protected Area is a corridor which extends from 5 metres either side of the mark to 5 metres either side of, and a 5-metre radius behind, the Player with the football, as illustrated in diagram 2 appearing on page 60. No Player shall enter and remain in the Protected Area unless the field Umpire calls “Play On” or the Player is accompanying or following within 5 metres of his or her opponent.

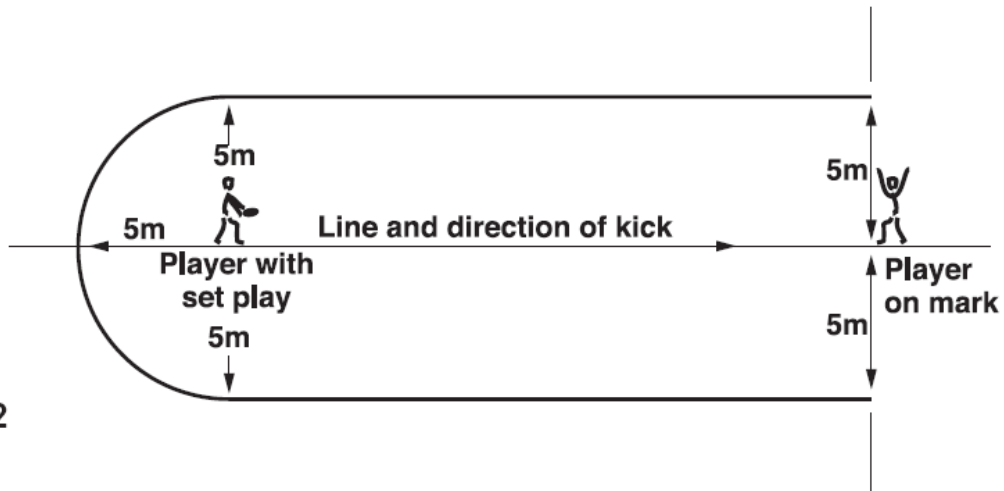


DIAGRAM 2

Av special Congratulations to Adrian “Cat Weasel” Wellington in reaching 300th League Boundary Umpiring Game this weekend League Match between Tiwi Bombers and Sthn Districts over on Bathurst Island. Adrian’s long list of achievements would far exceed the kilometres that he has run and driven over the years, with a quick glance through the archives this is just a handful of what we found:

- Life Member of NTF LUA in 2000 and AFLNT in 2004
- 782 NTF L combine grades matches
- 1 League Boundary Grand Final in 1986/87
- 5 NTF L Reserve Grand Finals
- Tiwi Islands Grand Final as field umpire 75, 80 & 83 and as a Boundary in 1986 & 2006
- Over 2,000 AFLNT Affiliated League Matches
- Unknown how many Community Grand Finals (we didn’t have enough time to count them all)

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.



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Milestone Avenue- Round 7:

- Adrian Wellington – 300th League Boundary Game
- Matthew Piper – League Field Debut – Darwin v Waratah
- Tempe Cotterill – League Goal Debut – Nightcliff v Palmerston
- Geoff Samuels– 250th Goal Umpiring Game

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