

Rusty's Finals wk2 Rev

Congratulations

To all umpires involved in finals matches this weekend. Have a great game. Your appointment is well deserved. Additionally, congratulations to umpires that have been appointed to a junior grand final!

Trends

Increasingly players are looking for a stoppage and therefore will do what they can to create this. If we see that the ball is open (ie, as per the following three examples) hold the whistle until it becomes trapped. If the player has not had a prior opportunity and subsequently has not made a genuine attempt to dispose of the ball, Holding the Ball can be paid. Let's ensure that we allow the play to play out – a ball that is not trapped = play on.

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<https://www.loom.com/share/7d99863c1cbd4deb93e1e78b1fc31c26?sid=e5ef656b-695e-4bfe-921e-1aa4d5dfbee6>

<https://www.loom.com/share/862d619e5a714b41a0e31bb534c49883?sid=a7e6c1fe-1b5a-4c17-8d3f-8fe95a686974>

Kicking for goal after the siren

Terrific examples of teamwork in the following examples. Players who deviate off their line post siren will be called to play on and subsequently the quarter is over.

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<https://www.loom.com/share/a6243d3d1b6a434483f0b4ab8ed7e945?sid=8b102a7c-9093-407a-baa2-19d23b0ce10a>

Finals expectations

- **Attire** : SUA polo / hoodie. Slacks. Dress shoes.
- **Arrival time** : At least one hour before your scheduled match. Please report to the duty officer on arrival.

- **Saturday/Sunday** – please ensure that you update your availability in Officials HQ. Matches are played on both Saturday and Sunday so this availability should be updated. I am aware of those umpiring junior finals so no need to provide this information.
- **Support for each other** – Look after each other, remain positive and enjoy the experience together. Work together as a team and enjoy the match together as one team. We encourage non – running umpires to attend matches in support of their friends.
- **Centre square** – please allow those running in the match to focus on the job at hands at the breaks. All umpires attending the match in support of their colleagues are asked to stay away from the officiating umpires at the breaks. Umpires officiating in the next game may be out there as part of their warm up/ pre-match.

End of Season Reviews

End of Season reviews will be made available to all field umpires. It is up to you to book in a time with me. They will be conducted from September – November and can be done via Zoom.

Umpires are encouraged to book in a time that is mutually convenient. Simply email me at Russell.davidson@haileybury.com.au to book in a time that suits once your season is completed. Reviews will take approximately 15-20 minutes and will focus on the following areas;

- What you have done well in 2024.
- The areas that you'd like to improve.
- The action plan to achieve your goals in 2025.

Reviews are a two way process and I ask that you come prepared.

Good Stuff.

The following are some terrific pieces of umpiring from last weekend's matches.

1. A composed consultation from James with the correct outcome resulting. Note that we take our time to get the result and that there is no interaction with players.
<https://www.loom.com/share/bf47d1fa3b254ed6a1b8b5f0b076ba9f?sid=13893c49-2598-4c3e-bd94-759d58bb1e37>
2. A correct Holding the ball (dives on the ball) from Jacko.
<https://www.loom.com/share/56d43de372254f03bac4164035d1fb13?sid=f1c5ea8c-c16f-4e62-8d14-173b0609fe95>
3. Note Harry's vision after disposal in this example. Hold vision and then push down to the contest.
<https://www.loom.com/share/d3651f5b881e4df7aab281ceabdc6e0c?sid=cf2923af-dce6-470e-9b86-53283ccb7ce3>
4. Another correct Holding the Ball for a dive. This time paid by Jarryd.
<https://www.loom.com/share/386b5278a67b45949abf13a71d1108e3?sid=c41400be-e5ae-4330-b151-f67b98b0a337>

5. A good non marking contest free by Ethan. We can be comfortable in this instance that Pearcedale has the sole objective of contesting the mark.
<https://www.loom.com/share/5517f453d401481a8c397f74146e9f3e?sid=d079e72b-961e-49f4-a29f-d87e36f06504>
6. Good composure shown by Kobe showing care for the injured player who remains on the ground.
<https://www.loom.com/share/b1bdb723a4e24a2085a4bc73004925c7?sid=267ae463-e391-408b-a4c2-e88489b6dce8>

Match Vision

Senior field umpires should look to two sources for vision of matches;

1. Premier Data

<https://pdapp.advancedhp.com.au/>

Username: mornington.umpires

Password: mpfnl2024

2. MPFNL TV

[Live Streams - MPFNL \(clubzone.com.au\)](https://www.clubzone.com.au/)

We encourage all umpires to take responsibility for their learning and look through as much vision as possible, asking questions of coaches where required.

Umpires Club Hub

Please visit this important resource for updated information from AFLSE. Here you will find the following;

- Coaching modules (including video examples and explanations)
- Coaching sessions (6 uploaded from 2024 including the most recent session around Finals Criteria.)
- Appointments
- News from AFLSE

[https:// aflseclubhub.com.au/umpires/login/](https://aflseclubhub.com.au/umpires/login/)

Password : Umpires

Calendar

The following outlines the next few weeks of coaching/skills/training

Date	Training	Coaching
Wednesday 28 August	Yes	6pm : Coaching. 6.20pm : Running. 7.15pm Div 1 and 2 finals appointments
Wednesday 4 September	No	Grand Final appointments night. Times TBC

***Please note that attendance at coaching and training is mandatory if you wish to be selected for finals.**

Game Plan

The game plan for all field umpires remains the same for 2024 and is as follows;

- **Protect the ball player.**
- **Work for the team.**
- **Do the one percenters.**
- **Take control when needed.**
- **Blend into the game.**
- **Have Fun (before, during and after match).**

As always, do not hesitate to reach out if you have any queries.

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