

## **NOTES FROM MANAGER UMPIRING OPERATIONS – TRAINING 5 MAY 2010**

### **a) Tribunals**

RDFL - we have been asked by the RDFL Tribunal Chairman for all umpires to remain in attendance at Tribunal hearings until all evidence has been presented, following which they will be excused.

BFL –despite the Tribunal hearings being held in Ballarat on a Monday night, all reportable incidents seen in a BFL game must be reported as normal, with evidence to be presented by the umpire in person or, in exceptional cases (eg. distance to travel to Ballarat may be one such case) by phone.

### **b) Yellow and Red Cards/Order Off**

RDFL – when a player is sent off in the RDFL, the umpire is to accompany the player (20 metre distance apart) to the interchange area, clearly showing the red or yellow card and also telling the interchange steward.

BFL – umpire simply raises the red or yellow card above his head where the offence occurred, and points the player to the interchange area – the umpire needs to ensure that the interchange steward has seen the order off card.

### **c) Observers**

Official observers for the respective disciplines are –

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| Senior Field | Brian Collins, Ken Freeman, Michael O’Keefe |
| Boundary     | Andrew Brown, Eric Garwood                  |
| Goal         | Richard Patterson, Bruce Pizaro             |
| Junior Field | Glen Shilling                               |

Guy Contarino also helps out on match days with new boundary and goal umpires.

### **d) Game Day**

I have been to a number of games already this season, and the standard of umpiring in all disciplines has been excellent. It is very encouraging to see the number of younger males and females running the boundary, whose performances will clearly improve with more games under their belt.

I have noticed some minor matters requiring attention –

- Field and boundary umpires in all games are to walk off the ground as a group at both half-time and the end of the game
- Field, boundary and goal umpires are to walk on the ground as a group at the start of a game – please wait for goal umpires if they have done the previous game and need to complete paperwork
- Field umpires need to wait for goal umpires to be in position behind the goals before starting the game in each quarter
- Once teams enter the field and go into a huddle, please whistle up the captains for the toss to enable the game to start on time

- Any umpire wishing to have a smoke off the ground must do so outside and well away from the entrance to the umpires' room
- Field umpires, even if \*2 umpire, must be continually looking around their immediate area for off-the-ball incidents, particularly after a goal has been scored
- No umpire should be seen standing on the field with their hands on their hips

**e) Interleague Appointments**

RDFL v BFL Under 18s at Clarke Oval Sunbury on Wednesday 12 May at 7pm

- Field Matt McFarlane      Boundary Billy Mitchell      Goal Tyler Andrews

RDFL v WRFL Under 16s at Clarke Oval Sunbury on Wednesday 26 May at 6.30pm

- Field Troy Cusack      Boundary Ash Millane      Goal Sean Hume

RDFL v WRFL Under 18s at Clarke Oval Sunbury on Wednesday 26 May at 8.30pm

- Field Pat Plowman      Boundary Kyle Parkinson      Goal Matt Cusack

**f) Female Forum**

Wednesday 12 May – all female umpires – facilitator Troy Jones

**g) John Batty**

Introduction of John Batty, General Manager, RDFL as guest speaker.

**Keep up the good work and good luck to everyone this weekend.**

**Brian Collins**