

1. Coaching Session: 3 Umpire System Team Rules

Mid Zone Umpires

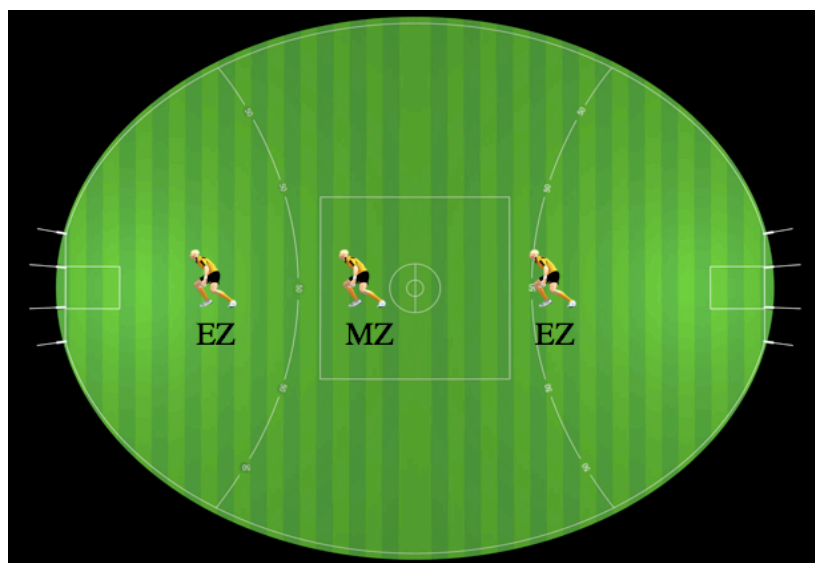


- ➔ 100% Work Rate - 100% of the time
- ➔ Always work the angles
- ➔ Be prepared to work the End Zone (if the ball goes to 45m to 50m from goal)
- ➔ Look for the tap-throughs by the End Zone umpire if the ball is 35m to 45m from goal
- ➔ Never panic to get to the Major Axis if your back is to the boundary line; go at the first available opportunity
- ➔ Know that for the next 60-90 seconds you will WORK HARD
- ➔ At a Set Kick just inside the End Zone, and there is a short kick or kick that goes parallel with the Minor Axis, the Mid Zone umpire should keep play
- ➔ At a Set Kick for goal which the End Zone umpire has control of, the Mid Zone umpire to position themselves at the 50m line and be looking into the goal square using the 20/80 rule (Set Kick/Goal Square)

End Zone Umpires

- ➔ Responsible for policing of forwards and backmen contests (blocking, holding, pushing)
- ➔ Must maintain their focus and concentration. Use the End Zone to recover physically; NOT mentally
- ➔ Communicate with the players, especially if in the Far End Zone
- ➔ Do not take the ball outside the 50m arc unless the following occurs:-
 - No clear change of control in play
 - Ball kicked from a behind goes deep into the flanks
 - Ball kicked to a teammate by themselves and only on the flanks
- ➔ Look for quick rotations with the Mid Zone umpire:-
 - Behind scored
 - Boundary throw-in deep in End Zone
 - Field bounce deep in End Zone
 - Any other undue delay in play
 - Tap-throughs between 40m and 50m out from goal
- ➔ End Zone positions needs to be deep (level with kick off line) at a Set Kick for goal with the Mid Zone umpire in control of Set Kick

2. Kick-In From a Behind and Set Play from Deep in Defense



End Zone Umpire (Controlling Umpire)

For a kick in following a behind the End Zone Umpire should position himself on the major axis 15 metres from the kick off line.

(i) In the instance of the ball being played on, kicked short or kicked wide to the flanks, the End Zone Umpire retains control.

(ii) In the instance of the ball traveling clearly into the change of control area as a result of a long kick, using the 50 metre line markings as a guide, the End Zone

Umpire will relinquish control except for a kick wide to the flank.

After allowing a reasonable time for the defensive player to bring the ball into play, the End Zone Umpire supervising the kick out shall indicate by blowing his whistle, gesturing that he is required to bring the ball into play promptly.

For a Set Play from deep in defense such as from out of bounds close to the behind post, the End Zone Umpire's initial position will be determined by the location of the Set Play.

Mid Zone Umpire

The Mid Zone Umpire should be positioned near the major axis and adjust to the resultant kick or act of play. He should be alert to the possibility of a change of control directly from the kick out and if he is required to adjudicate at the contest he should do so from a position 20-25 metres side on to the contest.

Far End Zone Umpire

The Far End Zone Umpire should take up a position on major axis on or near the 50m arc. Following the kick-in he shall adjust his position to "the tramline", on the opposite side of the ground to which the ball was brought back into play and remain on that side of the ground until a subsequent act of play or set play situation allows him to adjust position.

If the ball is brought back into play down the centre of the ground the Far End Zone Umpire must quickly commit to one side of the Major Axis and take up a position near to "the tramline".