

CLUB UMPIRE CHEAT SHEET

Thank you for stepping up and umpiring with the YJFL. Your help is much appreciated and without you there would be no game. If you are umpiring with a League umpire, ask them as many questions as you need, they will take charge of the administrative tasks after the game such as votes and paperwork. With or without a League umpire, this cheat sheet will fully equip with the minimum required information to umpire a YJFL match. Despite being a club umpire you will be entitled to the same level of respect and authority as any of our League umpires. The YJFL adopts a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. The expected level of conduct towards club umpires will be no different as it is for League umpires. When umpiring use your prior football knowledge to pay free kicks and protect the ball player.

Outlined below are the key rule differences between AFL and YJFL

- **Ducking the head** - The YJFL does NOT use the AFL interpretation and any head high contact being penalised.
- **25 Metre Penalties** - YJFL pay 25 metre penalties in all age groups.
- **Deliberate Out of Bounds** - A free kick will be awarded against a player who intentionally kicks, handballs or forces the football over the Boundary Line without the football being touched by another player. If player with ball is under pressure from an opposition player and the ball is either kicked or knocked out of bounds- NO free kick to be awarded
- **Deliberate rushed behind** - no penalty
- **Flags waved after a behind scored** - players must wait for the flag to be waved before bringing the ball back into play.
- **Kicking the ball off the ground** - is permitted from Under 11s and up
- **6-6-6** - players are to line up in traditional starting positions at each centre bounce. 6 in each forward line including 1 in goal square. 4 in the centre square, and 1 on each wing. Each team receives a warning before a free kick is paid. Please use common sense when administering this rule.
- **Marking the ball** - for a mark to be awarded the ball must travel 10 metres

Send Offs (yellow cards) and Reports (red cards)

- In all matches, field umpires, whether they be League or Club appointed, have the power to send off (yellow card) and report (red card) players or officials as appropriate.
- In the event you don't have a yellow/red cards, can still remove players from the field.
- Yellow cards (send offs) are used only for players in the event of a minor offense such as abusive language, wrestling, or any other minor misconduct. Players can be replaced and are to stay off the field for a total of 1 quarter (the timekeepers will liaise with the benches).
- Red cards (reports) are used for players, coaches, and officials in the event of a major reportable offence such as striking, rough conduct or umpire contact. Players can be replaced and are to stay off the field for the remainder of the match.

Post match - administrative tasks

- **Votes** - The field umpires will need to determine the three best players and submit the League Best and Fairest Votes, if either umpire has access to OfficialsHQ please enter the votes on that system. Otherwise, the votes can be emailed to admin@yarrajfl.org.au Remember to include the age group, grade, teams, players, and player numbers.
- **Scores** - team managers will consult with goal umpires and timekeepers to determine the correct score and enter it into the system
- **Send Offs/Reports** - in case of a send off/report if either umpire has access to OfficialsHQ please use that system to submit the incident. Otherwise, email admin@yarrajfl.org.au of any all details regarding a send off/yellow card. In case of a report, call umpire manager David Hannan immediately on 0457 958 009. Club umpires are not to offer any penalties to players/officials for reportable offenses; all incidents involving a club umpire will be referred to the YJFL Tribunal &/or Conduct Investigation Tribunal