



COMMUNICATION FOR ALL BOUNDARY UMPIRES:

As we have reached the half way mark of Season 2016, I write to you to provide updates from the Umpiring Department.

1. AVAILABILITY DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Please update your Schedules and speak to one of the coaches if you are unavailable during the winter school holidays.

2. GAME REQUESTS

From next week (20th June) until the end of season, requests for specific games/grades will not be accepted without prior discussion with coaching staff. Those with existing arrangements (club umpires, affiliated with clubs, and those who have already spoken with coaches) will continue to be accommodated where possible. Due to the increase of new umpires, and to continue to ensure fairness for all boundary umpires, the coaching staff need the flexibility with appointments. This means that umpires will be required to travel to locations including, but not limited to; Endeavour Hills, Doveton, Hallam, South Yarra and Port Melbourne on occasions. Appointments to these locations will be rotated throughout the group. A failure to fulfil your appointment can lead to disciplinary action under the current Enterprise Agreement, including non appointment to future games.

3. UNIFORM

ALL umpires are required to be in full SFNL uniform for games from now on. Uniform can be purchased at training on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Where possible, white shoes should be worn, long hair tied back and skins not visible.

4. TRAINING

With finals approaching, umpires who regularly train will be in a better position to run finals, not only in a physical fitness point of view, but also with better appointments. There are a few of you who have commitments (footy, school) and have communicated that to us, which is fine. But I ask all who don't attend without good reason to start doing so. One night a week isn't too much to ask for the good money you get paid.

We can be contacted on the details below if you need more information.

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