



BLYTH SNOWTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

ROLE DESCRIPTIONS & GUIDELINES

BOUNDARY UMPIRE

Reports to: Team Manager

Purpose of the role

The role of the Boundary Umpire is to throw the ball back into play when it has left the field of play and also assists the goal umpire when there is a set shot for goal by standing and observing from the behind post.

Qualifications & Desirable Characteristics

- Effective communication skills
- Positive and enthusiastic
- General level of fitness

Duties & Responsibilities

- The BSFC Boundary Umpires are rostered using a mix of retired players, junior and senior players and parents as needed.
- Boundary Umpires should be dressed and ready 5 minutes prior to game start time ready to meet with the central umpires in the centre of the oval.
- Always watch the play as you don't want to be get caught behind if the play suddenly goes down your end.
- Games will not start until all umpires (central, goal, boundary) are in position.
- Questions & support can be sought from the Central Umpire prior to the game if needed.
- Each club will supply two boundary umpires who should introduce themselves.
- Where possible inexperienced boundary umpires will be matched with someone with experience.
- Boundary Umpires will wear a white shirt supplied by the BSFC and should also wear correct footwear.
- At half time the Boundary umpires swap sides, you can also change ends during a quarter.
- Umpire abuse whether directed at boundary, goal or central umpires will not be tolerated and must be reported to the central umpire or club President.
- Boundary Umpires can choose to use a BSFC whistle or bring their own. Acme grip whistle preferred.

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours per game as rostered



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THROW IN's & CENTRE SQUARE REQUIREMENTS

At the start of each quarter & after a goal:

- The ball up will not commence until all boundary umpires are in position.
- At the start of every quarter stand on the corner of the 50m square and monitor the line to your right.
- No player is permitted to touch the line or cross it until the ball has left the hand of the central umpire at a centre throw up. If this happens immediately blow your whistle (loudly) and inform central umpire of infringing player and his team.
- After every goal the job of the Boundary Umpire is to take the ball back to the middle ready for the bounce.
 - The two boundary umpires at the scoring end share this duty.
 - The umpire who is the closest to the ball after a goal is scored collects the ball and runs 20-30m then passes to his fellow umpire by hand (eg rugby flick), who then delivers the ball to the central umpire by hand.
 - The Central Umpire will come out to the edge of the square to meet the Boundary Umpire, and then the Boundary Umpire will run back to their corner.
 - Players are not permitted to touch the ball after a goal, it must be collected by the Boundary Umpire.
 - **Boundary umpires are not permitted to kick or handball the ball back to the central umpire.**

Throw in's:

- The Boundary Umpire should use clear hand signals & a loud whistle.
- For the ball to be out of bounds, the whole ball must cross over the line.
 - Blow your whistle; raise your hand in the air to signal out of bounds.
 - The central umpire will then instruct 'throw it in please'.
 - Once you hear this instruction you can throw it in.
 - If players are not in position you don't have to wait for them, throw it in.
- You can either throw the ball over your head or overarm whatever you find easiest. As long as the ball is high in the air, has some hang time and gives the opposing ruckmen a fair contest. Come in a few metres off the boundary, steady yourself and then let it rip!
- Out of bounds on the full. The ball has to have been a legal kick and must bounce clear of the boundary line. If it touches the line then goes out then it will be a throw in. Blow whistle, then extend both arms out sideways to signal out of bounds on the full.
- Shots on goal. Position yourself alongside the point post. If the ball hits the point post on the full, then out of bounds on the full. If it goes over the point post in line then also out of bounds on the full. If it bounces then hits the point post then it will be a throw in.



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Umpiring

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Roles of the boundary umpire

The boundary umpire's role

It is the boundary umpire's responsibility to:

- Be the sole judge of when the ball is out of bounds.
- Apply the laws relating to boundary umpiring in accordance with the spirit of the laws.

Main duties

- Adjudicate when the ball has fully crossed the boundary line:
 - Out of bounds
 - On the full
- Throw the ball back into play when out of bounds.
- Return the ball to the field umpire after a goal is scored.
- Monitor the centre square for players entering or leaving during the centre bounce.

Signals: boundary umpires



• Out of bounds.



• Out of bounds on full.



• Indicating where the ball crossed the boundary line on the full.