



# BLYTH SNOWTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

## ROLE DESCRIPTIONS & GUIDELINES

### GOAL UMPIRE

Reports to: Team Manager

#### Purpose of the role

The role of the Goal Umpire is to adjudicate and record all scores in a match.

#### Qualifications & Desirable Characteristics

- Effective communication skills
- Positive and enthusiastic
- General level of fitness – able to stand for match period

#### Duties & Responsibilities

- Work in conjunction with the boundary and field umpire to ensure the match is managed smoothly.
- Ensure that scores are recorded accurately.
- Ensure that they are always in the best position to make any scoring decision.
- Goal Umpires, like boundary umpires, may assist the field umpire in reporting any player they deem to have committed an offence.
- Ensure all match paperwork is completed correctly after the game.
- Make fair, unbiased and consistent decisions.

#### Game Day roles:

- Obtain white coat and note pad & pencil from match day box or Team Manager.
- Learn signals required to signal a goal, point, touched on the line or out of bounds.
- Liaise with scoreboard attendants if the scoreboard is incorrect.
- If the Scoreboard is incorrect ask a member in the vicinity to visit the scoreboard and correct the score. Goal umpires can not leave the field.
- Meet with the other goal umpire at breaks to ensure both have the same score.
- Goal umpires swap ends at half time.
- After the game umpires will sign off and return scorecards to the Team Manager.
- Return note pad and pencil to match day box and coat to be washed as needed ready for next week.

Time Commitment: 1-2 per game as rostered





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### Roles of the goal umpire

It is the very important responsibility of the goal umpire to:

- Be the sole judge of the score.
- Keep record of all the goals and behinds scored in the match.
- Confirm score with other goal umpire at half-time.
- Complete scorecard and submit to football committee member/match manager.

### Signals: goal umpires

To other goal umpires and spectators



• Goal: from starting position flags will be brought across once, back once and down to sides.



• Behind: from starting position flag brought across, back and down.



• Score has been annulled.



To field umpires



• Goal: untouched.



• Behind: untouched.



• Ball is touched before crossing goal line followed by behind signal.



• Ball touched goal post (tap post three times) followed by behind signal.



• Ball has come off the leg above the knee.



• Blood rule.

To boundary umpires



• Out of bounds – signal to boundary umpire.



• Behind has been scored – signal to boundary umpire.



• Out on the full: If ball goes over the behind post, this signal is correct.



• Ball strikes behind post on full, hit post three times. Then signal out on the full.





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Section 7

Umpiring

## Judging the score

- In order for a score to be registered, the football must be completely over the behind or goal lines, or have hit the goal post.

### A goal is scored:

- When the ball completely crosses the goal line after being kicked by a player on the attacking team without touching a player or goal post.

### A behind is scored:

- If the ball hits the goal post or travels over the goal post.
- Crosses the behind line.
- Is touched by a player.
- If the ball is taken over the goal or behind line by player.
- If the ball touches or passes over the behind post, then the ball is considered out of bounds.

## How to complete a scorecard

### Record progressively:

- Record the scores progressively, ie. 1 2 3, rather than 1 1 1.

### Confer each quarter/half:

- At the end of each quarter/half, the goal umpires confer to check each has the same score.
- If the scores are not the same, the goal umpires discuss the situation during the break and try to resolve the matter.

### Total at the end of the match:

- Add up the goals and behinds scored by each team at the end of the match, and record the total scores.

| SCORECARD           |                  |                |              |                    |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|
|                     | LIONS            |                | BOMBERS      |                    |
|                     | Goals<br>1 2 3 4 | Behinds<br>1 2 | Goals<br>1 2 | Behinds<br>1 2 3 4 |
| 1st Half            | 4                | 2              | 2            | 4                  |
| 2nd Half            | 3                | 2              | 3            | 2                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>7</b>         | <b>4</b>       | <b>5</b>     | <b>6</b>           |
| <b>TOTAL POINTS</b> |                  | <b>46</b>      |              | <b>36</b>          |