



FIELD UMPIRE COACHING NOTES – JUNIOR COMPETITION IN 2015

- In 2015 the junior competition will come into line with the senior competition in accordance with VCFL rules and regulations. This is great for us as procedures for Saturday and Sunday comps are the same.
- A couple of changes to reporting / send-off procedures that we need to be aware of:
 - A report can be a yellow **or** red card depending on the severity (previously a report in juniors had to be a red card)
 - A yellow card can still be used for a 'cooling off' period in juniors. This might be used after a swearing offence or rough tackle to calm the player down.
 - We encourage the use of on-field penalties such as free kicks and 50m penalties to diffuse situations and punish undisciplined players before a reportable offence occurs.
- If an umpire sends a player off without report they must still fill out an 'order-off card'. The only difference in 2015 will be that umpires need to carry these in their bags as they will not be provided by the clubs. See Billy Mitchell to pick up your cards.
- If a report is made, it **must** be written out on the new VCFL reporting sheets. If an umpire uses an old RDFNL book the report will be thrown out immediately.
- This year we need to pay closer attention to the modified rules at U10 level. Last season was our 'learning year' and the feedback was that some umpires were far too lenient. Please read over the modified rules document before an U10 game and apply them exactly as described.
- Break times across all junior grades is 4-8-4 minutes. Please apply strictly.
- FYI: There are only two U16 divisions this season: Turner and Beatson.