

# Role of the Emergency Umpire

## Dress

Full umpire uniform with Association tracksuit (including pants). Whistle should be available. Report cards/notebook, yellow & red cards should be in the back pocket of track pants for easy access. As the emergency umpire you have the full power to report and send off (see Law 20 all parts).

**When attending to “on field incidents”, you are required to remove your tracksuit top.**

In carrying out your duties its important you understand when and where to look. The old 80/20 principle applies here. 20% on the play, 80% off the play and behind. Watch for:

- The forward line after a goal has been scored.
- Just behind play after disposal and play has moved on.
- If there has been a strong contest and the ball has gone out of bounds.
- Watch both ends of the ground during the centre bounce and general play in the mid zone and far end zone when play is in the other end zone.

## **Other things to watch for:**

- Ensure that the correct numbers of officials are on the bench
- Ensure that Runners, Trainers and Water Carriers clear the field and are correctly attired
- Run out to handle volatile situations (e.g. melee's or fights). Even if a field umpire is present, you can assist and this frees up the field umpire to concentrate on umpiring
  - Look behind play looking out for any foul acts
  - Look for any tagging roles during play and advise the field umpires at the breaks
    - Share these observations with umpires at  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  time.
  - Be proactive at Blood Rules in getting the bench to interchange a player on and to also escort the player with blood from the field.
  - Escort off the field any player that has been Sent Off.
  - Inform field umpire in the event of any breach of the interchange rule