

# Hills Football League



Modified Football

Umpire Induction



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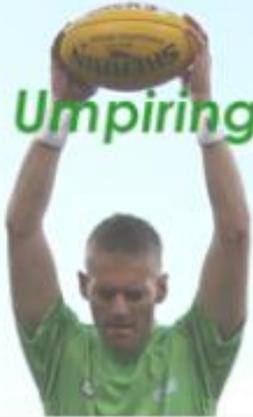
## Role of the umpire

The key role of the umpire is to ensure the match is conducted in a safe manner and to apply the Laws in a fair way.





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Umpiring in any sport is based on

the key foundations of...

**...Honesty and Integrity**

## **Honesty**

can be displayed in the following way:

- Showing no favouritism - penalising infringements (paying free kicks) on their merits regardless of which team has offended and where the infringement took place.



## **Integrity**

is demonstrated in the following way:

- Being fair to both teams.



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## Awarding free kicks

The key role of the umpire is to make decisions.

This is made easier if the umpire has a good understanding of the Laws. The key area for the umpire to ensure they focus on is contests:

- 1 When the ball is loose and players are endeavouring to get possession;
- 2 When a player is in possession and is being tackled; and
- 3 When players are attempting to mark the ball.



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## Contest for the Ball

This refers to when the ball is loose in general play and players are endeavouring to gain possession.

The emphasis is on 'providing the player/s with every opportunity to gain possession and 'looking after the player going in for the ball'.

Common infringements in this area are high tackles, pushes in the back, holding the man.



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## Tackling

This refers to when the player is in possession of the ball.

***No prior opportunity*** - it is important that the umpire gives the player in possession reasonable opportunity to dispose of the ball when he/she is legally tackled.



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## *A prior opportunity -*

if the player has had an opportunity to dispose of the ball prior to being tackled (legally), the player must dispose of the ball immediately by kick or handball, otherwise the player will be penalised for holding the ball.

It should be 'play on' when the player in possession loses the ball as a result of a bump or knock to the arm.



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## Marking Contests

The player whose prime objective is to contest the ball shall be permitted to do so.

Players who are infringed, i.e. pushed in back, held, contacted high, contacted front on when the ball is not the objective, should receive a free kick.



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The guiding principle is to - *'protect the player going for the ball'*.

This means that if the player is infringed, i.e. pushed in the back, contacted above the shoulders (protect the head at all times) or held without the ball, they should receive a free kick.



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## Basic field umpire positioning

The general guiding principles for field umpire positioning are:

- Inside of play (with back to an imaginary line from the centre of one goal to the centre of the goal at the other end of the ground);
- Some 10 -15 metres from play and
- Side on to contests.



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## Handling volatile/potentially volatile situations

Sometimes in a football match tempers can flare and volatile or potentially volatile situations result.

One trigger can be players who are 'dealt with' after disposing of the ball.



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## Rule Interpretation for year 8 & 9 competition :

- Maximum 12 players on the field
- Length of quarters is 10 minutes
- 1 coach from each team can be on the field during play
- Coaches and umpires should attempt to keep players in positions
- The umpire will choose the ruckman for each ruck contest
- There will be NO tackling
- Players are permitted to deliver a side on bump
- Player deemed 'holding the ball' :
  - when bumped a 2<sup>nd</sup> time
  - if bounced more than once
  - runs more than 10 mtrs without a bounce
  - bumped after a bounce (vice versa)
- A mark will be paid if the player has eyes on the ball and touches it with both hands and arms (ball does not need to travel a prescribed distance)
- There will be no deliberate kicking off the ground.
- Recommended time for player send off (ie swearing, umpire abuse) is one qtr but can be extended to remainder of game for severe cases.



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## Rule Interpretation for year 10 & 11 competition :

- Maximum 15 players on the field
- Length of quarters is 12 minutes
- No coach or runner allowed on field during play
- Umpires should encourage players to keep correct positions (coaches should encourage this during their player address)
- The umpire will choose the ruckman for each ruck contest (ruckman stand opposed with no contact to be made with their knee)
- Tackling is allowed. A free kick is to be awarded for 'unduly rough tackle' if a player is 'slung' or is tackled with more force than required (ie protect the ball player).
- Players are permitted to deliver a side on bump to a player who has the ball
- Player deemed 'holding the ball' :
  - runs more than 10 mtrs without a bounce
  - if bounced more than once
- A mark will be paid if the player completes a chest mark or if a player at least partially controls the ball if attempting to mark with the hands (ball must travel > 10mtrs)
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## Hills Football League Umpires Association *requires* Field & Boundary Umpires for Season 2016



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