

WRFL TIMEKEEPER INSTRUCTIONS



TIME ON

Stopping time:

The time keepers shall stop the clock which is used for the timing of the match when: -

- (a) directed to do so by a field umpire in accordance with AFL Law 10.5.3 (when umpire blows his/her whistle and signals by raising one arm above his/her head) THE CLOCK DOES NOT STOP FOR AROUND THE GROUND FIELD BOUNCES.
- (b) the goal umpire signals that a goal has been scored
- (c) the goal umpire signals that a behind has been scored
- (d) the boundary umpire signals that the football is out of bounds or out of bounds on the full

Re-commencing time:

The timekeepers shall recommence the clock used for timing of the match when:-

- (a) directed to do so by the field umpire in accordance with Law 10.5.3 (blows his/her whistle and raises his/her arm above their head) THE CLOCK DOES NOT STOP FOR AROUND THE GROUND FIELD BOUNCES.
- (b) the football is bounced (or thrown up) in the Centre Square after a goal has been scored
- (c) the football is brought back into play after a behind has been scored
- (d) the football is thrown back into play by the boundary umpire or brought back into play by a player, (as the case may be), after it had gone Out of Bounds or out of bounds on the full
- (e) the football is obviously in play
- (f) the umpire calls 'play on'

TIME CLOCKS

Every club must supply a 'stop clock' and every timekeeper shall have a watch.

SOUNDING SIREN

- (a) Umpires entering ground - time keepers should sound the siren/bell when the umpire raises the football above his/her head on every entry onto the ground prior to starting time (ie start of first half and start of second half). Such acknowledgment signifies to the field umpire that you are ready to start the game at his/her given signal.
- (b) Completion of quarter - when each quarter has been completed the timekeepers are to sound the siren/bell CONTINUALLY until the umpire acknowledges by raising both hands above his/her head (if using a bell which is not very loud, it would be a considerable help for the timekeepers to position themselves so that the wind will carry the sound of the bell 'down field').
- (c) During Intervals – The timekeeper shall sound the siren three times when there are two minutes remaining of the interval break.

DISAGREEMENTS ON TIME REMAINING

If both timekeepers' clocks disagree as to the time in any quarter, half the variation should signify the actual time to sound the siren/bell.

PLAYERS SENT FROM FIELD

- (a) Any player or match official may be ordered from the field, for any offence of manhandling, assault or threatening an umpire during the progress of any match and shall be precluded from returning to the field for the remainder of the match, and shall be reported by the field umpire. The umpire will show a RED card. Any such player so ordered off cannot be replaced.

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(b) The field umpire shall have the power to report to the Tribunal and/or order from the field any player or match official who during the progress of any match commits a reportable offence under the rules of the game or whose conduct is considered not in the best interest of the League. The offender shall be shown a Yellow Card and is to remain off the field for a period of 15 minutes playing time (including time-on), in which time they cannot be replaced.

(c) Any player or match official ordered from the field, for a second time during the progress of any match, shall be precluded from returning to the field for the remainder of the match, and shall be reported by the field umpire. The umpire will show a RED card. Any such player so ordered off cannot be replaced.

Once sent off, the player (first occasion) must go directly to the coach's box. The Runner will then on behalf of the player report to the time-keepers, who shall note the time and advise through the runner the 15 minutes playing time (including time-on) have elapsed.

DURING/POST MATCH

Time and score card – is an official document of the WRFL and all details should be neat and correctly recorded and signed by both time-keepers. Quarter by quarter scores should be checked with the goal umpires. At the conclusion of the game this sheet is to be handed to our Team Manager.