

## Appendix 4 – Goal Umpire Pre Game Check List

The following instructions must be read by ANY person taking on the role of Goal Umpire before they enter they accept the role.

- The goal umpire is at least 18 years of age and must wear suitable shoes.
- Goal umpire must wear the designated SDJFC goal umpire vest
- Goal umpires are designated Game Officials and can be reported. Goal Umpires may incur a fine and the Goal Umpire agrees to pay any such fine if levied on SDJFC by the WAFC.
- Goal Umpires must be familiar with the signals and method of recording the score.
- Goal Umpires must keep others away from behind the goals. (No other person other than the Goal Umpire is permitted within 6 metres of the immediate area around the goals.)
- Goal Umpires must wait for the All Clear from the Field Umpire before waving the Flags.
- Goal Umpires must not Coach as they must appear neutral.
- Communicate responsibly with Field Umpire(s) when asked by them.
- Do not pre-empt Field Umpires decisions within the goal area.
- Do not argue with Players or Umpires
- Goal Umpires must
  - Confer at the end of each quarter and validate the score
  - In Open Rules the Goal Umpires must also confer with the third score keeper provided by the Home Team. Any discrepancies must immediately be brought to the attention of the Field Umpires.
  - Sign the score cards and provide them to the Field Umpires at the end of the Game.
  
- See also the following helpful notes for goal umpires.

## **So you are the Goal Umpire!**

At some stage it is highly likely that every parent will be asked to assist with being a Goal Umpire at a weekend game. The following summary is based on AFL Rules, By Laws and Club requirements and is applied to Open Rules games. Full rules should be consulted for further clarification.

Goal Umpires are required to wear their white vest, have two white flags, a score sheet and don't forget the pen. Goal Umpires need to confer score cards with each other and the third scorer, where applicable, at the end of each quarter. Any dispute should be reported to the Umpires immediately. Score cards are to be provided to the Umpires at the end of the game.

### **What's a Goal?**

The ball having being kicked by an attacking player passes completely over the goal line between the goal posts, without being touched by any player, irrespective of touching the ground. Simple really!

### **What is a point/behind?**

Any of the following:

- 1) Football touches the goal post, padding or passes directly over the goal post.
- 2) Football is touched by a player before passing through the goal posts.
- 3) Football passes between the goal post and a point post.
- 4) A player from the opposing team knocks, kicks, handballs or otherwise takes the football over the goal or point line.

### **What's out of Bounds?**

Any of the following:

1. Ball travels over the point post
2. Ball touches the point post

### **Signalling a Goal or Behind**

The goal Umpire signals that a goal or point has been scored by raising two or one index fingers as the case may be and then waving two or one flags as required waiting for acknowledgement from the other Goal Umpire.

### **Other points to note:**

- 1) Play cannot resume until both Goal Umpires have signalled the scoring of a point or goal.
- 2) The goal umpire should not signal a goal has been scored until after the field umpire has signalled 'All Clear' or 'Touched All Clear' as the case may be.
- 3) Field Umpires can overrule the decision of a Goal Umpire.
- 4) Where the goal umpire believes a goal or point has been scored but the field umpire allows play to continue, the goal umpire shall immediately notify the field umpire.
- 5) If the ball touches the umpire or an Official and then passes over the Goal or Point line, a Goal or Point can still be recorded.
- 6) The Goal Umpire is responsible for keeping the area immediately behind the Goal posts free from spectators.

As an official on the day, Goal Umpires should act fairly, honestly and without bias.