



# BOUNDARY UMPIRES



***\*Must be wearing enclosed shoes, Boundary Umpires bib & have current Blue Card\****

## REQUIREMENTS

- Each club must supply 1 Boundary Umpire for Under 14s & Under 16s
- Boundary Umpire must be of a suitable age for the particular age group
- Boundary Umpire must wear a Light Blue Bib (displaying AFLQ Juniors logo)
- The club must supply the Boundary Umpire with a whistle
- Boundary Umpire must have their name entered in Footyweb and written on the teamsheet
- Boundary Umpire must abide by the AFL Officials Code of Conduct

## DURING THE GAME

- When an infringement of the centre square rule occurs and a club Boundary Umpire signals the infringement, the field umpire will restart the match by another centre bounce
- If the Boundary Umpire changes during the match the replacement umpire name must be entered in Footyweb and written on the teamsheet
- The Boundary Umpire can take the most direct route to get to the end where the ball is in play provided they are not infringing on play
- The Boundary Umpire must not on-field coach

## RESPONSIBILITIES

- Judging whether a football is Out of Bounds or Out of Bounds On the Full and signalling to the field Umpire when that has occurred;
- throwing the football back into play if it has gone Out of Bounds, when directed to do so by a field Umpire;
- determining whether a Player has breached a starting position in contravention of Law 13.1;
- bringing the football back to the Centre Square after a Goal has been scored;
- assisting goal Umpires to determine a score.

When the boundary Umpire signals that the football is Out of Bounds, the field Umpire shall immediately sound a whistle to indicate that the football is out of play. When directed by the field Umpire, the boundary Umpire shall bring the football into play by throwing the football over their head towards the centre of the Playing Surface. The field Umpire may recall any throw-in by the boundary Umpire that, in their opinion, does not allow any opportunity for the football to be contested.

## DEFINITIONS

- **Out of Bounds:** where the football passes completely over the Boundary Line or touches a behind post or touches the padding or any other attachment to the behind post but before doing so, touches the ground or is touched by a Player on or above the knee. If any portion of the football is on or above the Boundary Line, the football is not Out of Bounds.
- **Out of Bounds On the Full:** means the football, having been Kicked, passes completely over the Boundary Line without touching the ground within the Playing Surface or being touched by a Player on or above the knee, or the football has touched the behind post or passed over the behind post without touching the ground or being touched by a Player on or above the knee.