

PROTOCOLS FOR COACHES & ASSESSORS

Before the Day:

- The umpires should confirm match details with their coach/assessor. If a coach/assessor has not had any confirmation by Thursday evening, they can either contact the umpire(s) OR assume the game is not taking place. Contact the Coaching Co-ordinator to inform him/her, asking for a new appointment if required.
- After receiving confirmation from the umpires, *coaches should contact them to ask them to provide 1 or 2 points they wish the coach to particularly watch during the game. Coaches are appointed to help the umpires – to recognise problems, and hopefully offer possible solutions to help resolve them.

On the Day:

- It is the responsibility of the umpires to inform their coach/assessor if the match is cancelled.
- Arrive at the venue about the same time as the umpires so as to be able to watch the whole match preparation. After introducing themselves and confirming the specific points to be watched, coaches should give umpires plenty of time for their match preparation.
- Socialise with team coaches and give the reason for being there.
- Stay away from umpires at half-time (unless invited to do so by them) – it is their time to discuss the game and put things right (if necessary).

After the Game:

- Allow the umpires to choose the time and place for the de-brief (post match review), but try to find somewhere quiet and away from players/spectators. Waiting for them, will give the coach/assessor time to review their notes and organise the maximum 'Three good/Three bad points,' including points they want the coach to monitor to aid their development.
- Hopefully, the umpires will want to discuss the same things as the coach/assessor.
- The written report on the website should: (a) be completed by the following Friday, to give the umpire a chance to read it and put any suggestions into practice on the Saturday; (b) should NEVER contain any comments/points that were not discussed during the de-brief. If the coach/assessor misses anything they want mentioned, they should ring the umpire to discuss it and then include it in the written report.

NB * Assessors do not ask umpires for points to watch.