

Umpires Support Policy

We at the **Jandakot Jets Junior Football Club** endeavour to encourage the development and protection of umpires throughout our district.

Match Day Official Duties (MDO)

- Umpires to be met by MDO prior to commencement of game and be shown the Clubs facilities and Umpires Room.
- MDO will be required to escort umpires to the playing field prior to start of match.
- MDO will be required to make sure that coaches, team managers, runners, water carriers, parents, players, and anyone watching the match do not verbally abuse, threaten, approach (only Team Managers) or mistreat an umpire.
- MDO must walk out to umpires at end of each quarter with water and make sure only Team Managers talk to umpires and only asking "is everything is going okay". No instruction or request of interpretation can come from the Team Manager. If Team Manager has an issue, they can notify MDO and they may mention to umpire.
- Umpires are to alert MDO and or Team Manager of any bad behaviour they are concerned about and MDO will deal with any issues.
- If umpire/s are using the Umpire's room the MDO will escort them to and from oval at start of match, at half time, and at end of the game.

The Junior Club Manual with all bylaws will be available from our Canteen or all Jandakot Jets Team Managers should have a copy as well if any issues arise. MDO can also seek clarification from Executive Committee Members if they are available.

The **Jandakot Jets Junior Football Club** acknowledge that the Umpires are teenagers and are still learning and are willing to help with any concerns they may have on game days.

WHO IS AFFECTED BY THE POLICY: This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players and visitors of the **Jandakot Jets Junior Football Club**.

TIMING: This policy is effective from 31st January, 2019.

REVIEWED: The JJJFC Committee reviewed this Policy in November, 2021 to ensure currency and alignment with the Club Values and Beliefs and the guidelines set out by the AFL.