**Completing a Scorecard:**

The scorecard is to be completed on a quarter by quarter basis using numbers not strokes and should be continual as per the example below.

| Qtr | Goal | Behind | Score | Goal | Behind | Score |
|-----|------|--------|-------|------|--------|-------|
| 1 | 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 | 26 | 1 2 3 4 5 | 1 2 | 32 |
| 2 | 5 6 | 3 | 39 | 6 | 3 | 39 |
| 3 | 7 8 9 | 4 5 6 | 60 | 7 8 | 4 5 | 53 |
| 4 | 10 11 12 | 7 | 79 | 9 10 11 | 6 | 72 |
| Total | 12 | 7 | 79 | 11 | 6 | 72 |

This methodology will ensure that the scorecard equals the scoreboard at all times.

If cards don't match the scoreboard then the admin people may assist.

*Please note: local rules and regulations take precedence over any advice provided in these goal umpiring tips.*

# Ensuring Scorecards are Correct

It is most important that all goal umpires correctly record the scores. The following procedures help minimise any scoring problems:

- Always record teams on your scorecard in the same order as on the main scoreboard
- To enable a double check that each score is recorded to the correct team, on your scorecard identify with a mark the team kicking towards you each quarter. For example, 'M' for 'my end' or an 'X'. Then, as you record a score to one of the teams, you double check that the score was made at your end of the ground, or the other end
- Always record scores '1234' rather than '1111'
- Always record your score before you leave your area to attend a melee, report a player, retrieve your hat if it blows off, or the siren sounds to end a quarter
- Carry a 6 times table in your card-holder

If the goal umpires' cards are not identical, the following will assist in deciding who has the correct scorecard:

- If one scorecard is the same as the scoreboard, it is more likely that it is correct
- The goal umpire with the higher score is more likely to be correct, as it is easier to overlook recording a score than to enter a score twice
- It is more likely that the goal umpire at the scoring end is incorrect, as his partner is under less pressure and able to immediately record the score in all instances