

I've had a couple of questions and queries during the week – keep them coming. Here is some guidance.

STRETCHERS

When a stretcher has been brought onto the oval, does the injured player have to get on the stretcher?

Laws Number 7.3 deals with the calling and use of stretchers. The short answer is NO, but regardless of whether they get on the stretcher or not they are now subject to all parts of 7.3.2., which includes not being able to return to the field for 20 minutes.

PLAYER COUNTS

It has happened again. A player count was called last weekend. It would be worthwhile to check out Law 5.5 which deals with player counts, just in case.

There has been a change to the Law – who can call a player count? The Captain, Acting Captain or **RUNNER**, are all able to call for a player count.

Remember we will not remove any score during the game, only report the details to the relevant league.

We do need to take action against one team after a player count whether it be the team that called the count or the other team.

The Law Book can be viewed [HERE](#) You do need to print a copy or downloading it electronically and have it with you on game day.

Some points that have been raised by the leagues we need to be aware of -

SCORE CARDS

You **MUST** sign the score cards at the end of every quarter and end of the game once the goal umpires have agreed on the score.

STARTING TIMES – BETWEEN QUARTERS

Be aware of the time your game starts - we **MUST** be ready to start the game on time and keep the game moving between quarters.

If you are doing to back to back games get off and back onto the oval as quickly as possible.

One suggestion to assist is organise the goal umpires at 3/4 time to meet you quickly after the game, or get them to make sure the scores are correct at the

end of the game and drop the cards into the umpires rooms, whatever you are comfortable with to make the process as efficient as possible.

Reports / Send Offs / Votes or any other administrative issue can wait till you have finished umpiring for the day.

That's one of the advantages of using the Match Day Paperwork App. It also gives team manager a chance to finalise the online team sheets so don't be in any great rush to complete the votes etc.

As long as they are done by the end of the day. If you have any trouble submitting votes then email David Curran (David.Curran2@anz.com) or myself (cslfupcoach@gmail.com) and we can pass them on.

All clubs and timekeepers are being notified of their responsibilities to blow the siren at the appropriate time and start the game / quarters on time. This may mean the quarters are a little shorter than normal, but that is not our concern. We will just play to the siren.

Our main responsibility here is not to cause any undue delay to the start of the game or each quarter.