

I would like to draw to your attention instruction's I have given to Auskick Rules umpires undertaking the Basic Umpires Course. It relates to the tackling for both U10 in Brisbane and U11 on the Gold Coast.

- Once the tackle has been made and it is league (U10 hand tackle and U11 wrap around tackle) the player must dispose of the ball by way of handball or kick. The umpire will give the player 3 seconds and must communicate this count. The umpire will pay a free kick if this does not happen. If the **tackle** causes the ball to fall free the umpire will call play on.
- Umpires will err on the side of the player with the ball, i.e. benefit of doubt will go to that player.
- There is to be only one player allowed to affect a tackle. If more than one player is involved in the tackle a free kick will be awarded to the player with the ball. We do not want gang tackling in Auskick Rules
- Prior opportunity does not exist in Auskick Rules. All players that are legally tackled will receive the 3 second count from the umpire.

All umpires will wear a standard Auskick Rules Uniform this year. It will consist of green shirt, black shorts and green socks. We would like to see all coaches and parents support and encourage all Auskick Rules umpires as they begin a "new" career in footy. Just like players they also need positive feedback. They will make mistakes as well. We all collectively need to make sure they enjoy the experience and want to continue.

All Auskick Umpires have undertaken a Basic Umpire's Course and have covered such topics as The Philosophy of Auskick Rules, The Role of the umpire in Auskick Rules, Expectations of Auskick Rules Umpires, and Communicating with young players and Auskick Rules laws.