

CALOUNDRA DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

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1. CDNA Umpiring Responsibilities

1.01 Junior Umpiring Course

- (a) CDNA Umpiring Convenor will run the Junior Umpiring Course annually.
- (b) The course shall consist of a minimum of 2 x theory Nights and 4 x Practical Workshops.
- (c) Participants will receive a kit which could include a whistle, rule book etc.
- (d) Registrations are via Try-Booking.
- (e) Fees for the Junior Umpiring Course shall be determined by the CDNA Umpiring Convenor and the Executive Committee.
- (f) Club Umpiring Convenors are required to attend and assist with the beginner umpire course.

1.02 Rules Workshop – Junior Umpiring

- (a) A Rules Workshop will be held each Junior Season.
- (b) Together with the CDNA Coaching Convenor, a non-competitive rules workshop will be held for the SET coaches to ensure they understand how to officiate SET Games and the modified rules associated with the program.
- (c) All Club Umpiring Convenors and club umpires are required to attend the Rules Workshop to ensure they are educated in any rule changes and to practice their skills.

1.03 Rules Workshop – Night Umpiring

- (a) A Rules Workshop may be held each year for the Night Umpires.
- (b) All umpires are encouraged to attend the Rules Workshop to ensure they are educated in any rule changes and to practice their skills.

1.04 Rules Workshop – Rules in Action

- (a) Open to all Umpires, Coaches, Team Managers, Players and Spectators to chat informally about rules, misconceptions and other umpiring related topics.
- (b) Dates to be confirmed at the beginning of the season.

1.05 Mentor the Mentor

- (a) An umpiring mentor workshop will be held annually at the commencement of the junior season to provide guidance to Club Mentors regarding sideline requirements.
- (b) All nominated mentors must attend to be able to mentor for their club/association.

1.06 Umpire Meetings

- (a) All umpires, mentors and Club Umpiring Convenors are encouraged to attend. These meetings will be used as a forum to provide feedback, discuss any arising issues, process etc.
- (b) Meetings will be held mid-season.

1.07 Junior Competition

- (a) The CDNA Umpiring Convenor or their representative will allocate suitably qualified umpires to Divisions 1 to 3 (inclusive) games.
- (b) All other divisions will be allocated to the clubs to fill as per the prepared roster issued by CDNA Umpire Convenor or their representative.
- (c) A sign-in sheet for umpires and/or Club Umpire Convenors to markup will be available at the front desk. All umpires are asked to sign off their games prior to their scheduled game start.
- (d) The CDNA Umpiring Convenor and Sub-Committee will provide a presence over-seeing as many games as possible during the day, to review the quality of umpiring and ascertain any issues arising.
- (e) The CDNA Umpiring Convenor, or their representative, reserves the right to request assistance from any Club Umpiring Convenor in the coaching, development, and/or badging of Association umpires, or in circumstances involving a high-level or challenging game. Club Umpiring Convenors will be notified prior to the commencement of the game.
- (f) A Senior Mentor will be made available, upon pre-arranged request from a Club Umpire Convenor to the CDNA Umpire Convenor, to assist with or review Club Umpires and/or Club Mentors.

1.08 Night Competition

- (a) The CDNA Umpiring Convenor or their representative will allocate suitably qualified umpires to all Tuesday and Wednesday Night Social games.

1.09 Finals

- (a) It is the responsibility of CDNA Umpiring Convenor or their representative to allocate competent and qualified umpires and game officials to the final series in both Juniors and the Night Competition.
- (b) CDNA Umpiring Convenor, or their representative, will contact clubs to source suitably qualified and willing umpires for junior competition finals matches at least seven (7) days prior to the first week of finals.

2. Game Management

2.01 'No Show'

- (a) In the event of an umpire 'No Show', a Team Manager should promptly attend or contact the control desk.
- (b) The Umpiring Convenor or their representative (Executive Member on the desk) will allocate a suitably qualified reserve to fill the spot.

2.02 Officiating Concerns

- (a) If team officials have concerns regarding the officiating of the game, the team manager or a team representative may request the attendance of a CDNA representative from the Control Desk.
- (b) A club official may be called upon to support the umpire/s.

2.03 Player, Official and Spectator Responsibilities

- (a) Umpires hold full authority over rulings during fixture games and are to be always treated with respect. See the CDNA Member Protection Policy for all Codes of Behaviour.
- (b) Clubs are responsible for reminding all participants of the Codes of Behaviour and Clubs will be held accountable for the conduct and actions of their members.

2.04 On Court Behaviour

- (a) Refer to the International Netball Rule Book 2024 Edition Game Management, Rule 18.
- (b) Principals:
 - Umpires to apply Rules of the Game fairly and communicate clearly.
 - Players on court to comply with Rules of the Game and are expected to adjust accordingly.
 - Players, Team Officials and Bench Players to behave with good sporting behaviour.
 - Foul play must be specifically disciplined with prescribed game management action.
 - Game Management Action will be applied proportionate to the seriousness of the behaviour concerned.
- (c) Game Management Actions
 - Proactive Advice
 - Advance and/or escalate a sanction
 - Issue a warning to a player
 - Suspend a player for two (2) minutes playing time
 - Order a player off

2.05 Off Court Behaviour

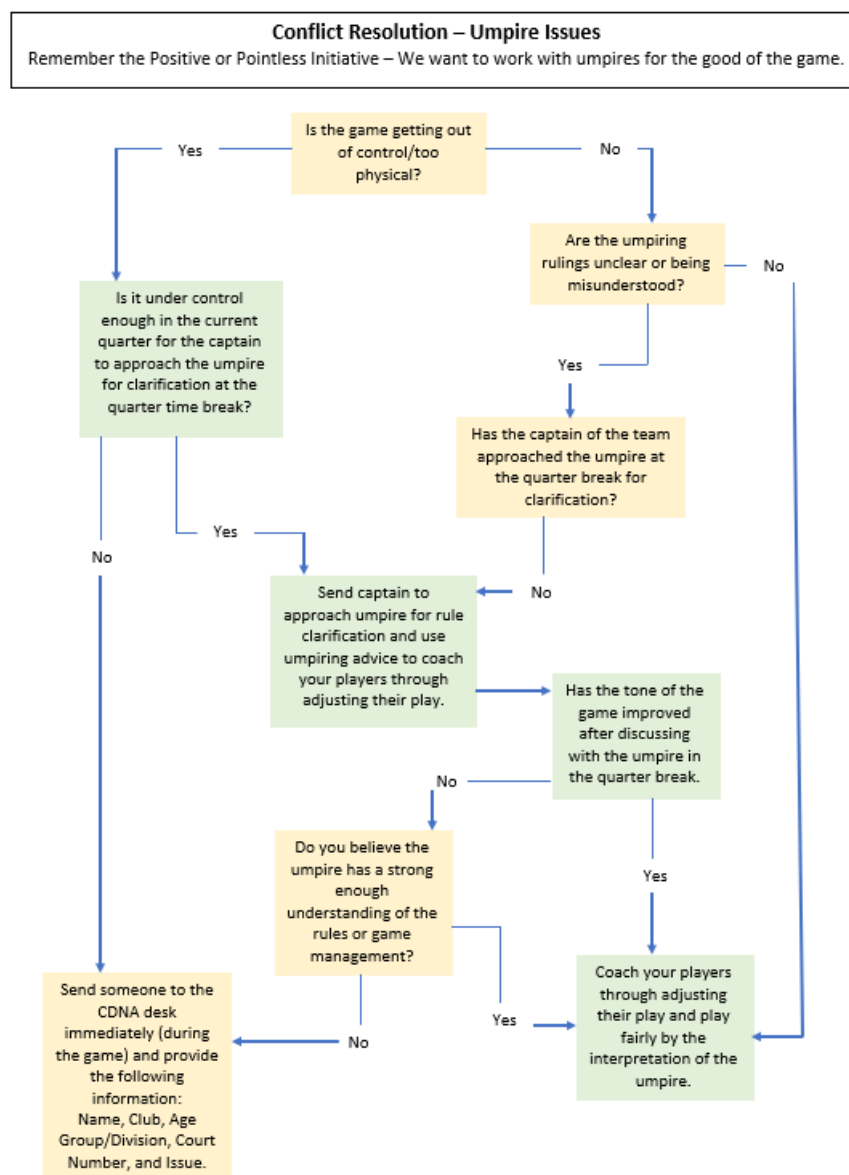
- (a) Refer to the International Netball Rule Book 2024 Edition Game Management, Rule 18, points 43-47.
 - 43: During play team officials and bench players must remain at the team bench (except for valid reason such as warm up).
 - 44: During a match team officials and bench players must not:
 - Criticise the umpires or their decisions
 - use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
 - use excessive noise
 - encourage foul play
 - enter the court other than in extreme circumstances such as injury

- 45: Either umpire may penalise such behaviour. A warning may be issued.
- 46: If team officials and/or bench officials do not respond to the warning the umpire may request the event organiser to remove them from the playing enclosure for the remainder of the game.
- 47: In serious cases the umpire may request the event organiser to remove them from the playing enclosure for the remainder of the game without prior warning.

2.06 Recording Game Management Actions

- (a) Should an umpire issue a warning, suspension or any other game management action outlined in the INF Rules of Netball, Rule 18, during a game to a player, team official, parent or spectator, the umpire is encouraged to attend the Control Desk and have the incident recorded in Netball Connect.
- (b) If there is a serious incident where a sanction is made against a player, official or spectator, or continuous game management actions recorded, CDNA may then conduct an investigation into the incident to decide if further action or sanctions are required.
- (c) An umpire is permitted to stop a match and award the game to the opposing team if there are any continued abusive remarks or unduly loud criticisms of their umpiring from a team or their spectators.

2.07 Conflict Resolution Flowchart



3. Club Requirements

3.01 Registration

- (a) All non-playing umpires must be registered with a Club or the Association in Netball Connect.
- (b) Non-player fees will be determined by NQ, the Association, and their Clubs.
- (c) BlueCard's or Exemptions must be held by all umpires over 18 years of age and must be linked to their club's portal.

3.02 Club Responsibilities

- (a) Clubs must appoint an Umpire Convenor who, where possible, is an active umpire duly qualified according to the rules and recognised by Netball Queensland.
- (b) Clubs must ensure that their umpires are registered with Netball Queensland and, as such, covered by the relevant insurance policy.
- (c) Clubs must supply at least one umpire for each team as required on entering the competition.
- (d) Clubs will be rostered for additional reserve umpiring duties.
- (e) CDNA requests Clubs ensure that their spectators respect all umpires' decisions.
- (f) The club must ensure that all umpires are aware of the importance of being impartial (i.e. clothing, whistle, footwear and knowledge of the rules).
- (g) Non-competitive teams (SET) to be officiated by Team Coach; refer to Caloundra NET-SET-GO Guidelines.
- (h) Clubs must supply their own umpires for all Junior grading games as required.

3.03 Club Umpire Convenor Responsibilities

- (a) It will be the responsibility of each Club Umpire Convenor to ensure that an umpire of a suitable standard is available for the matches specified.
- (b) If the Club cannot carry out the allotted match, it is the responsibility of the Club's Umpire Convenor to arrange a suitable replacement.
- (c) Club Umpire Convenors are responsible for the management of any issues or complaints relating to their own umpires and should ensure that, where required, the procedures outlined in the CDNA Grievance Policy are followed.
- (d) Ensure that all club umpires are in correct attire as outlined in this policy.

3.04 Umpire Qualifications

- (a) Finals Reserve umpires must be qualified to umpire majority, if not all, of the games allocated to the round they are covering.
- (b) Club Umpire Convenors are to confirm with the CDNA Umpire Convenor that all their umpires meet the below standards. Umpires without the minimum requirements should not be umpiring.

Game Level	Non-Competitive Rules Workshop	Theory Pass	Beginners Umpire Course	Foundation Umpires Education Course	National Badge or Working Towards
SET (Coach)	Yes	Recommended			
GO		Yes	Yes		
Divisions 8-12		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Divisions 6-7		Yes	Yes	Yes	Recommended
Divisions 3-5		Yes	Yes	Yes	Recommended
Divisions 1-2		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tuesday Social		Yes	Yes	Yes	*Recommended
Wednesday Night		Yes	Yes	Yes	*Yes

*Umpires allocated to Tuesday & Wednesday Night Social Competitions, whether badged or unbadged, should be of sufficient maturity to manage adult players.

3.05 Mentoring

- (a) Once an umpire has completed the Junior Umpiring Course, the clubs are responsible for their ongoing training and support.
- (b) CDNA requires that all non-badged umpires be mentored by a suitably qualified senior umpire. Preferably, this will be an umpire with a National C Badge or higher; however, a Level 1 umpire working towards a National C Badge may also be deemed acceptable.
- (c) The mentor should follow the Mentoring Guidelines as set out by CDNA Umpiring Convenor. This is available from the Club Umpire Convenor or directly from CDNA Umpire Convenor.
- (d) Where possible the mentor should complete the CDNA Mentoring Course prior to mentoring, or at a minimum the next available course. Should Club Umpire Convenors require assistance with rostering of mentors, contact CDNA Umpire Convenor in advance for assistance.

4. Umpire Responsibilities

4.01 Umpire Responsibilities

- (a) All umpires are required to report to the Control Desk to sign in at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the game and before reporting to the court.
- (b) Umpires must wear either the full Club umpire uniform or a predominately white shirt with black or navy bottoms (shorts or skirt). Bike shorts or bummers are not permitted (unless under skirt). Suitable sports footwear must be worn at all times.
- (c) Only the umpire or CDNA Executive may call off a game, not a team manager or spectator.
- (d) After commencement of a game, substitution of umpires is not allowed except in the case of injury or illness.
- (e) Finals umpires must sign the scorecard at the end of each game, after all other parties have signed. It is not the responsibility of the umpire to verify scores, only that all parties have signed.

4.02 Accreditation

- (a) It is the umpire's responsibility to ensure that their Netball Australia accreditation remains valid and in date.

4.03 Umpiring for your Club

- (a) Umpires, regardless of the game they are officiating are to apply the rules of Netball to the best of their ability without fear or favour and make decisions in the interests of the game and its tenets of equal opportunity and sporting conduct.

5. CDNA Umpire Program

- (a) All umpires are required to complete the CDNA Umpire Development Program, unless they already hold a formal umpire accreditation under the Netball Australia National Umpire Accreditation System (National C Badge or higher). The CDNA Umpire Development Program includes the Junior Umpire Course, Rules Workshops, and on-court mentoring.

Non-Badged

- **NON-BADGED JUNIOR - Education & Knowledge**
- Minimum age - turning 13 years of age that year
- Requirements:
 - Instruction led theory Education - on the basics of umpiring
 - At the end of the education program, the participant will be required to complete the online exam - obtaining a pass mark of 70% or better.
- **Practical Education, Confidence and Skill Building**
 - Participant needs to have displayed an aptitude for umpiring
 - Instructor led practical workshop - 4 to 6 weeks
 - Trainee Badge is awarded once the participant is considered to be competent enough to start umpiring Junior Competition Games (recommended GO, DIVs 9-12)
 - Working towards Level 2 with Club Mentor
 - Assessment for Level 2 is done internally at club level

Level 2

- **LEVEL 2 - Confidence and Skill Building**
- Requirements:
 - All games to be mentored by club mentor
 - Umpiring of lower divisions only (GO, Div 7-12)
- Umpires will remain at this level until their mentor believes they are competent and ready to be assessed for Level 1.
- Assessment for Level 1 is done by 2 x C Badge umpires (one can be from the same club as the umpire being assessed)

Level 1

- **LEVEL 1 - Confidence and Skill Building**
- Requirements:
 - All games to be mentored by club mentor
- Developing umpire remains at this level until they are competent to officiate across all divisional games up to and including Div 5.
- Club Mentors to mentor half games
- **Skill Building / Development**
 - Independent umpire to review competency over 2-3 weeks at DIVs 3-5, or Night Comp
 - Umpires looking to continue development will officiate games at Junior Comp DIVs 2-3, independent Umpire Mentors half games.

NAT C

- **National C - Skill Building**
- Requirements:
 - Participant needs to display competency when umpiring Junior Comp DIVs 1-2
 - Independent Umpire to observe umpiring competency over 2-3 weeks at Night Competition
- National C Badge is awarded once the umpire is deemed competent

NAT B

- **National B - Skill Building**
- Requirements:
 - Participant needs to display competency when umpiring
 - Independent Umpire to observe umpiring competency over 2-3 weeks at Night Competition
- National B Badge is awarded once the umpire is deemed competent.

- (b) **UMPIRE COMPETENCY RECORDS:** The competency assessment for all qualifications will be undertaken by the CDNA Umpire Convenor or person authorised by the Umpire Convenor. All assessments must have the competency record completed (Appendix 2-4) which will be retained by the CDNA Umpire Convenor, Club and Umpire.
- Trainee: Club Umpire Convenor
 - Level 2: Club Umpire Convenor or another Club Umpire Convenor
 - Level 1: CDNA Umpire Convenor
 - National C: CDNA Umpire Convenor and SCPL Umpire Convenor
 - National B: CDNA Umpire Convenor and SCPL Umpire Convenor

6. Education

6.01 Updating Qualifications

- (a) On-court umpires are required to complete a series of tasks over a four - year period following their successful attainment of either Netball Australia C, B, A or AA Badge. Netball Australia recommends that all umpires who attain their badge (i.e., become accredited) continue to upgrade their knowledge, skills and competencies.
- (b) The updating program aims to raise the overall quality of umpires within netball by ensuring they are provided with ongoing education and development opportunities covering areas such as:
- Keeping abreast of the latest information on developments within netball.
 - Rules knowledge and current interpretations.
 - Having access to the most up-to-date techniques and skills relating to umpiring.
- (c) Netball Australia requires an umpire to reach the specified number of points of updating activity to remain accredited at the relevant badge level.
- (d) Applications for updating will be accepted for up to 12 months following the expiry date of the accreditation.
- (e) Further information regarding updating qualifications can be found in the National Umpire Development Framework (<https://netball.com.au/umpiring-accreditation>).

7. Representative Umpiring

7.01 Representative Umpires

- (a) Umpires must be a member of Netball Queensland and registered with Caloundra District Netball Association or a CDNA affiliated club.
- (b) CDNA issue an Expressions of Interest (EOI) Form to all CDNA Nationally Badged Umpires, opening and closing dates are dependent on event dates.
- (c) All EOI are reviewed by the Umpiring Convenor and Representative Convenor, and short listed for review and selection by the CDNA Executive Committee.
- (d) Selection is based on National Badge level, performance, and availability/suitability.
- (e) For all Queensland State competitions, umpires are required to officiate in the approved CDNA Umpires Uniform.
- (f) Unsuccessful umpires will be placed on a reserve list.
- (g) Umpires chosen for Netball Qld State events will be encouraged to attend CDNA representative trials and at least one of the practice carnivals.
- (h) When dates of practice representative carnivals are made available, CDNA Umpire Convenor will send invitations to all CDNA Nationally Badged umpires.
- (i) Selection of umpires for practice representative carnivals is done by the CDNA Umpire Convenor in consultation with CDNA Representative Convenor, as necessary, and is based on availability/suitability of umpires.
- (j) First preference will be given to National Badged umpires. If umpire positions cannot be filled an invitation is extended to CDNA Association umpires

- (k) Allocation of umpires to representative teams and games at practice carnivals is at the discretion of the CDNA Umpire Convenor and their decision is final.

8. References

- 8.01 Codes of Behaviour
- 8.02 National Umpire Development Framework (<https://netball.com.au/umpiring-accreditation>)
- 8.03 Netball Queensland – Umpires <https://qld.netball.com.au/umpires>
- 8.04 World Netball – The Rules of Netball <https://netball.sport/game/the-rules-of-netball>

9. Appendix

- 9.01 Payment Matrix – issued to Clubs at the beginning of each season.

PROPOSED UMPIRE PAYMENT STRUCTURE 2023

Junior Competition (covers Twilight also)

Badge/Level	Current	Proposed	Increase
National A	N/A	N/A	N/A
National B	\$ 22.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 3.00
National C	\$ 18.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 2.00
Level 1	\$ 12.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 3.00
Level 2	\$ 8.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 2.00
Trainee - Full Game	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 1.00
Trainee - Half Game	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	-

Mentors \$ 10.00 \$ 10.00 \$ -

Club Carnivals - Half Games \$ -

National A	N/A	N/A	N/A
National B	\$ 11.00	\$ 12.50	\$ 1.50
National C	\$ 9.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 1.00
Level 1	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 1.50
Level 2	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.00
Trainee - Full Game	\$ 3.50	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.50
Mentors	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	-

Otherwise if a club chooses to pay per day

(eg if you have an umpire covering different teams throughout the day)

Badged	\$ 100.00
Unbadged	\$ 75.00

Finals Series Timekeepers/Scorers - Semi Final - nil payment - "gratitude gift"
In 2022 this was a block of chocolate bought on sale for \$2.50 per block

Finals Series Timekeepers/Scorers - Preliminary & Grand Final - \$10 per game

Grand Final Umpires - \$5 bonus

Finals Series Reserve Umpires - \$10 per game (unless required to take court)

Night Competition

Badge/Level	Current		Proposed		Increase
National A	N/A		N/A		N/A
National B	\$	25.00	\$	30.00	\$ 5.00
National C	\$	20.00	\$	25.00	\$ 5.00
National C Trainee	\$	12.00	\$	15.00	\$ 3.00
Level 1	\$	12.00	\$	15.00	\$ 3.00
Mentors	\$	10.00	\$	15.00	\$ 5.00

Reason behind mentor increase as these are umpires that are asked not to umpire but to mentor instead, a National B forgoes \$20 per game and a National C forgoes \$15 per game if we do not increase

Finals Series Reserve Umpires - normal rate

Grand Final Umpires - \$5 bonus

****Rep Day Carnivals (own transport, often there from 7.15am until 5.00pm)**

Badge/Level	Current		Proposed		Increase
Badged	\$	100.00	\$	110.00	\$ 10.00
Unbadged	\$	80.00	\$	80.00	-

****State Age - Per Day**

Badge/Level	Current		Proposed		Increase
Badged	\$	110.00	\$	120.00	\$ 10.00

Full Uniform supplied for first year attending state age

****Note - given the expense of our girls going to Townsville in 2023, perhaps the increase for Rep to take effect 2024, rather than 2023**