



Garville Netball Club Umpiring Manual

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President's Welcome

Welcome to representing Garville Netball Club as an Umpire!

This manual has been put together as a guide to help you set and achieve your umpiring goals, assist you in becoming a qualified umpire and aid your mentors in progressing your development through feedback and evaluation.

This manual outlines the umpire development programs currently available to club umpires, either through Garville or Netball SA, and the contact details for further relevant information.

Key Performance Indicators for C, B and A badge levels are also available in this manual and we hope to see as many of you as possible rising through the umpiring ranks. Further umpiring development pathway information has been provided from the Netball Australia framework.

Furthermore, Garville Netball Club takes the welfare of its umpires seriously and as such, you will find a page titled 'Intimidation and Harassment of Umpires', although we hope you will never need to use it! There is also a page detailing the Umpire Code of Behaviour.

Lastly, be the best that you can be, have fun and enjoy your season of umpiring.

Regards,

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Umpiring with Garville

Umpiring for your club can be a valuable and rewarding experience. As an umpire you will develop a new appreciation of the rules of netball while improving your communication skills and self-confidence, and of course getting paid!

All umpires are required to:

- have a current Police Check
- read and understand the Garville Umpires Code of Behaviour
- dress in a professional and neutral (white) uniform; no club colours or insignia may be visible

In addition, Garville Netball Club will provide:

- registration with Netball SA (*required*)
- training and development opportunities, including Level 1 accreditation (*required*)
- a fingergrip whistle and rule book
- FREE entry to netball SA stadium
- payment per game during the winter season (rates dependent on accreditation)

Please note: No Garville Club player shall be disadvantaged as a player (e.g. excessive bench time) as a result of umpiring for their club.

Getting Started

Garville maintains a strong focus on the recruitment and development of umpires of all levels. If you are interested in umpiring but have no experience, don't worry! Garville Netball Club provides training and development opportunities for all umpires, including one-on-one mentoring and group training throughout the season.

If you are an experienced or badged umpire, whether you simply wish to umpire a game here or there or are looking to develop your skills to obtain the next level of accreditation or mentor junior umpires, we would love to hear from you!

If you are interested in umpiring for Garville, please contact our Umpires Coordinator, Wai Fiorentino, or our Umpires Director, Ashlee Caldwell, to get started! For further information on development opportunities, including introductory courses, please see below.

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Uniforms

All umpires are required to wear white, in order to remain neutral from all clubs and be easily identifiable by all. A white shirt and white shorts/skirt/pants with no club insignia must be worn. Please take care to ensure your uniform is professional and appropriate for the task of umpiring.

Garville Umpires Development Programs

Garville Netball Club recognises the integral role that umpires play within the club, and strives to provide support and development at every level.

Beach Energy '3' Netball Umpire Course

The Beach Energy '3' netball umpire course is an introduction to umpiring offered by Garville during pre-season: **no experience is required**. All Junior and Sub Junior players are required to attend. The course is also open to all senior players, coaches, parents and prospective umpires. The course runs for approximately three hours on a training night, including both theory and practical learning components. Participants receive a whistle, a work booklet and a certificate of participation.

All Australia Level 1 Umpiring Course

All Garville umpires are expected to obtain and maintain an updated Level 1 accreditation. The Level 1 course is available **online** via netball SA (see link below), and aims to provide you with the necessary skills and knowledge for umpiring. The level 1 course has a fee, to be covered by Garville Netball Club; please contact **Ashlee Caldwell** (Umpires Director) following completion of the Level 1 umpiring course to arrange reimbursement from the club.

<http://netball.com.au/get-involved/umpiring/accreditation/level-1-umpires-course/>

Coloured Shirt Program

The Coloured Shirt Program will be offered to all beginner or inexperienced Garville umpires, including extensive training and mentoring. A coloured shirt will be provided to each participant, and is expected to be worn at all games throughout the program. Coloured Shirt Program umpires will be expected to attend regular training sessions through the club, and to behave according to the umpires code of behaviour.

The aims of the Coloured Shirt Program are to:

- Make new officials identifiable as 'learners' in a coloured shirt so they are easy to recognise and support
- Promote the program to the club community so it is understood that umpires in this program are learning and therefore that it must be understood they may make mistakes. It will also be clear that harassment of these umpires will not be tolerated.
- Create a supportive culture towards new officials via the education of players, spectators, coaches and the media about Codes of Conduct, Play by the Rules, Sideline Rage and Sport Rage.
- The secondary objective of this initiative is to provide mentoring and support to the beginner umpire to ensure the umpiring techniques they learn will provide a solid foundation for their continuing development for years to come.
- Aim to achieve a National C Badge within the first two years of the program.

Pre-requisites for Umpire Participants are:

- Less than 2 years umpiring experience
- Unbadged
- A current member of Netball SA
- Willing to align their umpire development with the Netball Australia pathway by sitting the Section 1 Theory Exam online and completing a Level 1 Umpiring Course
- Complete the "Play by the Rules" Online Training

Garville TID Umpires

Aspiring umpires may be selected as part of the Garville TID umpires squad. The Garville umpires TID program aims to provide further development for experienced umpires who are interested in achieving a National C Badge accreditation or higher. These umpires will be provided with regular one-on-one mentoring by experienced umpires during and after games, as well as invitations to training opportunities including, but not limited to:

- small-group training sessions including discussions of rules and techniques and 'practice umpiring' of scratch matches between teams of an appropriate level
- invitation to 'rules in action' and 'rules discussion' workshops provided by Netball SA, as well as any other development workshops offered

If you wish to be considered for the TID umpires squad, please contact **Ashlee Caldwell** (Umpires Director).

Netball Australia Umpiring Progression Opportunities

Below is a table summarising the progression of umpires within netball Australia.

Source: Netball Australia (revised 2013), *National Umpire Development Framework*, All Australia Netball Association Limited, Australia, p.8

It is not essential to proceed sequentially through each badge level. The only pre-requisite badge level is an A Badge before an AA Badge screening.

As you gain experience and skill, through the practice of umpiring and the mentoring you receive from the club, you may like to consider taking the Section 1 online course, as well as participate in workshops etc. provided by Netball SA, to work your way towards your first badge and beyond.

PRE-REQUISITES	PATHWAYS	ASSESSMENT		QUALIFICATIONS
		Theory Examination	Practical Test	
Level I Course (integrated with Introductory Level Officiating General Principles)	Participating in Rules Discussion workshops	Section 1 70-79%	Local Game (4x10, 12 or 15min quarters)	C Badge
	Attending Rules in Action course(s) Mentoring	Section 1 80-89%	Local Game (4x15min quarters)	B Badge
	Practice Umpiring at appropriate level	Section 1 90-100%	State League Game (4x15 min quarters)	A Badge
Rules In Action (2 Parts) + Level II Course (includes Advanced Level Officiating General Principles)	Attend Umpire Development Programmes Self Reflection Individual Development Screening for AA	Section 2 90-100%	2 quarters of 2 State League games in one of the following MOs - NSW; SA; VIC 1 game at Highest Level of Competition in the Country (21/U National Netball Championships, Australian Netball League or ANZ Championship)	AA Badge
	Introductory Level Officiating General Principles course (available online) Advanced Level Officiating General Principles	International Umpire Theory Examination	Highest Level of Competition in the Country with International Experience	International Umpire Award (IUA)

Section 1 Theory Exam

The section 1 theory exam is an online prerequisite for obtaining a national badged accreditation. A pass mark of 70% or higher is required to be eligible to obtain your National C Badge. For more information please see the Netball SA website, via the link below.

<http://sa.netball.com.au/participate/umpires/accreditation-and-courses/section-1-theory-exam-online/>

National C Badge

This is an entry level badge where the two major elements of control and basic decisions must be clearly evident. Prospective C Badge umpires are expected to be capable of umpiring AMND intermediate 1 level in winter, AMND A grade level in summer, or equivalent.

Pre-requisites

- All Australia level 1 umpiring Course
- A pass of 70% or more in the Section I Theory Examination (Current for 6 years)

Match Responsibilities

Before the start of play check that the court, its surrounds, goalposts and the ball conform to the Rules and;

Off the Court - inspect players for uniforms, jewellery, adornments and the correct length of fingernails.

Umpiring Techniques

- Voice: Firm and decisive, generally heard easily.
- Manner: Confident and pleasant.
- Whistle: Crisp and clear.
- Dress: Umpires shall wear clothes distinct from those of the players and preferably white or cream in colour. Suitable shoes shall be worn.
- Fitness: Has good coverage of the court for the entire game.
- Positioning: Level with or just a little ahead of play and following around behind the goal circle although not always in the best possible position. Show knowledge of re-positioning to ensure a clear view of play. No umpire shall be on court except to take a Toss Up.
- Control: A candidate being tested at this level must be able to demonstrate that they are in control of the game before they can umpire effectively. Therefore, the basic umpiring techniques of good positioning; clear, crisp whistle blowing; firm, confident manner and audible calls need to be displayed.
- Terminology: Should be using correct terminology

As umpires progress in standard at this level, these umpiring techniques will be supported by sound basic decisions which complement the standard of the game.

Decisions

Consistency is important at any level. An umpire worthy of a 'C' Badge should be able to:

- Recognise stepping in all its forms.
- Display a range of knowledge of the other minor rules such as 'Held Ball', 'Offside', 'Over a Third' etc.
- Conduct a Toss Up, if applicable, in accordance with the Rule Book.
- Penalise all obvious Obstruction.
- Penalise all obvious Contact, certainly the clear examples of those listed in the Rule Book.
- Demonstrate an awareness of the Advantage Rule and its application and apply this on all occasions where Advantage Goal is scored.
- Call each Centre Pass. Error or doubt can be forgiven, provided the umpire checks with the scorer and appropriate instructions are given to scorers and timekeepers.
- Call and indicate when the Throw In is to be taken and show awareness of possible infringements on court and at the Throw In.
- Demonstrate good knowledge of general rules together with reasonable consistency of their interpretation.
- Show understanding of hand signals.

This is a beginner badge ONLY. Testers should not expect a perfect display.

National B Badge

Pre-requisites

- All Australia Level 1 Umpiring Course
- A pass of 80% or more in the Section I Theory Examination (current for 6 years)

Pre-Match Responsibilities

Before the start of play check that the court, its surrounds, goalposts and the ball conform to the Rules and;

Off the Court - inspect players for uniforms, jewellery, adornments and the correct length of fingernails.

- Voice: Firm and decisive, generally heard easily.
- Manner: Confident and pleasant.
- Whistle: Crisp and clear.

- Dress: Umpires shall wear clothes distinct from those of the players and preferably white or cream in colour. Suitable shoes shall be worn.
- Fitness: Has good coverage of the court for the entire game
- Positioning: At least level with, if not just ahead of, the ball. Good positioning and quick re-positioning when play switches is most important at this level. Moving to get a better view is essential. No umpire shall be on the court except to take a toss-up.
- Control: Use of the correct terms which assists the players and keeps the game flowing. Incorrect terms confuses the players and the umpire. Efficiency in procedures and control of general infringements are expected. Sound rule interpretations and an element of common sense in the application of the same must be shown.
- Terminology: Use of the correct terminology for penalties.

Decisions

Consistency is important at any level and especially under pressure.

An umpire worthy of a national B Badge should present an immediate and continued display of:

- where to look;
- when to look; and
- what to look for.

At 'B' level the candidate is expected to:

- Show some ability to penalise infringements ahead of play and either acknowledge or penalise infringements behind play, whichever is the most appropriate action.
- Demonstrate correct application of the 'advantage' rule so that play may be allowed to flow without the candidate losing control.
- Use signals as per the Rule Book.

Candidates must show the beginnings of understanding between applying the rule and showing that they can understand the rule and apply it with a degree of common sense and feeling for the situation.

- Obstruction: A candidate at this level will be expected to show a sound proficiency in the recognition and application of this infringement and rule.
- Contact: At this level a candidate is expected to show a more comprehensive knowledge and application of this infringement and the rule than would be expected of a 'C' Badge umpire.

Candidates will show a level of co-operation and teamwork with their co-umpires when and where applicable, particularly in borderline areas of control.

Candidates will be unaffected by external influences e.g. spectators.

It is expected there will be an understanding of "fair contest" between two players i.e. legal or illegal body movements of two players.

National A Badge

Pre-requisites

- Level 2 Umpire Education Course
- Rules in Action (2 units)
- A pass of 90% or more in the Section I Theory Examination (current for 6 years)

Pre-Match Responsibilities

Before the start of play check that the court, its surrounds, goalposts and the ball conform to the Rules and;

Off the Court - inspect players for uniforms, jewellery, adornments and the correct length of fingernails.

- Voice: Firm and decisive, generally heard easily.
- Manner: Firm, confident but pleasant.
- Whistle: Should be loud, sharp and clear.
- Dress: Umpires shall wear clothes distinct from those of the players and preferably white or cream in colour. Suitable shoes shall be worn.
- Fitness: Has excellent coverage of the court for the entire game.
- Positioning: At least level with, if not just ahead of, the ball. Good positioning and quick re-positioning when play switches, is most important at this level. Moving to get a better view is essential. When play is in their area, candidates should be in position to view the area ahead of the play as well as where the ball is. No umpire shall be on court except to take a toss up.
- Control: Uses correct terminology which helps the players by keeping the game flowing. Efficiency in procedures and control of general infringements are expected. Sound rule interpretations and an element of common sense in the application of the same must be shown. Ensures that the game proceeds at the expected speed and level of the competition. Makes no decision if not in a position to see clearly (being able to read the play complements positioning). Is not susceptible to external influences e.g. spectators. Has ultimate control of all players and officials through correct procedures and protocols. Has excellent game control. Co-operates with the other umpire to give full coverage of the game.
- Terminology: Uses correct terminology at all times

Decisions

Consistency is important at any level. Candidate must achieve a high success rate for all major infringements, and demonstrate an immediate and continued display of:

- where to look,
- when to look; and
- what to look for

At 'A' level it is expected that the candidate has the ability to penalise infringements ahead of play and either acknowledge or penalise infringements behind play, whichever is the most appropriate action at the time.

The advantage rule must be correctly applied with skill at all times so that the play may be allowed to flow without the candidate losing control.

The use of signals helps with the speed and flow of the game. To help players position quickly, candidates should display well executed signals to indicate all infringements..

Candidates must show understanding between just applying the rule and showing that they can understand the rule and apply it with a degree of common sense for the situation and with precision, accuracy and consistency.

- Obstruction: Candidates at this level are expected to be highly proficient in the recognition of obstruction and demonstrate a high degree of skill in the application of appropriate decisions, particularly "Advantage".
- Contact: It is expected that the candidate react with either a decision or an 'Advantage' call to most incidents of contact which interfere with an opponent's play. At this level, an umpire should show an in depth understanding of the difference between contact and contest and umpire accordingly.

It is important at this level for a candidate to demonstrate a common sense understanding of all the rules and their application. Candidates must show a feel for the game.

There should be a very professional approach to the game and all its aspects.

Umpires Code of Behaviour

- ❖ Provide a safe environment so that everyone involved can enjoy the game
- ❖ Maintain professionalism through dress code, equity and punctuality
- ❖ Be current with umpiring procedures and protocols and apply them effectively and efficiently
- ❖ Enjoy yourself and enjoy what you do
- ❖ Develop a rapport with players
- ❖ Don't allow team issues and sideline distractions to affect your umpiring – stay focused
- ❖ Treat everyone involved in the game, as you would like to be treated

Intimidation and Harassment of Umpires

The Netball SA Netball Development Committee directs any umpire who is subjected to intimidation/harassment to take the following steps:

Initial intimidation/harassment:

- ❖ Umpire shall stop the game
- ❖ He/she will seek a member of the Association committee and/or umpire supervisor
- ❖ The committee member will direct the harassment to stop and will remain courtside to monitor the situation

If there is a reoccurrence of the behaviour:

- ❖ The umpire will stop the game
- ❖ He/she will again seek a member of the Association committee and/or umpire supervisor
- ❖ The game will not continue until the harassing personnel have been removed from the court vicinity

Harassment/intimidation after a game:

- ❖ The umpire will submit an official complaint to the association organising committee

Contact Details

If you are interested in umpiring, learning to umpire or mentor, or learning more about the rules, please contact:

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Further Resources

For more information regarding the development of South Australian and Australian umpires, please see the following resources:

Netball SA:

<http://sa.netball.com.au/participate/umpires/>

Netball Australia:

<http://netball.com.au/get-involved/umpiring/>

Australian Sports Commission:

<http://www.ausport.gov.au/sportofficialmag>