



As a new club, we are always  
our close-knit team of  
start your umpiring journey or, continue to develop and move through badging, you don't have to look any  
further than Narellan Netball Club.

seeking new members to join  
Umpires. If you are looking to

## General Information

We aim to teach and guide you to everything you need to know to be a competent, enthusiastic, and confident umpire, who loves what they do and the joy they can bring to young and upcoming netballers.

You do not need any experience to become an umpire and we realise all new umpires need to start somewhere. We can mentor and guide you through the stages of each badge level so we can see you fulfil your talent on court. All new umpires must complete the **Rules of Netball Theory Examination** prior to taking the court. It is highly recommended that prior to commencing this exam you read a copy of the Rule of Netball

- Rules Of Netball 2020  
[https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2020-01/INF\\_NETBALL%20RULE%20BOOK%20MANUAL%202020.pdf](https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2020-01/INF_NETBALL%20RULE%20BOOK%20MANUAL%202020.pdf)

Once you are familiar with the rules and are confident to take the court, our team will work with you on preparing.

Some other general information to consider:

- Umpires must be turning 12 years of age, in the year they start umpiring
- Umpires must be registered with an affiliate club, which you can do with Narellan Netball Club as a non-player (speak to our convenor about how you do this)
- Umpires may be required to start on early games at 9am, through to senior games at 3pm (depending on badge levels)
- Umpires are paid for their time, in line with rates below in this document
- There may be opportunities to develop skills at training nights and clinics and we encourage our umpires to participate

Any questions can be emailed to [nncumpires@outlook.com](mailto:nncumpires@outlook.com)

## Expectations

Umpiring is a fulfilling experience and a key part of netball in the community. We encourage fun and provide as much support as possible. There are rules/guidelines in place being the Netball Australia Umpires Code of Behaviour, to ensure everyone involved is clear on expectations. Umpires must:

- Umpire in accordance with the Official Rules of the Game
- Treat all players, coaches, match official and other umpires with respect
- Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else
- Ensure the court and its surrounds are compliant with the rules
- Take appropriate action to manage dangerous play
- Maintain a high standard of personal behaviour at all times
- Be a positive role model through behaviour and personal appearance projecting a favourable image of netball and umpiring at all times
- Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction
- Maintain or improve your current performance level and seek continual improvement.

## Badging



Badging is the way Netball accreditation and level of competency. These are easy to follow and help us as a club to manage development and rostering

NSW recognises umpires

#### Association Badge levels

- **Beginner Badge** your first step where you will have a mentor by your side to guide you through the game and, learn the basics
- **Graduate Badge** depending on the level of skill/confidence we will assess if a mentor is required
- **Association Badge** no mentor needed, unless request for mentoring towards a National Badge

#### Netball NSW Badges

- **National C**
- **National B**
- **National A**

Further information required for badging structure/criteria, can be located on the Camden and District Netball Association website via this link

- **Camden and District Netball Association Umpiring Policy**  
[https://www.camdennetball.com.au/files/ugd/2d88c2\\_73276f1fefb348bda5d24752fdc851b2.pdf](https://www.camdennetball.com.au/files/ugd/2d88c2_73276f1fefb348bda5d24752fdc851b2.pdf)

An overview of the national criteria can be found below

- **Netball Australia badge competencies**  
[https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2019-06/2017-Updated-Badge-Competencies\\_29112017.pdf](https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2019-06/2017-Updated-Badge-Competencies_29112017.pdf)

As a community club, we encourage our Umpires to work towards their National badge. This increases the level and number of games an umpire can officiate and, they can work towards mentoring themselves. The higher your badge, the higher the rate of pay.

#### **Uniform and Equipment**

When representing the club, umpires must wear a white Narellan Netball Club umpire shirt (refer to uniform policy for details). If you are umpiring and not participating in the 2023 winter comp, you are required to wear a white shirt and black bottoms (*Baggy tracksuit pants, active wear, etc are not permitted*). If you are umpiring and playing, our Narellan Netball dress is acceptable underneath your white umpiring shirt.

For finals, you will be required to wear full whites, as per the directive from the Executive CDNA Umpiring Committee. A white skirt/shorts are acceptable and you should consider this when you purchase either white or black bottoms at the beginning of the season.



You should have your rule book at every game as well as whistle, hair tie, water bottle, sunscreen and sunglasses or a hat. It can get very warm down at the courts, especially if you are umpiring all timeslots. It is recommended to carry a small pouch/bag, so all umpiring gear is easily located/accessible.

A whistle is an umpires best friend and investment. We recommended all umpires purchase a specific whistle that is tried and tested:

- **Thunderer Whistle**  
[Acme 477 Thunderer 58.5 Whistle | Rebel Sport](#)

## **Rostering**

Umpire availability plays a major part in our scheduling/rostering system, as we need to make sure we have covered all games accordingly. All umpires will be required to provide their availability 2 weeks in advance to the Convenors. Umpiring rosters will be released on a Tuesday night to all umpires. A second roster will be released Friday's before games if there are any last-minute changes to allocations.

Even though you are rostered at a particular time slot, umpires should arrive at the courts early to allow for parking and sign on at control.

We as a club understand family emergencies and your health come first. Therefore, we will do our best to be flexible wherever we can. Last minute changes can be difficult to manage as someone will need to fill your spot so, we ask you to communicate as often and early as possible. If a replacement cannot be found in time, the game may be forfeited which is disappointing to all involved.

## **Payments**

Umpires and mentors are paid at a rate agreed to by the executive committee and managed by the Umpires Convenors and Treasurer. *Payments to umpires will commence once their Beginner badge has been achieved.*

Umpires are paid at the below rates, per game:

### Association Badge levels

- **Beginner - \$15**
- **Graduate - \$20**
- **Association - \$25**

### Netball NSW Badges

- **National C - \$30**
- **National B - \$40**
- **National A - \$40**
- **Mentors - \$15**

Umpire payments are processed in a bulk batch. All payments are processed as cash and all umpires will be required to sign for their own payment.



- 1<sup>st</sup> Payment –
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment – Round 10
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Payment – Round 15

Round 5

Our umpires convenors can be contacted on [nncumnpire@outlook.com](mailto:nncumnpire@outlook.com) with any questions.