



# Eurobodalla Netball Association (ENA)

## UMPIRING POLICY

### 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The Association will adopt the International Netball Federation “Rules of Netball”, as amended from time to time by the INF.”
- 1.2 Games commence and finish with the umpires whistle. The umpire will commence and finish each interval once the hooter is heard.
- 1.3 All umpires umpiring at ENA will adhere to the “Netball NSW Code of Behaviour Policy” - see “Umpire Code of Behaviour” within that policy specifically.

### 2. ALLOCATION AND DUTIES

- 2.1 Clubs will be responsible for providing suitably qualified umpires at the beginning of the winter season upon registration of their teams. The ENA Umpires Convenor and Umpire Committee will be responsible for the allocation of these umpires into a roster system after determining individual umpiring levels and creating a roster system for all divisions. These umpires are to be responsible to communicate directly with the Umpire Convenor on their availability for games and if they cannot be available to inform the Umpire Convenor accordingly.

#### 2.2 Sign On

- (i) Umpires are required to sign their name on the “Umpires Sign On Sheet”, located at the control room, fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of their game.
- (ii) Umpires are to ensure players have signed the score sheet and that there are scorers for their game. At the conclusion of the game umpires are to sign the score sheet and check the scorers have signed and entered the final scores.
- (iii) ENA Umpires are to be paid for umpiring games as per ENA Committee agreement. As at 2022 the following payment applies :
  - Beginner umpires : \$10
  - Mentors (with beginner umpires) : \$10
  - Intermediate/Senior umpires (no National badge) : \$15
  - Intermediate/Senior umpires (National badge C & B) : \$20
  - Umpiring for Grand Final games : \$10 extra on top of usual & reserve umpires to be paid.

#### 2.5 Warning Book

Umpires must complete the warning book (located in the control room) if they warn a player, a player is suspended, or a player is ordered from the court. This is ***not*** to be written on the back of the scoresheet. You will need to record who the player/team/spectator was and the reason. The person’s name must be recorded as well as the playing position and quarter when the warning was given. This should be completed straight after the game.

### 3. **DRESS CODE / REQUIREMENTS FOR UMPIRES**

- (i) All umpires shall be dressed in an umpiring uniform that has been decided on by ENA and that is distinct from playing teams.
- (ii) A registered Club uniform with a white shirt/jacket over the club uniform or ENA's uniform with a white shirt/jacket over the uniform.
- (iii) Suitable sports shoes are to be worn.
- (vi) Full umpiring uniform must be worn for Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand-Finals.
- (vii) Each umpire is to provide their own equipment for umpiring, ie whistle, hair band for centre passes and rule book. Whistles and Rule Books can be purchased at the control room or the Rule Book is also available online to download.
- (viii) During game time umpires must meet each other in the middle of the court, agree on the Centre Pass and stay together away from teams and spectators.
- (ix) Trainee umpires are to wear training bibs on games.

### 4. **UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT AND ACCREDITATION**

#### 4.1 **ENA Umpire Mentors**

- (i) The ENA Umpire Convenor & Umpire Committee will decide on which umpires are to be mentors.
- (ii) May use their whistle if they see fit but encourage the trainee umpire to mainly use theirs.
- (iii) Are to move with the trainee umpire up and down the side line and goal line.
- (iv) Can instruct the trainee umpire as the game is in progress.
- (v) May take over if the umpire fails to continue.

#### 4.2 **ENA Trainee Umpires**

- (i) Clubs will be encouraged, with the support of ENA, to develop umpires to umpire at club training sessions, to do their umpire online training and to umpire at ENA games when the ENA Umpire Convenor and Umpire Committee feels they are capable.
- (ii) Trainee umpires looking to umpire at ENA need to be a registered member of a club within ENA and hold a current 70% or higher pass in the Rules of Netball Theory Exam. A copy of this certificate will need to accompany the umpire when first starting umpiring at ENA. This exam is available to be taken online. It is also encouraged for the trainee umpire to complete the Foundation Umpire Course which is also online.
- (ii) The ENA mentoring process for trainee umpires is there to assist the learning and progress of umpires, provide constructive feedback and encourage all umpires.
- (iii) ENA are permitted to interchange umpires during a game if they are in training, usually on junior games, but may also happen on intermediate or senior games as ENA sees fit.

#### 4.3 **National Umpire Badging**

- (i) Umpires looking at obtaining a National Badge are to refer to the Netball NSW website for umpire accreditation requirements. Copies of all required certificates will need to accompany the request for badging. The Umpire Convenor will be responsible for organising the panel for umpire badging and if that umpire is successful the Umpire Convenor will be responsible to lodge the paperwork with Netball NSW accordingly.
- (ii) Club Umpire Convenors can suggest to ENA any umpires that they feel ready for National Badging so that appropriate panels can be organised, but the final decision will be that of the Umpire Convenor and the Umpire Committee as to the National badging of umpires within ENA.

## 5. **CARNIVAL, FINAL SERIES & STATE TITLES**

- 5.1 Umpires who attend Representative Carnivals will receive \$100 per carnival.
- 5.2 Umpires registered with ENA who attend NSW Junior & Senior State Titles shall have their travel and accommodation paid for plus \$100 per day paid for by ENA. Umpires who travel by their own transport may apply to ENA Executive for some reimbursement. This will be at the discretion of the ENA Executive Committee.
- 5.3 ENA shall pay for Netball NSW approved course fees incurred by Representative Umpires attempting their accreditation or higher. Netball NSW approved courses for Representative Umpires development will be paid from the Umpiring Convenors budget. Approval from ENA Executive Committee must be obtained prior to any enrolment.
- 5.4 Umpires umpiring finals series at ENA winter competition are to be in full umpiring uniform and will be paid the usual payment, however in Grand Finals series, \$10 extra will be added to the payment. Reserve umpires will also be paid.