



Salisbury Netball League

Umpires Handbook



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Salisbury District Netball Association

UMPIRES HANDBOOK

This handbook has been put together to help all umpires

GENERAL; All umpires will receive £10 for umpiring matches; this must be received before the match begins together with the completed team sheet. Mentors and Scorers are not paid.

Umpires are required to;

- **Adhere to the Umpires Code of Conduct Appendix 1**
- **Provide whistle, score pad (waterproof pads available from EN web site), 2 stop watches (don't rely on a mobile phone), 2 pencils/pens**
- **Be assessed and approved by a committee member BEFORE umpiring any matches and be listed on the SDNA approved umpire list as attached Appendix 3**
- **Provide proof of qualifications**
- **Wear white tops**
- **Arrive 10 minutes before the match - to check nails and get teams on court ON TIME - 7.15pm and 8.30pm**
- **Time their own match - can be a spectator / reserve. Breaks - Max 3 mins at quarter time - Max 5 mins at half time. If someone does this for you ensure they understand the timing for an injury or stoppage (see rule book)**
- **Teams are responsible to provide a scorer for their match. See SDNA rules (updated July 2014). Scorers need to stand together and call the next centre pass and score when a goal is scored.**
- **Agree if a hat can be worn in adverse weather conditions. The hat must be close fitting, smooth and have no sharp or rough adornments.**
- **Maintain a good standard at all times. The committee will continuously monitor it's umpires and will offer assistance if needed.**

SALISBURY LEAGUE CONTACTS;

Umpire secretaries	Fiona Duckett Babs Yeates	fizzduck@virginmedia.com phone 07896247562 trevoryeates@btinternet.com phone 01722 337904

Courses;

There are five grades of umpiring;

- SDNA approved
- Beginner
- C Award
- B Award
- A Award.

Salisbury District netball Association (SDNA) have access to qualified umpires that come to Salisbury to train, assess and test umpires from trainees to A awards.

All new umpires shall attend a beginner's course.

A fee will be applied for attending the course.

C award courses will be arranged to meet requirements when suitable beginner umpires are assessed to be ready for progression.

Procedures;

Beginner umpires attending a beginner course and will receive;
England Netball rule books and an England Netball “What to expect as a umpire” pack,

Booking forms for tests available on England Netball website;- www.EnglandNetball.co.uk

Following attendance of the Beginner course trainees are expected to gain experience and practice at club nights and contact the umpiring secretary for mentoring.

If umpires and mentors feel they are confident to take their test then the Salisbury League umpiring secretary should be contacted, for test to be arranged. (See costs for information)

There is a written exam to be completed and passed prior to the practical testing, and umpires need to be free for immediate feedback after the practical test.

Beginner Award

After attending a beginner course you will have 2 years in which to pass the Beginner Umpire Award.

Award will be valid for 4 years (from the date of taking the award). Umpires may reapply to take the award again after 4years if they have not progressed to the C Award. If they pass, this will be valid for an additional 4 years. After this time though the award will no longer be valid and the test may not be retaken. So an umpire cannot hold the beginner award for more than 8 years.

C Award.

A “C” award course must be attended before the umpire can take their C award test. The C award theory and practical would take place on the same day and umpires must be free for the whole procedure. Applicants would be assessed prior to their application for C testing is made. Currently this award lasts as long as the member is affiliated to EN.

- If umpires feel confident in taking their tests then these costs apply;

- £10.00 beginners
- £25.00 C grades
- £40.00 B grades

AOB;

Be familiar with the correct terminology Appendix 2
Beginner and C award tests can be done through Wiltshire County Netball Association, via your Salisbury League umpiring secretaries and Pat Salter Wiltshire County Umpiring Secretary - psalter@homecall.co.uk



Appendix 1

Umpires Code of Conduct

As an Umpire I will:

- be affiliated to EN and comply with all rules, regulations and requirements of the sport including any leagues and competitions in which I umpire
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in netball, regardless of gender, marital status, race, colour, disability, sexuality, age, occupation, religion or political opinion
- not abuse or misuse any relationship of trust or position of power or influence held by me within my team, club, League, County, Regional or National Association
- always conduct myself in an appropriate manner and cooperate with other officials and administrators
- exercise self control; I understand that verbal, emotional and physical abuse of coaches, spectators, athletes or other officials is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in netball
- treat all officials with respect, never bully or take unfair advantage of another official
- umpire consistently, independently and with complete impartiality and exercise reasonable care and skill to enforce the rules of the game, to apply them fairly and to effect control of the game so as to ensure the safety of the players at all times
- abide by the “safeguarding best practice guidelines” for children and young people
- ensure that I will maintain the level of knowledge required by attending appropriate and approved EN courses
- conform to the appropriate standard of mental and physical fitness defined by EN which will enable me to effectively control matches
- be appropriately dressed whenever I umpire
- abide by any disciplinary sanctions that might be imposed on me
- promote this code of conduct to other umpires and officials

I will not:

- consume alcoholic drinks or illegal substances or smoke either immediately prior to or whilst umpiring
- wager on any match or at any event where I am umpiring
- offer or attempt to offer, or accept either directly or indirectly, any consideration whatsoever with a view to influencing the result of any match
- coach during any match at which I am umpiring use Social Media technology to bring the game into disrepute or make an inappropriate comment about a fellow official, coach, athlete, volunteer or the NGB



Netball Umpire Terminology

Appendix 2

Infringement	Correct terminology
Ball goes out of court over side or goal line	WHISTLE What: Throw in Who: Reds, Where: Just inside the goal third, halfway along the centre third, (if it is close to where you are standing, point with your 'soft hands' or foot – NO finger pointing!)
Footwork – stepping, dragging or hopping	WHISTLE What: Footwork Who: WA What: Free pass Who: Blues Where: Level with me
Offside – outside the circle	WHISTLE What: Offside Who: GK What: Free pass Who: Reds Where: Just inside the centre third
Offside – inside the circle	WHISTLE What: Offside Who: Blue centre What: Free pass Who: Reds Where: Just inside the circle
Two opposing players breaking together at a centre pass and one of them touches the ball	WHISTLE 'Simultaneous offside, toss up between WA and WD'
Two opposing players breaking together at a centre pass but NEITHER of them touches the ball	NO WHISTLE Play continues
Contact – by one player	WHISTLE What: Contact Who: WA What: Penalty pass Who: Blues Where: By the white line
Contact – by defender inside circle	WHISTLE What: Contact Who: GK What: Penalty pass/shot Who: Reds Where: Just under the post
Opposing players contact each other	WHISTLE 'Simultaneous contact, toss up between GD and GA'
Defending within 3ft – outside the circle	WHISTLE What: Obstruction Who: Blue centre What: Penalty pass Who: Reds Where: Level with me, by the white line
Defending within 3ft – inside the circle	WHISTLE What: Obstruction

	Who: GK What: Penalty pass/shot Who: Reds Where: Where the GK is standing
Ball replayed or a caught ball dropped	WHISTLE What: Playing the Ball Who: WD What: Free pass Who: Reds Where: Level with me
Infringement	Correct terminology
Ball held 3 seconds	WHISTLE What: Three seconds Who: GA What: Free pass Who: Blues Where: Just outside the circle
Foot on the line at throw in	WHISTLE What: Incorrect throw in Who: GD What: Throw in Who: Blues Where: Same position as previous throw in
Foot too far away from the line at a throw in	WHISTLE What: Incorrect throw in Who: WA What: Throw in Who: Greens Where: Same position as previous throw in
Centre pass not caught or touched in the centre third	WHISTLE What: Not received Who: (n/a) What: Free pass Who: Reds Where: Just inside the goal third
Ball goes over a third	WHISTLE What: Over a third Who: (n/a) What: Free pass Who: Reds Where: Just inside the goal third
Player moves too soon at a toss up	WHISTLE What: Moved too soon Who: Red centre What: Free pass Who: Blues Where: Where the red centre was standing
One player catches the ball momentarily before an opposing player also catches it (so 2 players have hold of the ball at the same time)	NO WHISTLE "Possession WD" The opposing player should then immediately take her hands off the ball. If she doesn't, refer to the contact rule. Note: the game has NOT stopped so if WD puts the ball down thinking it is a free pass/penalty, anyone else (from either team) can pick it up!

SDNA Umpire List

Up to date details can be found on [www](#).