

UMPIRE RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibilities of all Umpires are outlined below:

- Ensure that you have a comprehensive knowledge of the rules and match protocols
- Ensure that you are appropriately qualified to umpire the game
- Ensure you carry an up to date rule book
- Ensure you have a whistle, time piece, pen/pencil and paper
- Ensure both teams are checked for long finger nails, ensuring that nails are short and smooth
- Ensure any jewellery, body piercing or hair adornments are removed (with the exception of a plain wedding ring that should be taped)
- Ensure all long loose hair is tied back appropriately
- Ensure the 'toss' has been taken and the first centre pass has been decided
- Receive the score card with team names completed, before the start of the game
- Ensure there is a time-keeper and person to score if appropriate
- Ensure the court is fit for play and the surrounding area is clear
- Ensure all the teams are wearing the correct playing gear, bibs or position patches and team colours in accordance to Club, League and EN rules
- Ensure that all players are wearing sensible appropriate footwear
- Ensure all games start on time; 19:15 and 20:35
- Allow for injury time and any other stoppages, ensuring the time-keeper has accounted for the stoppage
- Ensure the game is umpired fairly and clearly and any incidents are dealt with at the appropriate time (this may mean at the end of a quarter rather than stopping the game)
- Ensure any injury is suitably dealt with and any blood injury has been cleaned and dressed before the player returns to the court
- Ensure all players conduct themselves in a manner conducive to good netball practice
- Confer with the other umpire and agree the score on a regular basis
- Ensure the score cards are correctly completed and handed to the captain at the end of the match
- Work with the other umpire to make sure the match is enjoyable for all
- Inform your team at the time of booking if you require a Scorer for the match
- All umpires should ensure that they keep updated with any changes of rules or recommendations as made by EN or the local league



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If you have any questions or need advice, please check the League's Rules, Constitution, Policies and Procedures and FAQ's in the first instance, and contact the Umpiring Secretary if you need further advice.