



RANDWICK NETBALL ASSOCIATION

UMPIRING POLICY

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1. **Umpires**

- 1.1 Umpires at Randwick Netball Association (RNA) are to abide by the [Netball Australia Umpires Code of Behaviour](#).
- i. Umpire in accordance with the Official Rules of the Game;
 - ii. Treat all players, coaches, match official and other umpires with respect;
 - iii. Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else;
 - iv. Ensure the court and its surrounds are compliant with the rules;
 - v. Take appropriate action to manage dangerous play;
 - vi. Maintain a high standard of personal behaviour at all times;
 - vii. Be a positive role model through behaviour and personal appearance projecting a favourable image of netball and umpiring at all times;
 - viii. Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction; and
 - ix. Maintain or improve your current performance level and seek continual improvement.
- 1.2 All affiliated clubs must have an Umpires Convenor who must attend all umpires convenors' meetings in the RNA calendar.
- 1.3 Clubs are responsible for providing umpires of a suitable standard for the teams entered in the competition.
- 1.4 All games must have two (2) umpires. Each team or affiliated club is required to supply an umpire for each match, failure to do so will result in a player having to come off the court to umpire.

2. **A Grade Pool**

- 2.1 The RNA Umpires Committee will allocate umpires for A1 and A2 games each Saturday. Each A1 and A2 team is responsible for sourcing and nominating a suitably qualified umpire for the umpiring pool.
- 2.2 National C badge is the minimum standard for the A grade umpiring pool. If clubs feel that an umpire is of National C badge standard but not yet badged, they must approach the RNA Umpires' Committee to have the umpire assessed as a candidate for National C badge within the following 12 months.
- 2.3 Umpires on A1 and A2 should wear whites. A white shirt to be placed over a playing uniform is acceptable.
- 2.4 A1 and A2 umpires will be paid an agreed amount per game, including finals.

3. **Training**

- 3.1 It is preferred that all RNA umpires complete the Netball Australia [Foundation Umpires Course](#) and the Netball Australia [Rules of Netball Theory Examination](#).
- 3.2 Beginner umpires must wear a training vest and **MUST** be accompanied by a mentor for coaching.
- 3.3 An umpire may not coach or direct play while umpiring except in the case of NetSetGo where the umpire provides guidance to BOTH teams.

- 3.4 The minimum age to umpire senior games is 15 years old, except with prior approval by RNA umpires committee.

4. **Finals**

- 4.1 Clubs are required to submit umpire nominations as directed. The process for nominations will be emailed to all clubs at the completion of Round 12.
- 4.2 Umpires will be allocated to semi-finals, finals and grand finals by the Umpires Committee. Umpires will be paid an agreed amount per game. Clubs will be required to pay the agreed amount for each team qualifying for the final series. These monies to then be paid to the umpires allocated to the game.

5. **Dress Code**

- 5.1 Umpires at RNA must wear suitable footwear and:
- whites - shorts, tracksuit pants or skirt and white polo or jacket; or
 - club uniform - tracksuit or playing dress or club issue umpiring polo.
- 5.2 Leggings, skins and leisurewear are **NOT** allowed.
- 5.3 Umpires who do not adhere to the dress code may incur a fine of \$50 to their nominated club.
- 5.3 Each umpire is responsible for bringing their own equipment to the game, eg a whistle, rule book and a hairband to keep track of centre pass.

6. **Discipline**

- 6.1 Action may be taken:
- If a breach of the players and or spectators Code of Behaviour occurs, an umpire has the discretion to lodge an incident report form; and
 - For failing to abide by the umpires' Code of Behaviour.
- 6.2 An umpire may be called upon to attend to a disciplinary meeting when an E6 Incident Report form has been lodged.