



**Umpire Handbook  
2024**

### **Introduction:**

Umpires are an integral part of our game. Umpires provide the opportunity for everyone to play the game in a safe, fair and enjoyable environment. Everyone has a role to play in ensuring that we create a culture at Townsville City Netball Association Incorporated where our umpires are a respected part of our netball community.

TCNAI Umpire Coordinator role is to provide leadership in umpiring and support the umpires and clubs in the competition. The coordinator is a resource to the clubs to assist them in their endeavours to develop umpires. The coordinator can support the clubs in their development of umpires and the pathways that are available to them.

TCNAI Umpire Group plays an important role not only during the season for our fixtures and representative teams. The group will work together to support our umpires at every level and work to attract new umpires.

### **Dress Code and Equipment for Umpires.**

A neatly presented umpire looks professional and in control of the game. You must wear the appropriate uniform which defines you as an umpire and may include:

- Skorts, shorts, skirt, leggings or bottoms of an appropriate length in the following colours: Black, navy, white.
- Umpiring shirt or club umpiring shirt that is different to the clubs playing uniform, preferably white.
- Umpiring shirt can be worn over playing dress.
- Vest – read below for colour identification.
- Wet weather jacket or jumper that is white or a colour approved by the Umpire Group.

For all finals games, umpires should wear:

- A white umpiring shirt that is independent to any club.
- A skirt that is either black, white or navy.
- TCNAI recognises that not all junior umpires have access to skirts or independent umpiring shirts, therefore, when a skirt is not able to be worn, the umpire can wear bottoms of an appropriate length in the colours of black, white or navy. The umpire can wear a club umpiring shirt, when not umpiring a game where one of the teams belongs to the same club.

For Premier League:

- A TCNAI Premier League umpiring shirt – supplied by TCNAI, or a white independent umpiring shirt.
- Females: A skirt in black, white or navy
- Males: Shorts in black, white or navy

**The following items are NOT permitted.**

- Club uniform (dress, polo, jacket, or jumpers)

*\*Clubs need to submit a request for changes to policy.*



Each umpire is responsible for bringing their own equipment to the game. At a minimum they will need a whistle, a hairband to keep track of the centre pass, water bottle, closed in shoes and socks, hair tied back and access to the rule book.

Rule books can be downloaded on the Netball Australia and Netball Queensland Website.

<https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2020-02/INF-RulesofNetball2020.pdf>

### **Umpire Policies**

Umpires are required to uphold the TCNAI Policies and Procedures and the TCNAI code of behaviour for umpires.

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### **TCNAI Umpire Coordinator**

- The TCNAI Umpire Coordinator works with CUCs and the Umpire Group to make fair and equitable decisions to support the growth and skills of all umpires at TCNAI.
- Organise Umpiring Clinics and opportunities for umpires to excel
- Work with TCNAI Faculty and Staff to create opportunities for umpiring within the association and beyond.
- Create development opportunities within the association and during fixtures.
- Complete umpiring allocation spreadsheets and upload them to the SharePoint timely. Upload onto Netball Connect once completed.
- Communicate all changes with CUCs on multiple platforms.
- Nominate association Umpire Liaison for fixtures nights when not available on fixtures nights.
- Ensure TCNAI Umpiring Facebook Page is kept up to date with events.
- Arrange umpiring for events hosted by TCNAI.
- Have access to regulation email: [umpire@townsvillemcitynetball.com.au](mailto:umpire@townsvillemcitynetball.com.au)

### **TCNAI Umpire Group**

- To volunteer their time in contributing to a group of umpires who will assist in making decisions regarding umpiring at TCNAI.
- Meet in-frequently (during season landmarks and where required) with Umpire Coordinator to discuss topics raised by CUCs and other members of the association, and where required, discuss possible outcomes and changes.
- Ensure that they respond to raised topics by the Umpire Coordinator in a timely manner.
- To assist in hosting umpire clinics where the Umpire Coordinator is not available.

### **TCNAI Umpire Liaison**

- To work with the TCNAI Umpire Coordinator and Competitions Officers to ensure the umpiring of fixtures is smooth running.
- Each week, the Umpire Coordinator will nominate the Umpire Liaison for the round and night of fixtures, which will be communicated with the TCNAI Manager and Competitions Officer.
- The Umpire Liaison is required to:
  - Ensure all umpires have signed on at the umpire desk for their round of fixtures.
  - To assist the Competitions Officer in locating the umpire if they have not shown up to the correct court.
  - To ensure that the reserve umpire is present and has signed on using the *Reserve Umpire Sign on* sheet held at the umpire desk. Track this in the excel document.
  - Assist umpires in recording instances of game management. Providing feedback where required. Collate documents and place in Umpire Coordinators folder.
  - To walk around the association during fixtures and provide support to umpire mentors to ensure that umpires are receiving optimal amounts of support.
  - Assist in keeping the umpire area clean and tidy
  - Arranging testing sheets for assessments and directing assessors to appropriate courts.
- The Umpire Liaison is required to be present during fixture nights. Ultimately, the Liaison is required to be available for all rounds of fixtures.

### TCNAI Umpire Coaching Group

- To volunteer and assist in coaching umpires at all levels within the association during Senior and Junior fixtures and carnivals.
- To communicate to Umpire Coordinator once believed that umpires are progressing to Umpiring Milestones ie. Competency, Development Group and C Badge.
- To promote online programs to umpires – Rules of Theory and Foundational exams
- To assist with assessments where required.
- To maintain up-to-date individual assessments as found on Netball Learning platforms.

### Umpire Code of Behaviour

In addition to TCNAI General Code of Behaviour, you must meet the following requirements with regards to your conduct during any activity held by or under the auspices of TCNAI in your role as an Umpire.

1. Umpire in accordance with the Official Rules of the Game – *World Netball Rules of Netball 2024*
2. Treat all players, coaches, match officials and other umpires with respect.
3. 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 and play that goes against the rules and spirit of netball.
4. Always maintain a high standard of personal behaviour.
5. Be a positive role model through behaviour and personal appearance projecting a favourable image of netball and umpiring at all times. Volunteer and engage within the netball community. Uphold the umpire dress code.
6. Be courteous, confident, respectful, and open to discussion and interaction.
7. Maintain or improve your current performance level and seek continual improvement.
8. Umpire your best every game. Give 100%. Umpire without bias.

TCNAI recognises that umpires can also be coaches, players, family and independent umpires.

- **If an umpire is a coach;** they can umpire for their club and the association as an independent umpire. They can umpire the same club that they coach for when dressed as an independent umpire. They are not able to umpire the same division in which they coach. This is a club and umpire responsibility to uphold. They are to uphold the umpire code of behaviour.
- **If an umpire is a player;** they can umpire the same division that they play for. They should not umpire their own club if: the teams playing are not from the same club (ie, red vs red), or the other umpire is not affiliated with the other team (ie, red umpire umpiring red team & blue umpire umpiring blue team). This is a club and umpire responsibility to uphold. They are to uphold the umpire code of behaviour.
- **If an umpire is umpiring a family member;** the umpire can flag this with their club or association if they are not comfortable in doing so. They are to uphold the umpire code of behaviour at all times.
- Premier league is formed of independent umpires only and all umpires are regarded as independent.

Any umpires who are seen by TCNAI officials to not follow the umpire code of behaviour will be addressed in a professional and private manner. **Development plans** may be implemented by TCNAI if concern is raised about an umpire's performance or actions. Development plans require support from clubs to address certain behaviours. A development plan may require for that umpire to umpire with a support person for x-number of games to overcome a certain behaviour. These will be signed, scanned and uploaded to the umpire SharePoint for storage and can be accessed by CUCs.

### Pregame Responsibilities for Umpires:

- Sign on at the Umpire Desk.
- Confirm with the courts live score that their names are listed as umpires for this court prior to the beginning of play.
- Check the teams' nails and jewellery;
  - No players are permitted to play with jewellery or fingernails that are not below the nail bed, short and tidy. No taping is permitted.
  - Exceptions that may apply
    - Taped medical bracelet

- Taped wedding band – with no large stones
  - Taped jewellery such as ear piercings with a medical certificate that has been provided to the association prior to the beginning of play.
  - Gloves can be worn in Seniors DIV 2 and below.
- Check the court for any dangers. Check the ball. Check the posts and post pads.
- Reserve Umpire – Ensure that they have written on the *Reserve Umpire Activation* (where the umpire is required to complete a game) recording sheet at the umpire desk so that the correct payment can be provided.

#### **Club Umpire Coordinator Expectations and Guidelines:**

- Clubs with a Premier League team will have an extra allocation on a Tuesday or Wednesday night. Clubs can choose either a Tuesday or Wednesday night for this allocation. This allows for a reserve umpire on each round.
- \$30 fee for missed allocations/fail to show. Fees to be deducted from clubs' monthly payments.
- Enter allocations into spreadsheet (link provided by Umpire Coordinator at start of season) before the day of matches/fixtures. When able, upload allocations into Netball Connect.
- Communicate allocations with club officials, umpires, parents, and mentors.
- Be a member of the 'CUC' group chat once created at the beginning of the season to assist in communication between Umpire Coordinator and other CUCs.
- Ensure equal development and opportunities. Recommend development of umpiring pathways.
- Encourage new umpires.
- Complete Payment Spreadsheets (provided by association at beginning on season) and have these submitted to the Umpire Coordinator by **the last Friday of every month**. The Umpire Coordinator will then collate and forward onto TCNAI's administrator in finances to be paid to clubs.
- Comply and enforce TCNAI's umpiring expectations and umpire code of behaviour.
- Responsible for coaching and supporting umpires in their development. CUCs can seek support from the TCNAI Umpire Coordinator ([umpire@townsvillecitynetball.com.au](mailto:umpire@townsvillecitynetball.com.au)) or TCNAI Umpire Group. Please refer to your Club manual for Umpire Coordinator and Umpire Group contacts.
- Be registered in Netball Connect. Work to ensure that all club umpires are also registered as "umpires" - this process is free and is required to be confirmed for uploading of umpire's names into Netball Connect.

#### **Umpire Level to Game Guide**

Beginner Umpire working towards competency and a newly Competent Umpire:

- 12 DIV 2 and below or 15 DIV 3 and below.

Competent Umpire:

- 12 LEAGUE and below, 15 DIV 1 and below, 18 DIV 3 and below, SENIORS DIV 3 and below.

Development Group Umpire:

- All JUNIOR levels, including 15 and 18 LEAGUE to receive mentoring. SENIORS DIV 2 and below.

Badged Umpire:

- All JUNIOR and SENIOR levels. PREMIER LEAGUE upon invitation.

#### **Finals Series Umpiring**

- CUC's will be required to allocate umpires for the final's series – Each club will receive an allocation per team playing in the final's series.
- Umpires can umpire for other clubs during this series.
- Umpires are required to uphold the Umpiring Code of Behaviour as set above.
- Umpire to club affiliations for umpires will remain the same throughout the finals series (as set above).
- The TCNAI Umpire Coordinator will allocate umpires who have been provided by the CUC's to appropriate game levels.

- Umpires allocated to umpire in the final's series must hold at a minimum TCNAI competency, whilst having great experience in umpiring.
- Umpires are required to uphold the TCNAI Umpire Dress Code.
- Umpires will be paid by TCNAI for umpiring the finals series. Nil changes to payment amounts.

### **Umpire Development and Assessment Processes**

Clubs are responsible for providing umpires who are of a suitable standard for the teams they enter the competition. TCNAI will provide opportunities for development and pathways for the umpires. Additional development opportunities will be communicated to CUC's and posted on the TCNAI Umpiring Facebook page.

For beginning umpires working to achieve competency, clubs will provide mentors. The assessment process for competency will be, Club Umpire Coordinators will send a request for assessment through to TCNAI Umpire Coordinator via email [umpire@townsvillecitynetball.com.au](mailto:umpire@townsvillecitynetball.com.au) where the coordinator will set a time and an independent assessor for competencies. The completed assessments sheets will be scanned and uploaded to the Umpire share point for storage. CUC's will have access to the folder containing competency assessment sheets to provide feedback to umpires.

At the beginning of the season, CUC's will submit names for the Umpire Development group. This group of umpires will receive coaching, feedback and high-level games to development on as they progress to achieve a C Badge. Umpire coaches can be made of club and association umpire mentors capable of providing feedback to this standard. Once the umpire is deemed ready for assessment, the TCNAI Umpire Coordinator will set a panel on a Seniors DIV 2 or a Junior 18 League game, with independent assessors. The CUC will be informed of this. When successful, umpires will receive badging assessment sheets via email for upload to the netball learning platform. Badging assessment sheets will not be able to be accessed by CUC's due to assessment sheets holding personal information belonging to the umpire and assessors.

Assessment for a National B Badge will occur during the Premier League competition only, when official and A Badge Umpire, Marley Lysaght, deems the umpire suitable and to standard for panelling. Marley and a current B Badge assessor will form the panel to assess the umpire to the B Badge criteria. When successful, the umpire will receive a scanned copy of the assessment sheet for uploading to the learning platform.

Umpires working for badging, badged umpires and assessors must maintain an up-to-date Rules of Netball Theory exam. Prior to badging, the Foundations of Umpiring exam must be completed. This only needs to be completed once. Active umpires need to maintain an active badge, which can be upheld on the Netball Learning platform.

For umpires external to TCNAI, an email must be sent to [umpire@townsvillecitynetball.com.au](mailto:umpire@townsvillecitynetball.com.au) to request specific testing and mentoring, when wishing to use a TCNAI game for assessment purposes. The TCNAI Umpire Coordinator will then liaise with panel appropriate assessors and mentors to support umpires in achieving their umpiring goals. This enables TCNAI to provide umpires with a safe and comfortable working environment, setting them up for success. External umpires will also receive an email with their umpiring assessment sheet for uploading to the netball learning platform once successful in gaining their badge. These will also be stored at TNCAI on SharePoint (restricted view).

### **Umpire Mentor Guidelines**

TCNAI encourages clubs to take a pro-active approach to umpire development by providing support to learning umpires through assistance from senior umpire mentors. The role of the mentors makes it a safer and more enjoyable experience for anyone learning to umpire netball. A mentor's role is designed to give in-the-moment feedback and to be there for the umpire to encourage and support their decisions, as well as control the play where required. A mentor is more advanced to a support person, where they are required to be actively moving with the umpire.

There are a few key points the umpire mentors across the competition need to be aware of in relation to the level of support and assistance they can provide. It is recommended, but not mandatory, that an umpire mentor holds a National Umpire Badge and has attended a 'Develop the Mentor' clinic.

**Umpire mentors should:**

- Be easily identified (by wearing the orange coaching bibs available at the TCNAI umpire desk).
- Introduce themselves to the umpires prior to the game as a mentor.
- Support the umpire through development. Ensure the umpire has attended the "Introduction to Umpiring" clinic.
- New mentors are recommended to attend the 'Develop a Mentor' clinic
- Ensure the mentee umpire is wearing a yellow bib.
- Must carry a whistle but encourage umpires to make decisions.
- Can interrupt or over-rule decision made by the controlling umpire during the game where necessary, particularly, when managing foul play.
- Speak with the mentee during the breaks and provide them with feedback, advice, and encouragement.
- Be mindful of the skill level of the other umpire and not provide unwanted or unsolicited advice.
- Be suitable confident and capable to mentor a learning umpire.
- Run and move with the beginner to the goal line and through the sideline to instil confidence, whilst promoting a safe court space.
- Do not overload self with tasks – give the umpire your full attention.

If the learning umpire is not confident enough to blow the whistle, control centre passes and have basic knowledge of the rules – it is advised that they continue to practice with a mentor on training nights.

Mentee umpires wearing training bibs are not to be approached by club officials, coaches or spectators and mentors should support umpires if there is an approach to learning umpires. If there are any instances of this, please advise TCNAI officials.

We recommend that all umpires and mentors complete the Rules of Netball Theory Exam and Foundation umpiring course, however, this should not pose as a barrier for the umpire to commence umpiring (both accessible via Netball Learning). <https://learning.netball.com.au/>

**Do's and Don'ts of being a good mentor on court:**

**Do's:**

- Teach from the rule book.
- Be encouraging and supportive.
- Be present for the whole game.
- Give constructive feedback.
- Stand at different points of the court at different stages of the game to assist with positioning. Move with the umpire to give them real time feedback.

**Don'ts:**

- Overload them with too much information.
- Expect the beginning umpire to deal with any aggression on or off the court.
- Expect perfection.
- Only give feedback in quarter breaks.
- Stand/sit in the same position

It is asked that clubs do not allocate junior umpires to club games. The Umpire Coordinator will work to eliminate instances of this, however, in some cases this is unavoidable. It is asked that clubs provided one umpire mentor for one umpire. When junior umpires have developed to the point of competency, clubs can have one active mentor for the court in which two junior umpires from the same club are umpiring. The Club Umpire Coordinator will allocate two umpiring allocations to the same club, on the same court (not of the same club teams) to assist in umpire development.



## Guidelines for the use of Umpiring Training bibs/vest

The Umpire development program, we are committed to providing a safe nurturing and enjoyable experience for all umpires.

TCNAI encourages all clubs to use the Umpire Training bibs for all learning and trainee umpires.

The purpose:

- Make trainee umpires easily identifiable and recognisable to players, coaches, officials, and spectators.
- Create awareness around the trainee umpire's skill level, knowledge and understanding of the rules and application of the rules.
- Provide training umpires with a level of protection from negative commentary, feedback or unsolicited advice to help them feel safe in their role as a learning umpire.
- Ensure that the trainee umpire is supported by a suitable umpire mentor.
- Ensure that clubs, coaches and delegates do not approach the trainee umpire. The mentor should make themselves available to talk with the club officials if required.
- TCNAI **officials** can be approached at any stage of fixtures and can be found in the pink vests.
- **Club Liaisons** are required to walk around TCNAI during Tuesday and Wednesday fixtures to watch game play, spectators, coaches and umpires, minimising any unwanted or poor sportsmanship like behaviours. They are required to report to the TCNAI Umpire or Competitions Coordinator with any situations that require further management. They will play a vital role in assisting TCNAI creating a safe and nurturing environment for all.

**Umpire (Beginner)**



**Mentor**



**Official/  
Umpire Liaison**



**Club  
Spectator Liaison**



### **Club responsibilities:**

Clubs play an important role in ensuring that these guidelines are followed by:

- Providing trainee umpires with the option to wear the training bib for as long as they choose or until competency is complete.
- Providing a suitable umpire mentor each week to support the trainee.
- Ensuring club officials, umpires, coaches, parents and spectators are respectful (in accordance to the code of conduct) towards trainee umpires and refrain from using inappropriate, negative or disrespectful language anyway around the netball court area.
- Reprimand and if necessary, remove anyone acting outside these guidelines and Club/TCNAI/ Netball Queensland Code of Conduct.
- Provide a Club Liaison – each week, a club is required to provide a liaison person who will perform the following description.
  - Walk around the grounds of TCNAI to ensure spectators, players, coaches and team bench members are upholding the Code of Conduct and behaviours as set by TCNAI.
  - To report to the Competitions Officer if any they witness any behaviours that go against the TCNAI Code of Conduct and Behaviours

### **Trainee Umpire Responsibilities**

The training bib is a tool to help trainee umpires feel more confident and safer while they are learning to umpire, they should be committed and prepared to develop their knowledge, understanding and practical application of the rules by.

- Completing the Rule of Netball Theory Exam (recommended, not enforced)
- Completing the Foundations of Netball Course (recommended, not enforced).
- Attending other training events held by TCNAI, including "Introduction to Umpiring" clinic.
- Actively seek feedback and advice from both club and TCNAI mentors.
- Uphold the Umpire Code of Behaviour and all TCNAI codes of conduct.



### **Umpire Payments for Senior and Junior fixtures**

- Non-competent umpire - \$5 per game back-paid once competency has been achieved
- Mentors - \$5
- Competent Umpires - \$5
- Badged Umpires League/Div 1 games - \$15
- Badged Umpires Standard Game - \$10
- Reserve Umpire (without umpiring) - \$5
- Reserve Umpire (with umpiring) - \$15
- Premier League - \$25

Payment rates for the finals series will remain as listed. TCNAI will make direct payments to Premier League Umpires at the end of the Premier League Season. All other payments to umpires for the Senior and Junior season will be made by CUC's, once CUC's fulfill requirements.

### **Umpire Complaints Process**

TCNAI ask that all members of the association are respectful to umpires at all times. There is no tolerance of abuse or inappropriate remarks towards umpires. At no point does a coach or spectator approach the umpire. The captain of the team is permitted to bring another member of the team to approach both umpires together to discuss a rule. If a team deems the umpire on court to require feedback, a team person (coach, official or spectator) must address the Competitions desk immediately. It is then the Competition Supervisors responsibility to notify the Umpire Coordinator or Umpire Liaison who will go to the court to observe and provide necessary feedback. If the Umpire Coordinator or Umpire Liaison deems necessary, an Umpire Development Plan can be initiated for the umpire, which is required to be upheld by the club. All umpire complaints will be recorded for ongoing monitoring.

Feedback is also able to be submitted in writing to any TCNAI email address, however, it is preferred that TCNAI officials are approached at the time of the incident so that the above can be addressed.

All complaints will be recorded and kept in SharePoint.

### **Umpire Development Plans**

The TCNAI Umpire Coordinator or Umpire Liaison can initiate an Umpire Development Plan if they deem that an umpire requires additional support in coaching. An Umpire Development Plan is only temporary and is required to be upheld by CUC's. An umpire development plan can detail the following:

- The areas in which the umpire requires assistance
- Recommended levels and grades of play to umpire
- Request for a club mentor to be present
- Recommendation for length of development plan and a date to review the umpire at the end of the development plan

At no point does the umpire lose their umpiring accreditation or payment status. The aim of the Development Plan is to support umpires in umpiring at their best for every game. Development Plans will be signed by the authorising officer and scanned to SharePoint.

### **Game Management Recording**

TCNAI umpires are required to record incidences where game management is applied during games. These sheets are provided by TCNAI and will be kept at the Competitions desk during the evening of fixtures. Once completed, these are then scanned and uploaded to SharePoint, where they can be emailed to clubs upon request.

In an incidence where complaints regarding poor sportsmanship and behaviours from players are provided to TCNAI, Game Management recording is vital in creating an action plan to correct such behaviours. This will be addressed by TCNAI officials, if and where appropriate.

### **Premier League Umpire Coaching Group**

As of 2024, the TCNAI Premier League competition will have a named development officials that will help to support TCNAI officials and umpires to develop to achieve success.

- EOI will be required to nominate for this group at the beginning of the 2024 season.
- Must have up-to-date netball learning assessments and badges.
- Be willing to teach umpires within the association.
- Volunteer their Monday evenings for the progression and development of umpiring at TCNAI.
- Value Clubs Feedback
- Attend club training sessions to provide feedback when asked. Initiate at beginning of season where required.

### **Premier League Umpires**

Umpires are invited to express interest in umpiring in the 2024 Premier League competition. Once selected as a premier league umpire, the umpire will have to uphold the following:

- Umpire Code of Conduct
- Dress as per stated expectations.
- Maintain up-to-date umpiring accreditation
- Umpire to a top-level and professional standard
- Attend Premier League pre-season fitness sessions (3 weeks)
- Complete a minimum of 3 umpire management plans – inclusive of video analysis and personal reflection.
- Listen to and work with members of the Premier League Umpire Coaching Group

### **Assessment Panel**

TCNAI has a small panel of senior umpires who volunteer their time to assist with mentoring, assessing and badge testing. They are known as the assessment panel.

The assessment panel will be allocated by the TCNAI Umpire Coordinator after the correct process has taken place to request testing.

Those on the assessment panel must keep an up-to-date netball learning status relevant to their umpiring badge level.

### **Umpire Badging Pathways**

TCNAI are committed to developing umpires and supporting them to achieve National Badges. There is a process to follow regarding badges and clubs are urged to assist the assessment panel by ensuring the potential badge candidates are as prepared as possible. CUCs are required to follow the below process for a National C Badge:

#### **National C Badge Process**

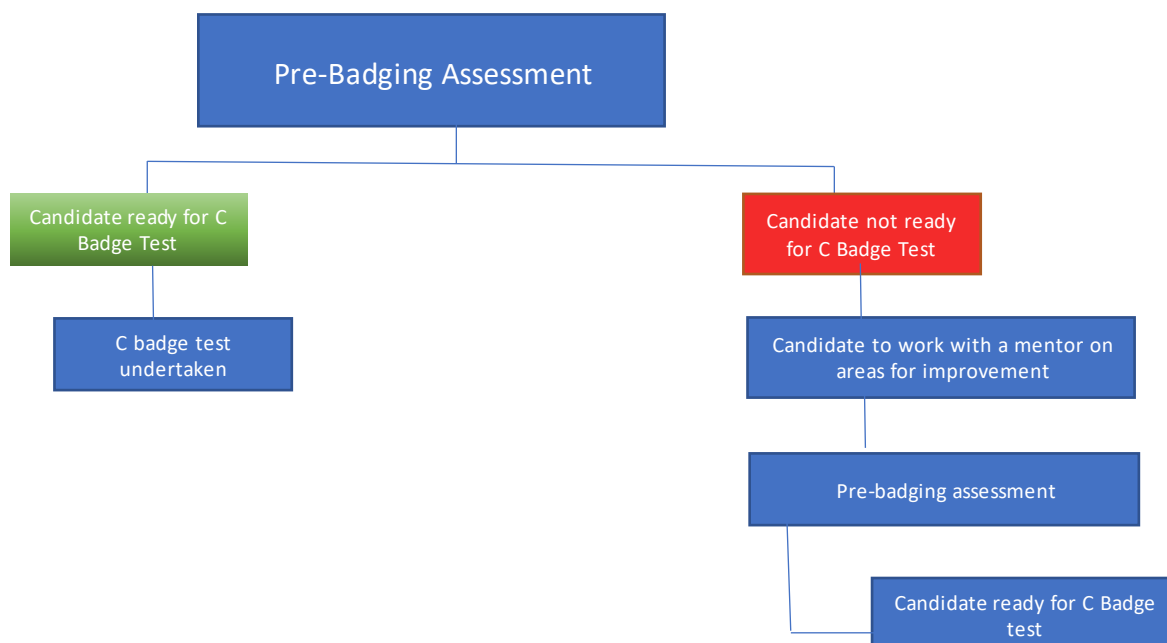
The National C Badge can be awarded within TCNAI. A badge assessment is undertaken by a testing panel with two National B Badge Endorsed testers or a National B Badge and National C Badged Endorsed tester. TCNAI will assess C badge candidates on SENIORS DIV 2 or JUNIORS 18 LEAGUE games.

Clubs that have a candidate they would like to be considered for a National C Badge during the season should nominate their candidate at the beginning of the season to be involved in the Development Umpiring Group to receive regular coaching and feedback, specifically designed for them to be successful in achieving a National C Badge:

1. Clubs must ensure candidate holds a TCNAI Umpire Competency.
2. Has completed the Rules of Netball Theory Exam and the Foundations of Umpiring Course – with both remaining within date.
3. Has been nominated for the Development Umpire Group by emailing:  
[umpire@townsvillecitynetball.com.au](mailto:umpire@townsvillecitynetball.com.au)

4. Can confidently umpire divisions as stated for assessments.
5. Undertakes a pre-badging assessment to determine whether a candidate is ready for formal badge assessment – assessment to be performed by a panel appropriate and trained official.
6. Follow through with any feedback from the assessor/assessing panel.
7. Dress appropriately as per Umpire Dress Code.
8. Uphold the Umpire Code of Behaviour and TCNAI code of conduct.
9. Make themselves available for a badge assessment.

#### C Badging Assessment Process:



#### National B Badge Process

A National B Badge test can only be undertaken within the TCNAI on a Premier League match with a testing panel that includes a National A badge and a National B Badge endorsed tester. Candidates wishing to be considered for a National B badge need to be regularly umpiring Premier matches and undertake higher-level coaching and mentoring as often as possible.

1. Umpire must ensure that they hold a current National C Badge
2. Has completed the Rules of Netball Theory Exam and the Foundations of Umpiring Course – with both remaining within date.
3. Can confidently umpire divisions as stated for assessments.
4. Undertakes a pre-badging assessment to determine whether a candidate is ready for formal badge assessment – assessment to be performed by a panel appropriate and trained official.
5. Follow through with any feedback from the assessor/assessing panel.
6. Dress appropriately as per Umpire Dress Code.
7. Uphold the Umpire Code of Behaviour and TCNAI code of conduct.
8. Make themselves available for a badge assessment.

Speak with the TCNAI Umpire Coordinator about pathways for development for the National B Badge - [umpire@townsvillecitynetball.com.au](mailto:umpire@townsvillecitynetball.com.au)

## Umpiring Competency and Badging Process 2024

**Purpose:** To ensure that there is a consistent methodology with nominating for, the assessment and follow up for umpiring at TCNAI.

**Process:** Where an umpire is considered at the appropriate level for assessment for competency, C badge or B badge:

- CUC and Umpire Coaches to communicate with TCNAI Umpire Coordinator about umpire's progress and to request testing
- Umpire should be at a standard that there is an expectation of passing.
  - Where unclear, seek advice from TCNAI Umpire Coordinator or Umpire Coaches.
- Umpire Coordinator will allocate an appropriate level game, informs CUC and establishment of assessment panels.
- Requests for assessments will not be accepted, unless the above process is followed, regardless of having qualification to form panels.

### **Assessment Panels –**

- All umpires that wish to be part of the assessment panels, need to EOI to [umpire@townsvillecitynetball.com.au](mailto:umpire@townsvillecitynetball.com.au)
- Participate in panels for either;
  - National Badging
  - Competency

An assessment panel meeting will be held prior to the season to ensure all assessors have a similar understanding for what is required by the umpire. This will be confirmed to those who have put in their EOI.

#### *Competency*

- Umpires must have held a National C badge for 2 years minimum and attend an assessors' session.

#### *C Badge –*

- Attend assessor session
- Refer to National Framework

#### *B Badge –*

- Attend assessor session
- Refer to National Framework

### **Assessment Standards –**

- Umpires SHOULD NOT be put up for assessment unless it is believed they will pass. If an umpire were not to pass an assessment, the umpire will receive ongoing support and development until assessment is resit.
  - *Competency*
    - Awareness of rules, control of game.
    - Competency is a TCNAI qualification only. Is the base level qualification for umpiring a TCNAI competition game. It is recommended that a competent umpire is turning 11 years old in the relevant season.
    - Must have attended Introduction to umpiring clinic run by TCNAI.

- *National Badges* –
  - [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)
- *C Badge* –
  - [https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2019-06/C-Badge-Testing-Sheet\\_FINAL.pdf](https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2019-06/C-Badge-Testing-Sheet_FINAL.pdf) Attend
  - TCNAI 2024 Umpire Camp
- *B Badge* –
  - [https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2019-06/B-Badge-Testing-Sheet\\_FINAL.pdf](https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2019-06/B-Badge-Testing-Sheet_FINAL.pdf)
  - Attend TCNAI 2024 Umpire Camp

### **Roles within the Association for Assessments**

#### **TCNAI Umpiring Coordinator**

- On receipt of request, confirm game, form panel, and prepare appropriate paperwork.

#### **TCNAI Admin**

- Email test sheet to umpire for uploading to Netball Learning Platform (instructions to be provided to umpire).
- Update umpires' status with the association for use of payments.

#### **TCNAI Marketing**

- Recognition of success on Facebook.

### **References**

<https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2022-05/National-Umpire-Development-Framework-Update-May-2022.pdf>



### How to process your umpire accreditation in Netball Learning:

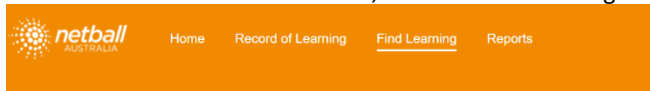
#### Registration process:

1. All participants must be a member of a Netball Queensland Member Organisation.

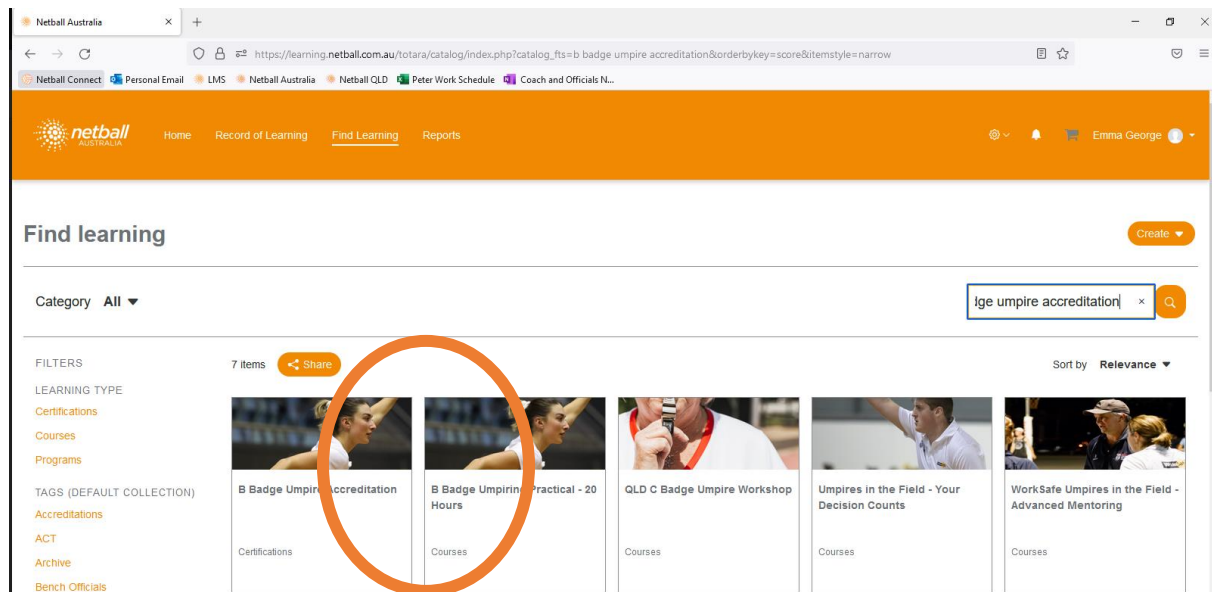
Log into Netball Learning:

<https://learning.netball.com.au/login/>

2. 1 of 4 tabs to select from, choose Find Learning.

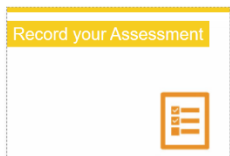


3. In the text option, type "B Badge Umpire Accreditation" and press the orange search button.



4. Select "Click Here To Enrol"

5. Scroll down and select "Practical Test – B Badge"
6. Click on the "Record your Assessment" option:



7. Scroll down and click on the Record your assessment heading:

 A form titled "Record your Assessment" with a close button. Under "Activity Details", it explains that learners need a "competent" grade. Below this, there are fields for "Date of Assessment:", "Location:", "Time:", and "Tester:". The "Date of Assessment:" field is circled in orange.

8. Copy the following and paste in the Feedback Comments section for completion:

Date of Assessment:

Location:

Time:

Tester:

 A text area titled "Feedback comments" with a rich text editor toolbar. The text pasted into the area is:
 

Date of Assessment: 23.2.2022  
 Location: 590 Mains Road, Nathan, Qld, 4111 (Nissan Arena)  
 Time: 2.10pm  
 Tester: Tester Name 1 and Tester Name 2

9. Drag and drop the umpire assessment form, and press the orange save changes button

## B Badge Umpire Accreditation

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Points required

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Points obtained

### Welcome

Congratulations on enrolling into the B Badge Umpiring Accreditation, the second step Netball Australia in the National Umpiring Development Framework.

To be successful in achieving your 'B' badge, you must demonstrate sound game management to maintain control and player safety, umpiring techniques which enable recognition of infringements behind and ahead of play, and the beginnings of application of the advantage rule, more consistent recognition and finer understanding of minor and major infringements, and some ability to distinguish between fair contest and contact that interferes with play.

To successfully pass the B Badge Practical Assessment, you must be rated as competent on all aspects of the assessable performance criteria.

### Accreditation Outcomes

On obtaining of this accreditation, you will be able to:

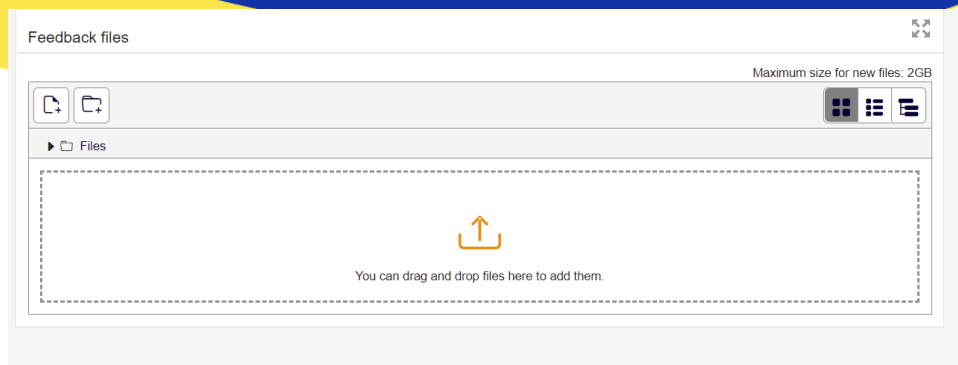
- Have sound game management and implementation of procedures.
- Some understanding of when measures need to be taken to keep game safe (for example, overt unsportsmanlike conduct or dangerous play)
- Can position and have vision that is not restricted to the immediate area where the ball is or the bulk of players are, to take into account what is happening behind and ahead of play.
- Be more consistent recognition of minor infringements and more refined understanding
- Obstruction: beginning to understand implications of rule beyond simple 0.9m defence; beginning to recognise use of arms to limit movement of player without ball; obvious defending out of court.
- Contact: beginning to go beyond obvious examples of interference to distinguishing fair contest from contact (understanding body movements, including recognizing when a player or players cause an opponent to interfere).
- Advantage: vision skills allow some recognition of context of play and some assessment of what is of advantage to the non-offending team.

Netball Australia Accreditations expire **4 years** from the date obtained and to maintain the accreditation you must complete the reaccreditation pathway and achieve **40 development points** prior to the accreditation expiry date. Netball Australia allows a 6-month grace period to obtain these points should your accreditation expire.

[Click here to Enrol](#)

Help





Notify learners  [Save changes](#) [Reset](#)

10. Netball Queensland staff will be alerted to a new requirement and will approve the assessment and the accreditation.