

Canterbury and District Netball League 2013-2014: Umpiring Update

Umpires and Captains welcome to the new season. This year I want to push as many umpires to get better whether it will be passing tests or just to improve in their umpiring. I want everyone to tell me what they would like to gain out of this year with regards to umpiring!

All courses which I get told about will be on the website under the Umpiring tab please keep looking but also let me know what courses you are after so I can make sure you know about them.

Umpires need players and players need umpires, let's unite with each other and help each other out. This is a sport we love and enjoy playing and no one wants to go home on a Sunday morning in such a bad mood they want to give up the sport. We are going to be united this year and work together to drum out any negativity towards umpires and gain our authority back, we control the game not the players. This we can do together to try to gain confidence and knowing what controls you have to enforce discipline.

Every Friday I will text out to you the game you will be umpiring along with who you will be umpiring with; when it comes to Sunday morning you can meet up and do your protocols as a unit.

- Arrive 15mins before the game, if a game has over run just speak to both captains and make sure you are in the right frame of mind to umpire before you start the game.
- Remember that the break between quarters is your time as much as the players if you need the full 3/5 minutes.....take it.
- Check the court together
- Collect the match ball off the home team
- Make a joint decision about the kit (remember the home team must change if there is a clash).
- Each umpire go to a team check nails (make the players come to you do not chase them around)
- Umpires do time your own game do not let the scorers do this
- Lastly don't forget to warm esp if your umpiring the 9.30am game, get yourself physically and mentally prepared. (do this together).

Remember: Umpire the game to your best ability and learn from your other umpire, work with your other umpire and be a team.

Most of the complaints I received last year were:

- Lack of Movement and making decisions from the incorrect Position.
- Umpire being late / not prepared so the protocols were not done.

And

- Coaching while umpiring - this should not be done at all even though you have no involvement with the team this should not be done, after the match is fine.

This year we have the luxury of having compulsory scorers so this will automatically improve your umpiring skills. Now umpires can really show off our skills this year I want us to work on a couple of things, discipline and hand signals with correct terminology.

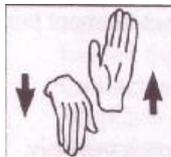
Hand signals

The use of hand signals in umpiring is not a necessity however using hand signals clarifies the reason for a penalty or free pass. Hand signals make it visible for people who cannot hear the umpires decision. Mastering hand signals gives as umpire more authority and helps to speed up the game.

Every month I will be setting a hand signal a month for you all to practice and master along with the terminology. When you meet up with your umpiring partner before the start of the game make sure you remember each other about this hand signal!! I will be watching...

Your hand signal should mimic the action on court.

The first Hand Signal we will be working on for October is Footwork. This one is probably one of the easiest to remember:



Your hands move in an up and down motion slowly.

The terminology Footwork (do not need to add the player ie WA but can do for clarification) free pass (team).

Discipline and warnings

PLEASE NOTE: What we discussed last Sunday about discipline has been amended by England Netball, please see below for further clarification.

Following the National Coaching and Officiating Conference it was identified that within England there are some inconsistencies with ‘Advancing the Penalty’ and persistent infringements

This information is important for all coaches, players and umpires, please ensure this is shared within your Club, County or Region so everyone is aware.

Advancing the Penalty

When may ‘Advancing the Penalty’ be used?

Advancing the Penalty **may only** be used for:

Rule 19.2 Deliberate delaying of play when it involves the incorrect setting or taking of penalty where the infringer shall be penalised as a disputing player and

Rule 19.3 Dispute with an umpire

Are there any other situations allowed within the rule book when advancing the penalty may be used? **No**

Advancing a Penalty:

Should **not** be used too frequently but it is an effective way of dealing with dissent. It is the penalty that is advanced, so it must be set correctly in the new position and all rules regarding the setting of penalties must be observed i.e. Rule 18.3.2 'The penalised player must stand beside and away from the player taking the penalty so as not to impede this player in any way.' **This means that unless the penalty is advanced into an area where the offending player may not go the offending player will always move to where the penalty has been advanced to**

The penalty should be advanced half a third or less. When advancing into the goal circle it would not be usual to advance the penalty right up to the goalpost unless the infringement was on the edge of the goal circle and it was felt sufficiently serious enough for this to be done

Umpires must take care how far they advance a penalty when it involves the other umpire's area

Please be aware that any persistent infringements should be dealt with using common-sense as per Rule 20: WARNING, SUSPENSION AND ORDERING OFF: For rough or dangerous play, persistent and/or deliberate breaking of the rules, misconduct or any other conduct which is considered inappropriate, the Umpire may, in addition to any penalty awarded.

Please make sure you share this information with everyone you can so that the message is shared nationally and all coaches, players and umpires involved in our great game have the correct information.

Many thanks
England Netball

So following this information, here is an example:

- Persistent offside or breaking of the rules after the 3rd time tell the offending player – "WD could you please watch your offside, contact etc. When the player does this the 4th time you warn the player, say WD this is your final warning next time you will get sent off.
- If it happens again you must now send that player off!! I would suggest an amount of goals, you know how the game is going if it is a high scoring game then say 5-8 goals if the game is end to end but not many goals being scored then do 3-5.
- The position of this player must remain vacant unless the position is C then the WD will move in to the C position and will continue playing C unless there is a injury or quarter time.
- If the player comes on and does it again then you can of course send them off again but for more.

If I'm honest I don't think in our league we will be needed to send players off but captains please be aware of these procedures and that umpires do have this right. As a captain you must take responsibility of your players.

While you are doing this always be calm and don't argue with any players on court, usually

“that’s enough now WD should do the trick”.

Sometimes you might want to punish a player without waiting 3 times.

- If a player is unsportsmanlike you might want to give the player a warning straightaway. (normally that’s enough to calm a player down) GA this is your first warning if I see you do that again I will send you off.
- If a player back chats you, you can advance the play, and bring the player with you!
- Don’t forget to work as a team on this, as you only have the power to advance up to the half way line the other umpire can advantage this even more, give a little nod or wave to indicate to your buddy to make them away you want this moved on!!

Let me know if you have any questions. All feedback is welcome.

Yours in umpiring

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