



UMPIRING

The system of umpiring at Eastwood Ryde is neutral = you cannot umpire your own team.

WHO SUPPLIES THE UMPIRES?

Competition Games

Each team is responsible for supplying ONE suitable umpire at the same time they play. It is the team's responsibility to ensure that their umpire has arrived. Teams who do not supply an umpire will have to forfeit the game. In this case, an umpire from their forfeited game will be relocated to replace the missing umpire.

No competition game (10 years and over) can commence without two (2) umpires.

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM UMPIRING STANDARDS

The following is a table of Recommended Minimum Standards of Umpire Qualification for the allocation of umpires to various grades. If all Club Umpiring Convenors could use this when allocating their Club Umpires it will ensure that umpires of suitable standard are officiating in each grade.

GRADE	RECOMMENDED MINIMUM UMPIRING STANDARD
A all	National B & experienced National C (any age) moving towards Nat B
B all	Experienced National C (any age) moving towards National B
High C	16 or over with Nat C
Over 35s	16 or over with Nat C
Low C & D all	16 or over with ERNA Encouragement Award moving towards Nat C
Walking Netball	16 or over with ERNA Encouragement Award moving towards Nat C
All Abilities	16 or over with ERNA Encouragement Award moving towards Nat C
Mixed all	Experienced National C (any age) moving towards Nat B
Cadet 1	National C (any age)
Cadet 2	16 or over with ERNA Encouragement award moving towards Nat C
Cadet other	16 or over with ERNA Encouragement award
16/17s	16 or over with ERNA Encouragement Award moving towards Nat C
19s	16 or over with ERNA Encouragement Award moving towards Nat C
15/1	16 or over with ERNA Encouragement award
15 other	16 years or over
14/1 & 14/2	16 or over with ERNA Encouragement award
14 other	16 years or over
13/1 & 13/2	15 or over with ERNA Encouragement award
13 other	15 years or over
12/1	14 years or over & Strong Development Umpire
12 other	14 years or over
11/1	13 years or over & Strong Development Umpire
11 other	13 years or over & Development Umpire with support person
10 yr Comp	13 years or over (not a UDP Umpire) and preferably with ERNA Encouragement award and/or a support person
Modified	16 years or over (preferably coach of team)

NOTE: Umpires must be Adults or two (2) years older than the grade they are umpiring unless they have a National Badge (or have sought permission from the ERNA Umpiring Committee)

WHO CAN UMPIRE

- Any registered player or non-player with an appropriate understanding of the rules (preferably a valid Rules of Netball exam), however minimum umpiring standards as detailed above also apply.
- An umpire may only be replaced during a competition game because of injury or illness to the umpire.
- If a reserve player umpires in a competition game, he/she cannot replace a sick or injured player but must umpire the whole game.
- A coach or manager may not umpire his/her own team in a competition game.

UMPIRING SIGNING ON






Umpires learn their umpiring allocation at the Umpire Table. The ERNA Umpiring Committee may move an umpire up or down grades in the same time slot to maintain neutrality or for badging and mentoring purposes. Umpires allocated by clubs may request to move up or down grades due to injury or illness if a suitable swap is available.

IF IT IS KNOWN THAT A PARTICULAR GAME IS GOING TO NEED STRONGER UMPIRES, THEN THE UMPIRING COMMITTEE NEED TO KNOW AT LEAST THE DAY BEFORE IN ORDER TO REARRANGE THE ALLOCATIONS.

All umpires are to sign on at the Umpire Table at least **20 minutes prior** to the commencement of the time slot.

IF THERE IS CONFUSION or someone else has signed in the umpire's spot, the umpire SHOULD NOT JUST LEAVE THE TABLE. They must speak to the Umpire on Duty.

If an umpire turns up to a court and:

-  there are already two umpires at that court, OR
-  they are the only umpire, OR
-  there are no teams, OR
-  there is a forfeit, OR
-  something else untoward happens, then




THEY SHOULD REPORT BACK TO THE UMPIRE TABLE IMMEDIATELY!

WHAT AN UMPIRE WEARS

The Rules of Netball state that an umpire should be dressed in clothing that is distinct from the players' uniforms and wear sports footwear. To promote a more inclusive environment, Netball NSW now also allows umpires to wear black skirts/shorts with a white shirt.



The more professional an umpire appears, the more seriously the players will take them as a Match Official. As such, the following are **NOT** permitted umpiring attire, regardless of colour:

-  Leggings/tights (of any length)
-  Bike shorts
-  'Booty' shorts

Shorts/skirts must be a minimum of mid-thigh length and of appropriate sporting style to allow unrestricted movement while completing umpiring duties. For competition (Saturday) games and carnivals, shorts are required to have a minimum 4" in-seam (below) to be considered suitable attire.

For Finals Series ALL UMPIRES MUST WEAR FULL WHITES.

White (or black) tracksuits are permissible in inclement weather. Tracksuits are not to have large logos or branding and must still enable the umpire to run and move as required.

At ERNA, Umpires are permitted to wear club uniforms; however, this can be problematic when umpires are covering allocations for other clubs or if a club has multiple teams in a grade and end up on their own club's games. All umpires must wear a white shirt as a minimum, with a white or black skirt/shorts recommended.

The ERNA Umpiring Committee sells white ERNA umpiring shirts and white Umpiring tracksuits at the Umpiring Table.