



Wangaratta Netball Association Inc

UMPIRE POLICY

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Wangaratta Netball Association Committee encourages the development of umpires within the region.

Our Umpire Coordinators are available to assist you on your Umpire Pathway by organising regular fortnightly or monthly discussion meetings umpire sessions for beginners to experienced umpires.

Umpire mentors are willing to assist and provide feedback to umpires.

Umpiring is a great way of being part of the netball community, maintain a healthy lifestyle, make friends and develop life skills like communication, resilience and leadership.

There are many opportunities to become involved as an umpire in netball, with clear pathways and support structures available for those aspiring to officiate at the highest level.

PROCEDURE

COMPULSORY

- Provide evidence of full Netball Victoria membership for the current financial year before taking the court for the season (Senior or Junior).
- Umpires over 18 must provide evidence of current Working with Children Check as per Netball Victoria 2017 Regulations.

AUTUMN AND SPRING WEDNESDAY COMPETITION UMPIRES

1. Any umpire who plays in a team entered in either Autumn or Spring Competitions should not umpire their own section.
2. A portion of a player's fees in this competition is directed to payment of umpires for each game.
3. Umpires are encouraged to attend regular umpire discussion sessions to further their knowledge.
4. All umpires will be required to attend one of two experienced umpire pre season discussion sessions when rule changes occur.
5. Umpires will be provided with advance notice of session dates and times.

Badged Umpires

- Provide current evidence of completion of the following online Learning:
 - Rules of Theory Exam
 - Foundation Umpire Education Course
- Provide current evidence of any Umpire accreditation (Badge) obtained and expiry date.
 - a) Badged umpires will be paid \$20 per game ONLY for the month that they attend WNA Senior Umpire Discussion meetings.
 - i.e. Attendance at the WNA March Umpire meeting will ensure \$20 per game until April.
 - Once April meeting has been held any umpires not in attendance will be paid at the non-attendance rate until their next attendance at a WNA umpires meeting.
 - b) Badged non-attending umpire rate shall be \$15 per game.



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AUTUMN AND SPRING WEDNESDAY COMPETITION UMPIRES (contd)

Non Badged and Junior umpires

1. Provide evidence of completion of Rules of Theory Exam online by Round 4
 - a) Unbadged umpires will be paid \$15 per game ONLY for the month that they attend WNA Senior Umpire Discussion meetings.
 - i.e. Attendance at the WNA May Umpire Meeting will ensure \$15 per game until June.
 - Once June meeting has been held any umpires not in attendance will be paid at the non-attendance rate until their next attendance at a WNA umpires meeting.
 - b) Unbadged non-attending umpire rate shall be \$10 per game.

Prior to being considered for badging an umpire:

- Must attend five (5) WNA umpire discussions before being considered for badging.
- Complete Foundation Umpire Education course online.
- Continue to attend umpire discussions while in process of becoming badged.

TOURNAMENT UMPIRES

- Each Representative team requires an umpire to attend 4 to 5 Tournaments during March to June each year.
- Umpires will be required to travel to and from the Tournament within an approximate 2 hour radius of Wangaratta.

Criteria

- Must be Badged C+ and provide evidence of accreditation and expiry date.
- Provide current evidence of completion of the following online Learning:
 - Rules of Theory Exam
 - Foundation Umpire Education Course
- WNA umpires will be asked first to commit to tournaments the rep teams will be attending.
- Umpires to be at the appropriate venue before the start of the Tournament to report and prepare their draw for the day.
- Umpires will be invited to attend Zone Championship according to the number of tournaments they have participated in during current Rep season.
- Rep umpires will be paid at an appropriate rate determined by the WNA Committee annually.

BEGINNER UMPIRES

- All umpires, either adult or junior, intending to umpire in the Junior competition are encouraged to regularly attend the beginner umpire discussion sessions throughout the season.
- Player fees in the Junior competition DO NOT include an umpire payment fee.
- Umpires in the Junior competition are not paid by WNA.
- Teams who have arranged to pay their umpire must coordinate the payment to the umpire themselves.
- Umpires who are ready for the next stage of their umpire pathway will be invited to umpire in the Autumn or Spring Competitions.