

BOROONDARA NETBALL ASSOCIATION
“NEW UMPIRE” TRAINING PROGRAM

Information for Trainee Umpires

IMPORTANT PRE-REQUISITES:

- Pass on-line Section 1 Theory exam
- Completed on-line FOUNDATION Umpire course
- Completed BNA Umpire Registration Form
- Have current state membership

- Wear white skirt and shirt or sponsor (LifeCare) shirt / hoodie
- Bring whistle – grip whistle, not around neck (we sell at the office - \$10)
- Wear a wrist band to remind you of centre passes (we have at the office, free)

UMPIRE MENTOR:

- Each week you will be assigned an Umpire Mentor who will be with you on your court.
- There will be 1 mentor per new trainee OR per court, depending on availability.
- Umpire mentors will NOT use a whistle and will not interfere with your umpiring OR over-ride your decisions
- Umpire mentors will provide feedback after the game; not give a running commentary during the game
- Mentor Roles: To support and protect you whilst you gain confidence in umpiring
 To teach and advise you regarding BASIC rules – aim to work on 1 or 2 aspects each week

EXPECTATIONS:

No-one expects you to know anything about practical umpiring at this stage!

You will be ready to umpire independently (with support from the Umpire Supervisors) once you have achieved the following criteria:

- LOUD voice and whistle
- Correct centre pass calls (using your wristband)
- Awareness of footwork rules
- Use hand signals for TIME & STEPPING
- Appear confident (even if you are not!)
- MOVE with the ball so that you can SEE
- Ignore comments from spectators, players and coaches – remember they are ALL BIASED!

PATHWAY:

- New Trainee: - umpiring with an Umpire Mentor
- Consolidation: - umpire independently with support from the Umpire Supervisors and Mentors
- Badge: - umpire 2 afternoon matches every week with a Badge Trainer
 - aim to achieve C-Badge within approx. 6 months from starting as a new trainee!

ADDITIONAL PRACTICE

- Whilst you are a “New Trainee” you may choose to umpire the Junior Net games (4.00 or 4.40 or 5.20 pm Fridays) unsupervised, for practice. Please note that there are no formal trainers and no payment by BNA.

PAYMENT:

- \$8.00 per match
- Once you are ready to umpire independently, you will be paid \$10.00 per match until badged when payment increases to \$15.00 per match.