

2023 UMPIRING POLICY

Baulkham Hills Netball Club



This Umpiring Policy is a working document. Alterations may occur due to any changes in the BHNC Constitution and/or new Executive or Committee members.

Baulkham Hill Sports Netball Club (BHNC) prides itself on the development of Club Umpires with assistance from the club Umpiring Committee as well as the Committee of Baulkham Hills Netball Association (BHSNA). The BHNC Umpire Conveners and Committee works with members to ensure the consistent and equal approach towards umpiring, focusing on development for all stages of the individuals umpiring journey.

UMPIRE ATTIRE

Club umpires are required to wear their club uniform with a white shirt over the top OR full whites i.e. white umpire shirt & white umpire skirt/shorts.

You are NOT permitted to wear black tights or trackpants. If track pants are to be worn, they must be white or club colours of maroon or gold.

JUNIOR UMPIRES

Junior umpires can begin their umpiring journey in the year they are playing in the U12 age division or any age division higher. Umpire training begins with the completion of a 2 step program of the Red Award course (theory) and then move through the development process to Blue Award (practical), followed by White Award (received after umpiring x4 games on a Saturday). Once an umpire can adequately achieve the criteria set out in the BHN Umpire Conveners Guide for a Green Badge and/or Gold Badge, the umpire may be badged by a qualified umpire.

Requirements of being assessed for a Green Badge is that a junior umpire must complete the online Rules of Netball theory course on the MyNetball Learning platform (cost of \$10.48 with pass mark over 70%).

Requirements of being assessed for a Gold Badge is to have completed the Foundation Umpires Course (cost of \$40) as well as your Rules of Netball theory (pass mark over 70%) you will also be expected to be able to umpire a low level afternoon game.

The requirements for Green & Gold badging are in-line with the BHN Umpires procedure. This will allow the umpire to then further develop their skills and move through the umpires' pathways.

Senior Umpires

All senior umpires are required to hold a current theory pass of the Rules of Netball theory exam (cost of \$10.48 with pass mark over 70%) as well as a completing their Foundation Umpires Course which can be completed through the MyNetball Learning platform. We encourage all senior umpires to also complete these courses as these are the prerequisites to enable them to be screened and panelled for National Competencies, like a National C or National B Umpire Accreditation which can be achieved through umpiring at BHN.

Panelling for these badges will be at the discretion of BHN Umpires committee in line with the Netball Australia Umpire Development Framework. BHNC Umpire conveners & committee will mentor and develop umpires to meet these criteria. We will also talent identify and request panels be organised for identified umpires.

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Team Umpires

Modified Teams (U7 – U9)

All Modified teams will be allocated an umpire each week by the Umpire Convenor. Umpires assigned to modified teams must have their Green Badge as a minimum. Whilst every effort is made to ensure each team is provided with an umpire, if this is not possible, the Coach or parent from the team may be called on to umpire the game. As these games are played on a Friday night, there may not always be a committee member on site to assist with issues.

Junior Teams (10 grade – 17 years)

All junior teams will be allocated an umpire each week by the Umpire Convenor.

Seniors (21s & Opens)

The umpire conveners will allocate umpires to each game, made up of the pool of umpires provided from club umpires and team registration umpires. The Convenor will allocate each game and grade keeping in mind the appropriate level of umpiring required for the game. Umpires allocated to Seniors must have their Gold Badge (as a minimum).

Please note: If registering as a team, the team must provide one umpire who is available to umpire in the afternoon time slot each week (not necessarily for the team they are nominated for). This umpire can be a player from the team, or a friend of the team, nor does the umpire need to be able to umpire the level of game the team is nominating them for. (I.e A4 grade may nominate a Gold Badge umpire, although Nat C is minimum requirement for that grade)

This is to ensure that all team registrations will be covered by an umpire each week.

All team registration nominated umpires must abide by the policy set out above for accreditation, otherwise they may not be accepted by the Convenors to go into the umpire pool, and the team then may not have an umpire.

If a team hasn't allocated an umpire for their team, or their umpire isn't available and we fall short of umpires on a week, they will be the last to be allocated an umpire that week and responsibility will fall to them to source their own, as well as organise payment for their umpire.

Mentors

A 'mentor' is a person who has been nominated to help train, support & coach club umpires throughout the year and is at the discretion of the Umpire Convenor. Baulkham Hills Sports Netball Club's Umpiring Convenor/s follows the guidelines set out in the BHN Convenor's Guide. We acknowledge and value the guidance and assistance offered to our umpires by the BHSNA umpiring committee.

A mentor may be provided for the following reasons;

- Blue Award umpire progressing to White Award
- Junior Umpire support/development
- Screening for capabilities for Green/Gold Badge
- Developing to move towards higher accreditation (National C or B)
- General development as requested by the umpire

Payment

Each year the Committee will review the payment structure of our umpires. At a certain level of achievement, umpires will be paid according to the rates set out below:

- Red Award – No Payment

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- Blue Award - No Payment
- White Award - \$10
- Green Badge - \$10
- Gold Badge - \$15
- National C -\$20
- National B - \$25
- National A - \$30

Umpiring for other clubs

There are often occasions where BHNC umpires are approached by other clubs to umpire for them. Whilst we do not want to discourage this, your first responsibility as a BHNC Umpire must always be to our Club. If you are approached by another Club for umpiring duties, you must contact the Umpires Convenor/s who will confirm that you are not required for BHSC duties on that day or time-slot.

The only exception to this, is if you are doing the Top or Tail Program run by BHN