



# 2024

## NETBALL UMPIRES MANUAL



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# 2024 MPFNL DIVISION ONE FIXTURE



<p><b>ROUND 1</b> SPLIT ROUND</p> <p>FRIDAY MARCH 29 Red Hill vs Dromana SATURDAY MARCH 30 Rosebud vs Sorrento SATURDAY APRIL 6 Mt Eliza vs YCW Pines vs Mornington Langwarrin vs Bombers</p>	<p><b>ROUND 2</b></p> <p>SATURDAY APRIL 13 Dromana vs Mt Eliza Langwarrin vs Pines Bombers vs Red Hill Sorrento vs YCW Mornington vs Rosebud (N)</p>	<p><b>ROUND 3</b></p> <p>SATURDAY APRIL 20 Mt Eliza vs Langwarrin Sorrento vs Red Hill YCW vs Mornington Rosebud vs Bombers Pines vs Dromana</p>	<p><b>ROUND 4</b> ANZAC ROUND</p> <p>THURSDAY APRIL 25 Mornington vs Mt Eliza SATURDAY APRIL 27 Langwarrin vs Sorrento Bombers vs YCW Pines vs Red Hill Dromana vs Rosebud</p>
<p><b>ROUND 5</b></p> <p>SATURDAY MAY 4 Rosebud vs Pines Dromana vs Bombers YCW vs Red Hill Mt Eliza vs Sorrento Langwarrin vs Mornington</p>	<p><b>ROUND 6</b></p> <p>SATURDAY MAY 11 Sorrento vs Dromana Red Hill vs Langwarrin Rosebud vs Mt Eliza Bombers vs Mornington</p>	<p><b>ROUND 7</b></p> <p>SATURDAY MAY 18 Langwarrin vs Rosebud Mt Eliza vs Red Hill Mornington vs Sorrento Bombers vs Pines Dromana vs YCW</p>	<p><b>ROUND 8</b> RECOGNISING RECONCILIATION</p> <p>SATURDAY MAY 25 Dromana vs Mornington Mt Eliza vs Bombers Sorrento vs Pines Red Hill vs Rosebud YCW vs Langwarrin</p>
<p><b>ROUND 9</b></p> <p>SATURDAY JUNE 1 Langwarrin vs Dromana Bombers vs Sorrento Rosebud vs YCW Mornington vs Red Hill Pines vs Mt Eliza</p>	<p><b>ROUND 10</b> SPLIT ROUND KINGS BIRTHDAY / MND</p> <p>SATURDAY JUNE 8 Pines vs YCW (Round 6) Sorrento vs Rosebud SUNDAY JUNE 9 Dromana vs Red Hill SATURDAY JUNE 15 Bombers vs Langwarrin YCW vs Mt Eliza Mornington vs Pines</p>	<p><b>ROUND 11</b></p> <p>SATURDAY JUNE 22 Pines vs Langwarrin YCW vs Sorrento Red Hill vs Bombers Rosebud vs Mornington Mt Eliza vs Dromana</p>	<p><b>ROUND 12</b></p> <p>SATURDAY JUNE 29 Dromana vs Pines Red Hill vs Sorrento Mornington vs YCW Bombers vs Rosebud Langwarrin vs Mt Eliza</p>
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<p><b>ROUND 17</b></p> <p>SATURDAY AUGUST 10 Pines vs Sorrento Bombers vs Mt Eliza Langwarrin vs YCW Rosebud vs Red Hill Mornington vs Dromana</p>	<p><b>ROUND 18</b></p> <p>SATURDAY AUGUST 17 Dromana vs Langwarrin Sorrento vs Bombers Red Hill vs Mornington YCW vs Rosebud Mt Eliza vs Pines</p>	<p><b>FINALS</b></p> <p>WEEK 1 AUGUST 24 / 25 WEEK 2 AUGUST 31 / SEPTEMBER 1 WEEK 3 SEPTEMBER 8 WEEK 4 - GRAND FINALS SEPTEMBER 14 / 15</p>	

# 2024 MPFNL DIVISION TWO FIXTURE



<p><b>ROUND 1</b> SPLIT ROUND</p> <p><b>FRIDAY MARCH 29</b> Edi-Asp vs Chelsea Rye vs Tyabb</p> <p><b>SATURDAY APRIL 6</b> Bonbeach vs Seaford Hastings vs Crib Point Karingal vs Somerville Pearcedale vs D.Meadows</p>	<p><b>ROUND 2</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY APRIL 13</b> Tyabb vs Bonbeach Chelsea vs Rye Crib Point vs Karingal D.Meadows vs Hastings Somerville vs Edi-Asp Seaford vs Pearcedale</p>	<p><b>ROUND 3</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY APRIL 20</b> Bonbeach vs D.Meadows Seaford vs Chelsea Crib Point vs Edi-Asp Rye vs Hastings Pearcedale vs Karingal Tyabb vs Somerville</p>	<p><b>ROUND 4</b> ANZAC ROUND</p> <p><b>SATURDAY APRIL 27</b> Chelsea vs Bonbeach Rye vs Crib Point D.Meadows vs Karingal Edi-Asp vs Seaford Hastings vs Tyabb Somerville vs Pearcedale</p>
<p><b>ROUND 5</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY MAY 4</b> Somerville vs Bonbeach Chelsea vs Tyabb Seaford vs Crib Point Edi-Asp vs D.Meadows Karingal vs Hastings Pearcedale vs Rye</p>	<p><b>ROUND 6</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY MAY 11</b> Bonbeach vs Edi-Asp Crib Point vs Chelsea D.Meadows vs Somerville Hastings vs Seaford Karingal vs Rye Tyabb vs Pearcedale</p>	<p><b>ROUND 7</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY MAY 18</b> Bonbeach vs Karingal Chelsea vs Hastings Somerville vs Crib Point Rye vs D.Meadows Pearcedale vs Edi-Asp Seaford vs Tyabb</p>	<p><b>ROUND 8</b> RECOGNISING RECONCILIATION</p> <p><b>SATURDAY MAY 25</b> Rye vs Bonbeach D.Meadows vs Chelsea Crib Point vs Pearcedale Hastings vs Edi-Asp Karingal vs Tyabb Somerville vs Seaford</p>
<p><b>ROUND 9</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY JUNE 1</b> Pearcedale vs Bonbeach Chelsea vs Somerville Tyabb vs Crib Point Hastings vs D.Meadows Edi-Asp vs Karingal Seaford vs Rye</p>	<p><b>ROUND 10</b> SPLIT ROUND</p> <p><b>SATURDAY JUNE 15</b> Bonbeach vs Hastings Chelsea vs Seaford D.Meadows vs Crib Point Edi-Asp vs Tyabb Karingal vs Pearcedale Rye vs Somerville</p>	<p><b>ROUND 11</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY JUNE 22</b> D.Meadows vs Bonbeach Pearcedale vs Chelsea Crib Point vs Rye Seaford vs Edi-Asp Tyabb vs Hastings Somerville vs Karingal</p>	<p><b>ROUND 12</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY JUNE 29</b> Bonbeach vs Somerville Tyabb vs Chelsea Crib Point vs Seaford Karingal vs D.Meadows Edi-Asp vs Rye Hastings vs Pearcedale</p>
<p><b>ROUND 13</b> DIV 2 - STANDALONE ROUND</p> <p><b>SATURDAY JULY 6</b> Bonbeach vs Crib Point Chelsea vs Edi-Asp Somerville vs D.Meadows Seaford vs Hastings Rye vs Karingal Pearcedale vs Tyabb</p>	<p><b>ROUND 14</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY JULY 13</b> Karingal vs Bonbeach Hastings vs Chelsea Crib Point vs Somerville D.Meadows vs Rye Edi-Asp vs Pearcedale Tyabb vs Seaford</p>	<p><b>ROUND 15</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY JULY 20</b> Edi-Asp vs Bonbeach Chelsea vs Crib Point Seaford vs D.Meadows Hastings vs Karingal Pearcedale vs Somerville Tyabb vs Rye</p>	<p><b>ROUND 16</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY JULY 27</b> Bonbeach vs Pearcedale Rye vs Chelsea Crib Point vs Hastings D.Meadows vs Edi-Asp Karingal vs Seaford Somerville vs Tyabb</p>
<p><b>ROUND 17</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY AUGUST 3</b> Seaford vs Bonbeach Chelsea vs Karingal Pearcedale vs Crib Point Tyabb vs D.Meadows Edi-Asp vs Somerville Hastings vs Rye</p>	<p><b>ROUND 18</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY AUGUST 10</b> Bonbeach vs Chelsea Crib Point vs Tyabb D.Meadows vs Pearcedale Karingal vs Edi-Asp Somerville vs Hastings Rye vs Seaford</p>	<p><b>FINALS</b></p> <p><b>WEEK 1</b> AUGUST 17 / 18</p> <p><b>WEEK 2</b> AUGUST 24 / 25</p> <p><b>WEEK 3</b> AUGUST 31</p> <p><b>WEEK 4 - GRAND FINALS</b> SEPTEMBER 7</p>	

## RESOURCES

Click on the links below to access all relevant resources.



[2024 MPFNL Netball By-Laws](#)



[MPFNL Netball Umpires Match Report - \(Online Form\)](#)



[Netball Victoria Membership Registration - \(Division One\)](#)

[Netball Victoria Membership Registration - \(Division Two\)](#)



[Netball Victoria Complaints Form](#)



[Rules of Netball - 2024 Edition](#)



# MPFNL NETBALL BY-LAWS

As per the 2024 MPFNL Netball By-Laws

## 20. UMPIRES

- a. All umpires must have their credentials up to date and have a current N.V Membership Registration with the MPFNL prior to umpiring in the MPFNL competition, and shall be communicated to all Clubs by the MPFNL. The MPFNL Netball Operations Manager will review Club Umpires credentials. Umpires have until Round 3 of the MPFNL Netball Competition to have a current N.V Membership with the MPFNL and up to date credentials.
- b. Any Umpire umpiring on behalf of a MPFNL Club who does not have a current N.V Membership with the MPFNL will not be able to continue within the MPFNL until confirmation of their registration is received by the MPFNL Netball Operations Manager.
- c. Club Umpires umpiring the MPFNL Junior Competition and/or players under the age of 18 must have a current Working with Childrens Check. A copy of the card must be provided to the Club Administrator/Team Manager who is required to provide a copy to the MPFNL.

**Penalty** - Any Umpire found umpiring without a current N.V Membership or Working with Children Check after Round 3 of the MPFNL netball competition, the offending Club will receive a fine as set out in the Appendix A – Schedule of Fines.

- d. An Umpire may not play in the game in which she is respectively officiating.
- e. All Umpires are to be dressed in a white shirt/polo, navy skirt or shorts or white umpiring dress (no trousers, leggings or player Club polos are permitted).
- f. Each Club is to encourage two (2) members to complete the Netball Victoria Umpires Theory Exam and Level One On-line Course.
- g. An Umpire may not umpire more than two (2) consecutive MPFNL matches on any given day except in exceptional circumstances. Approval from the MPFNL must be obtained for more than two (2) games to be officiated by an Umpire.
- h. Clubs are responsible for payment of their own Umpires, whether this refers to Club Umpires or Umpires sourced through the Peninsula Netball Umpires Association (PNUA).
- i. Preference will be given to Umpires from outside the MPFNL Club Umpires for finals. The MPFNL may select badged Umpires from within the MPFNL who have been talent identified and hold a minimum B Badge.
- j. An Umpire must not criticise or coach any team while a competition match is in progress. Umpires shall adhere to Netball Australia's Code of Conduct. Disciplinary action may be taken by the MPFNL for an Umpire's action that is deemed inappropriate.
- k. In the situation where a Club Umpire does not attend for a game:
  - i. the offending team has the opportunity to supply an alternative Umpire in a reasonable time; or
  - ii. the non-offending team may provide the Umpire if able; or
  - iii. failing all attempts to find a replacement, the team that has failed to supply the Umpire will forfeit the match
  - iv. where this is a PNUA Umpire or umpire sources by the PNUA, the MPFNL will consult with both clubs.

**Penalty** - Where a Club fails to comply with (k) i. ii. or iii. the Club will receive a fine as set out in the Appendix A - Schedule of Fines.



- l. Umpires combined are required to complete an online Umpires Match Report through JotForm as provided by the MPFNL after each match noting any sanctions given, record Players, Team and Spectators behaviour or any other notes the Umpires deem necessary to report to the MPFNL Netball Operations Manager.
- m. At the conclusion of each home and away match, the Umpires shall award three (3) votes to the player considered to be the Best and Fairest player in the match, two (2) votes to the player considered to be the second Best and Fairest, and one (1) vote to the player considered to be the third Best and Fairest. Votes are to be recorded on the online Umpires Match Report.





# CONDUCT OF MATCHES

## As per the 2024 MPFNL Netball By-Laws

Umpires to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to their officiating match(es).

An umpire may not umpire more than two (2) consecutive MPFNL matches on any given day except in exceptional circumstances. Approval from the MPFNL must be obtained for more than two (2) games to be officiated by an Umpire.

A captain of both competing teams with the presence of an Umpire shall toss a coin in order to determine starting ends and centre pass prior to the start of each match. The captain of the home team is to toss the coin, the captain of the away team is to call either 'heads' or 'tails' in the air.

MPFNL Netball Competition			
GRADE	START TIME	QUARTER LENGTH	INTERVALS (mins)
17 & UNDER	8.55am*	4 x 12 minutes	2 - 3 - 2
D GRADE	10.00am*	4 x 15 minutes	2 - 3 - 2
C GRADE	11.15am*	4 x 15 minutes	2 - 3 - 2
B GRADE	12.30pm*	4 x 15 minutes	2 - 3 - 2
A GRADE	1.50pm*	4 x 15 minutes	2 - 3 - 2

\*Match times are subject to changes following approval from the MPFNL.



# UNIFORM

## As per the 2024 MPFNL Netball By-Laws:

### UMPIRES:

20. e. All Umpires are to be dressed in a white shirt/polo, navy skirt or shorts or white umpiring dress (no trousers, leggings or player Club polos are permitted).

Umpires will have until Round 3 to be dresses in the correct uniform when umpiring in the MPFNL competition.

### PLAYERS:

22. f. Players shall not be permitted to wear leotards or tracksuits. Gloves are only permitted for medical purposes and requires a medical letter to be submitted to the MPFNL Netball Operations Manager for approval.
- g. Nails must be short and smooth or may be taped with appropriate sports/material tape and padded underneath if required, and to be checked by the Umpire(s) prior to the match. Tape is to fully cover the nail – one (1) piece of tape over the top and one (1) piece of tape around the nail.
- h. No jewellery is permitted with the exception of a wedding ring which must be taped with appropriate sports/material tape. A medical bracelet is acceptable and must be adequately covered. For any jewellery that cannot be removed, a medical certificate must be sent to the MPFNL Netball Operations Manager for approval before the player can take the court. The jewellery in question must be completely covered with appropriate sports/medical tape.
- i. A player is not permitted to play in a match with apparel or protective equipment which may cause injury to themselves or opponents. Approval for specialised protective equipment is to be sought in writing to the MPFNL with documentation supporting the necessity of the equipment and the length of time needed to be worn.



## WEATHER & CANCELLED MATCHES

### As per the 2024 MPFNL Netball By-Laws

- 25 a. In the event of inclement weather in home and away matches, both officiating Umpires in consultation with Captains of both Clubs and the Court Supervisor shall decide whether the court and/or weather conditions are fit for play and a ten (10) minute break can be called. Following the ten (10) minute break, both officiating Umpires will determine the final decision to the future of the match.
- b. A court is not fit for play in the event that lightning is visible at the Netball Court Venue or its immediate vicinity. Play must be suspended in such circumstances. Umpires shall call a ten (10) minute break or endeavour to resume play as soon as possible once the lightning risk is considered by the Umpires to have abated.
- c. A game may be cancelled in the event that a game does not reach its conclusion due to factors such as:
- i. The playing area and/or weather conditions becomes unsafe to continue as deemed by the Umpire(s) and are not able to resume play after a reasonable time
  - ii. A player or Umpire is seriously injured, that it is deemed inappropriate to continue play
  - iii. In the case of a night match, the lights fail
- d. If a match is cancelled, the MPFNL Netball Operations Manager in consultation with both Clubs can determine an alternate date to reschedule the match based on the time of confirmed match cancellation and if deemed necessary.
- e. If play has commenced and then the game abandoned prior to half time, or at half time, two (2) points will be awarded to each team. If play has commenced and then the game is abandoned after half time, the score will stand.



## CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

# UMPIRES

Mornington Peninsula Football Netball League

The MPFNL adopts the Codes of Behaviour as prescribed in the Netball Victoria Member Protection Regulation for all Players, Coaches, Umpires, Administrators, Officials, Parents/Guardians, and Spectators in relation to the MPFNL Netball Competition.

**The MPFNL does not tolerate any breaches of the following Codes of Behaviours.**

Ensure the standards of the [Fair Play Code](#) are applied by demonstrating the five core values that will lead to fair play for all: INTEGRITY – RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – FAIRNESS – SAFETY

In addition to Netball Victoria's General Code of Behaviour, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any activity held by or under the auspices of Netball Victoria, an Affiliated Association/League or Club in your role as an umpire.

1. Fully comply with the [Child Safety in Netball Code of Conduct](#).
2. Treat all players with respect.
3. Accept responsibility for all actions taken. Exercise reasonable care to prevent injury by ensuring players play within the rules. Reasonable care consists of advising the players of illegal body movements, showing due diligence in detecting and correctly penalising infringements.
4. Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else, ensuring the court and its surrounds are compliant.
5. Umpires must be impartial and maintain a high standard of personal behaviour.
6. Avoid situations which may lead to a conflict of interest.
7. Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction.
8. Maintain or improve your current performance level and seek continual improvement.
9. Refrain from any personal abuse towards players including verbal, physical and emotional abuse. Be aware of abuse directed towards the players from other sources. (Abide by Netball Victoria's Member Protection Regulation).
10. Refrain from any form of harassment towards players. Treat all players fairly within the context of their sporting activities, regardless of gender, race, place of origin, athletic potential, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political beliefs, socio-economic status. (Abide by Netball Victoria Member Protection Regulation).
11. Show concern and empathy towards ill and injured players.
12. Understand the repercussions if you breach, or aware of any breaches of this Code of Behaviour.

# NETBALL VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

All umpires and club umpires are required to complete their Netball Victoria Membership Registration with the MPFNL club before taking the court on match day.

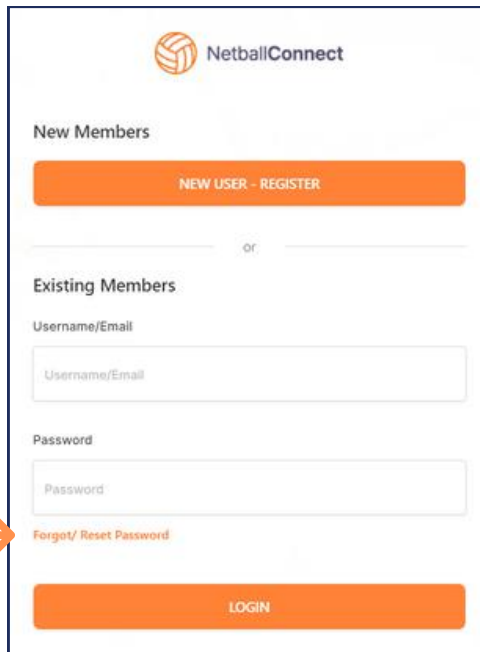
PNUA umpires must register to both Division One and Division Two

## STEPS TO COMPLETE

### NETBALL CONNECT: Umpire Registration

- Click on the registration links provided by the MPFNL.
- A login screen will then appear.

1.



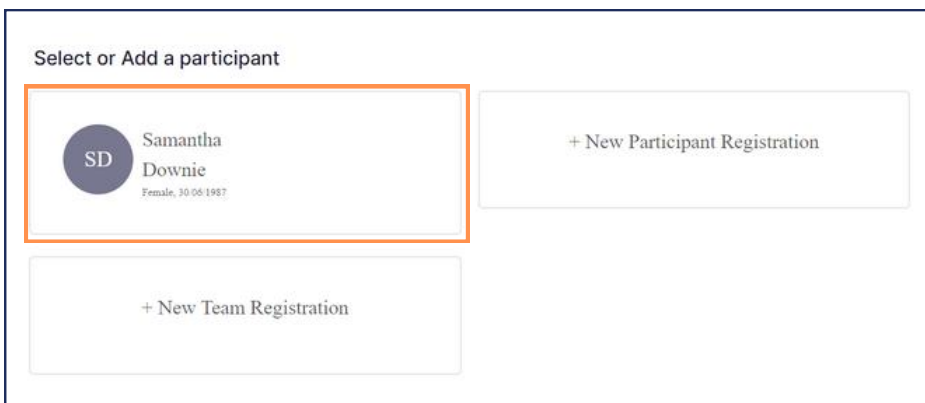
If a participant has never created an account with Netball Connect, select 'New User – Register'.

If a participant has already created a Netball Connect account, they can login using the same 'username' (email) and 'password'.

If a participant has an account and has forgotten their password, select 'Forgot/Reset Password'.

- Once successfully logged in, if the participant already has an account select the name of the participant you are registering.


2.



- Complete all required 'Participant Details' fields.
- Add 'Additional Personal Information' required by Netball Victoria.
- Select 'Next'.

3.

### Participant Details

Gender 

Female  Male  Non-Binary/Gender Fluid  Differently Identify

Participant First/Preferred Name\*  Alternative or Middle Name

Participant Last Name\*  Date of Birth\*

Contact Mobile\*  Contact Email\*

Photo

- Select the 'Membership Product' as 'Senior Official Membership - Umpire'.
- Review the club 'Competition Specifics' notes.
- Select 'Add Competition and Membership'.

4.

### Mornington Peninsula Football Netball League

Mornington Peninsula Football Netball League - MPFNL Netball Division One [Find Another Competition](#)

Reg. Open Reg. Close

01/02/2024 - 17/08/2024

#### Membership Details

Membership Product you are registering individual to\*

Senior Official Membership - Umpire  Player Membership - Senior Player

#### Competition Specifics

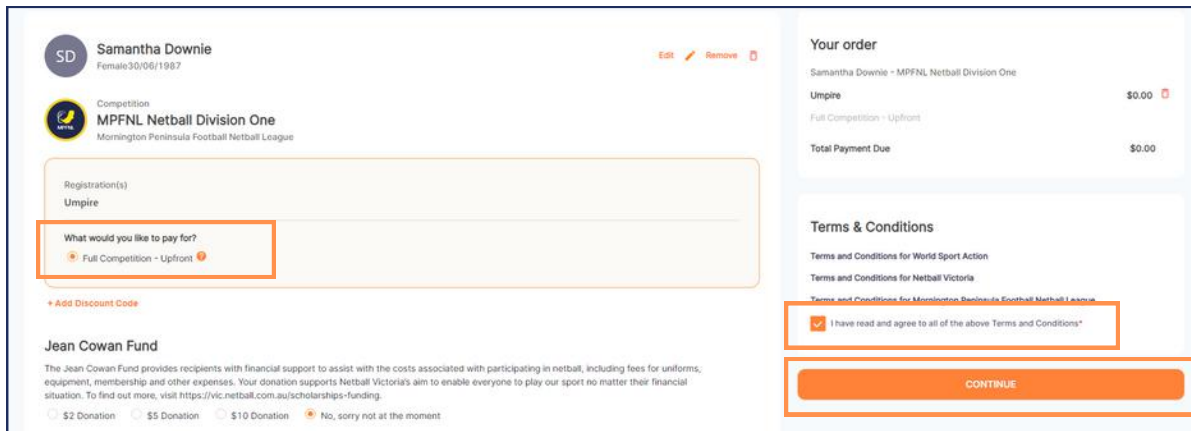
Training  
No information provided

Special Notes  
No information provided

Competition Venue  
Casey Sports House

- For **FULL MEMBERSHIP** registration, select 'Full Competition - Upfront'.

6.



**Samantha Downie**  
Female 30/06/1987

Competition  
**MPFNL Netball Division One**  
Mornington Peninsula Football Netball League

Registration(s)  
Umpire

What would you like to pay for?  
 Full Competition - Upfront

+ Add Discount Code

**Jean Cowan Fund**  
The Jean Cowan Fund provides recipients with financial support to assist with the costs associated with participating in netball, including fees for uniforms, equipment, membership and other expenses. Your donation supports Netball Victoria's aim to enable everyone to play our sport no matter their financial situation. To find out more, visit <https://vic.netball.com.au/scholarships-funding>.

\$2 Donation  \$5 Donation  \$10 Donation  No, sorry not at the moment

**Your order**  
Samantha Downie - MPFNL Netball Division One  
Umpire \$0.00  
Full Competition - Upfront  
Total Payment Due \$0.00

**Terms & Conditions**  
Terms and Conditions for World Sport Action  
Terms and Conditions for Netball Victoria  
Terms and Conditions for Mornington Peninsula Football Netball League

I have read and agree to all of the above Terms and Conditions\*

CONTINUE

- Read each 'Terms and Conditions' and select the tick box 'I have read and agree to all the above Terms and Conditions'.
- Select 'Continue'.
- Select the payment type 'Direct Debit' or 'Credit/Debit Card'.
- Add 'payment details'.
- Select 'Submit'.



[Netball Victoria Membership Registration](#) - (Division One)



[Netball Victoria Membership Registration](#) - (Division Two)

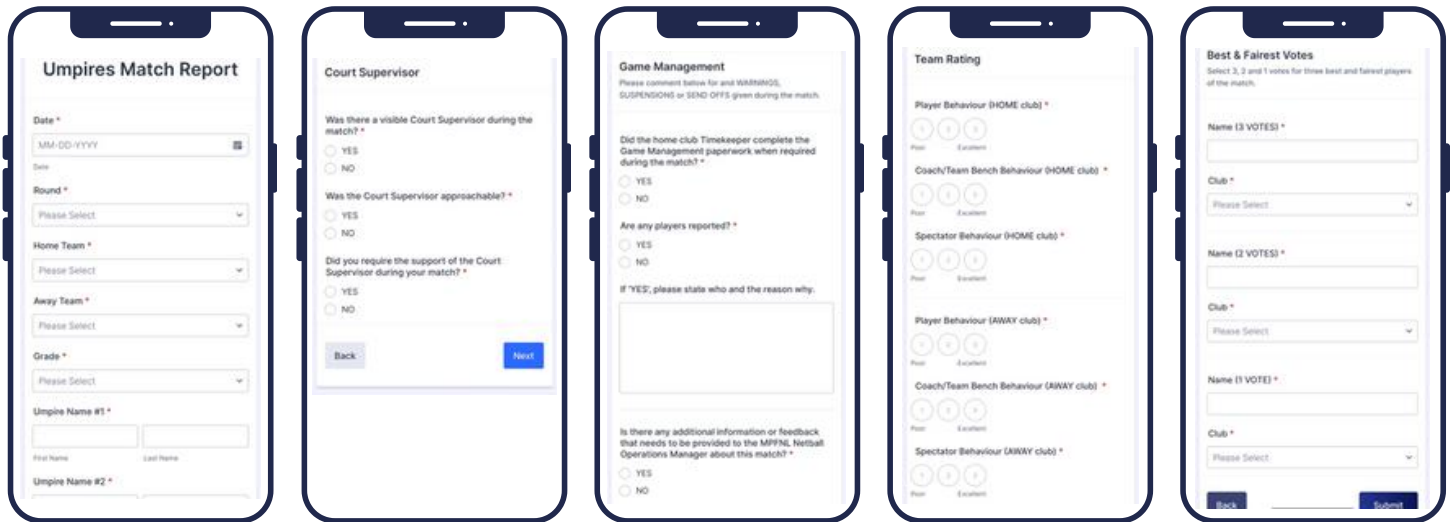
# UMPIRE MATCH REPORT

The umpires for ALL matches are to come together and complete the following Umpire Match Report directly following their officiating match. One submission per match is required.

## STEPS TO COMPLETE

**JOTFORM:** [Umpires Match Report \(link\)](#)

- Complete the mandatory fields within the online form.
- Select 'Date' of match, 'Round', add 'Umpires Names' and 'Grade, Division, Home Club and Away Club'.
- Select 'Next'.
- Provide information on 'Game Management' actions (if any) that occurred during the match.
- Complete the 'Team Ratings' across Player Behaviour, Team Behaviour and Spectator Behaviour.
- Complete 'Best & Fairest' votes (3, 2, and 1 votes) for the three best and fairest players for the match.
- Select 'Submit'.



[MPFNL Netball Umpires Match Report](#)





# ROLLING SUBSTITUTIONS

Rolling Substitutions will be included across all SENIOR and JUNIOR Grades in the 2024 MPFNL season.

This document is aimed to assist umpires, players, coaches and team managers to understand these rules and their application.

## SUBSTITUTION - NETBALL

1. Substitutions **may be made during play** (as well as during stoppages and intervals). There is no limit to the number that can be made, and more than one substitution may be made at any time. Play will not be held for a substitution to be made.
2. For a substitution during play:
  - The substitute stands wholly inside the team's substitution box to indicate a substitution is to be made.
  - Before leaving the substitution box, the substitute tags (with hand) the player leaving the court.
  - Players must observe the offside rule as they enter/leave the court and must not interfere with the umpire's movement during the substitution.  
**SANCTION:** Free pass where the ball was when the interference or offside entry/exit occurred.
  - The player leaving the court returns to the team bench.
  - Team scorer is required to complete the substitution form when a shooter changes position.
  - Substitution form is to be kept with the team sheet at the score bench.

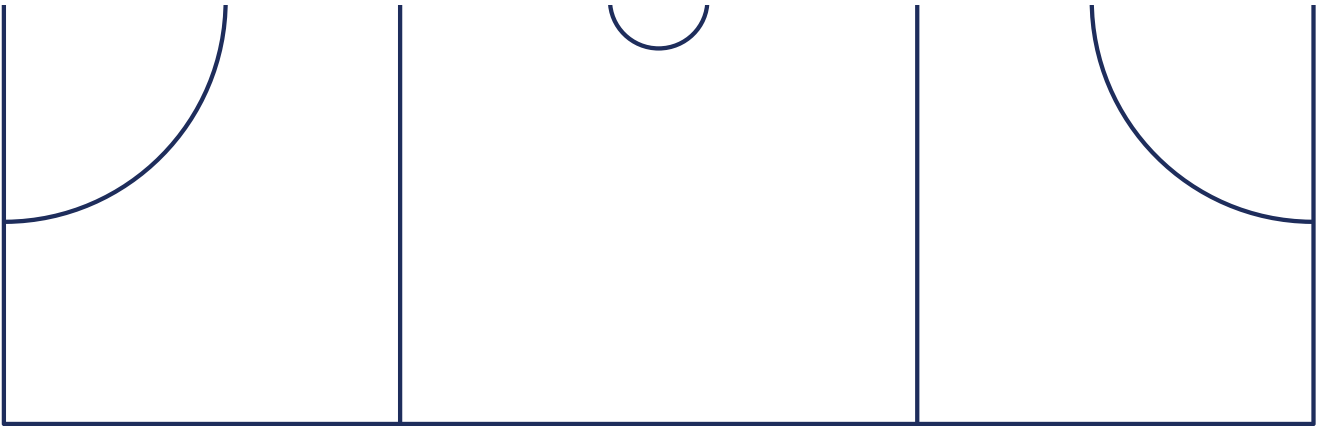
## CONSIDERATIONS

1. Players must observe the offside rules as they enter / leave the court and they must not interfere with the umpire's movement during the substitution.  
**SANCTION:** Free pass where the ball was when the interference or offside entry / exit occurred.
2. When substituting a Centre player, teams must ensure play is not delayed completing the substitution.  
**SANCTION:** Free pass where the ball was when the interference or offside entry / exit occurred.
3. If a player exits the court and there is no player in the substitution zone then the next player will be treated as a Late Player (Rule 9.2) and as such cannot enter the court until:
  - A goal has been scored (in this case the player must play in the position left vacant).
  - A stoppage for injury/illness or blood.
  - An interval.**SANCTION:** The player is sent from the court until the correct time for entry. Penalty pass to the opposing team where the ball was when play was stopped and an infringing team player allowed in the playing area stands out of play for the penalty.

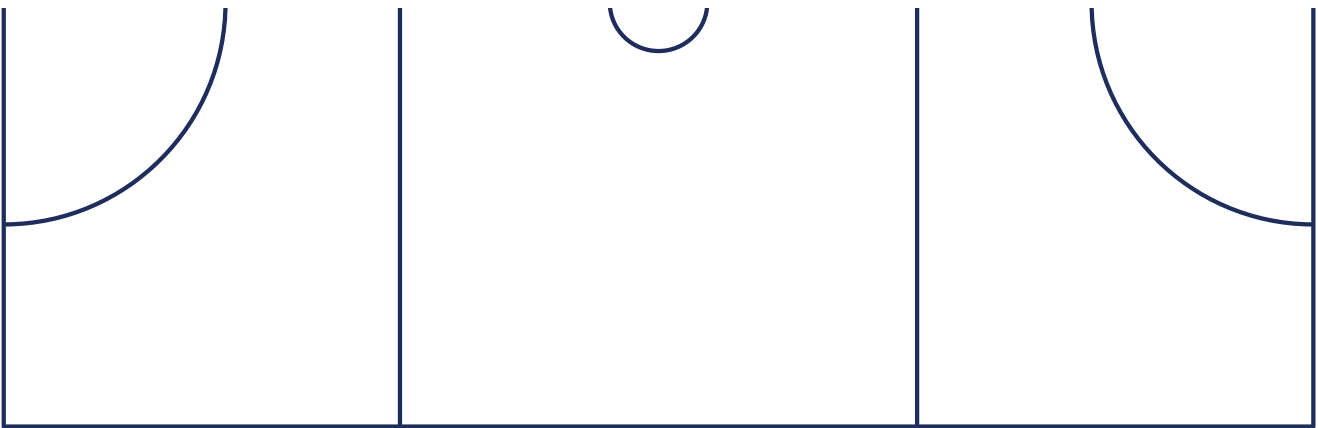
## SUBSTITUTION ZONE

A 'Substitution Zone' is to be made available at all courts as show below.

### OPTION 1



### OPTION 2





## FAQs & APPLICATION OF ROLLING SUBSTITUTION RULES

**Q. Can a team use 'Rolling Substitutions' if they only have one set of bibs?**

**A.** No. If a player exits the court with no player who is ready to take the court standing in the substitution box (i.e. wearing the bib of the position they will come on to) then the next player will be treated as a late player (Rule 9.2) and as such cannot enter the court until:

- A goal has been scored (in this case the player must play in the position left vacant).
- A stoppage for injury/illness or blood.
- An interval.

**Q. Can a team use either 'Rolling Substitutions' box?**

**A.** No. Teams must use their allocated substitution box located next to their team bench.

**Q. Can a player who is late to the game roll onto a vacant position?**

**A.** No. If there is no player currently occupying the position on court for the arriving player to substitute with, they will be treated as a late player (Rule 9.2) and as such cannot enter the court until:

- A goal has been scored (in this case the player must play in the position left vacant).
- A stoppage for injury/illness or blood.
- An interval.

**Q. Does the umpire need to check the nails of a new player correctly substituting into the game if they were not present for the pre-game checks?**

**A.** Yes. The umpire may hold time to conduct hair, nail, and jewellery checks for the incoming player.

**Q. Can our team be called for delaying our centre pass if our centres are completing a 'Rolling Substitution'?**

**A.** Yes. If the umpire interprets the team to have delayed the centre pass by completing a Rolling Substitution, they will be called for 'delaying play' (Rule 13.2.1 i.).

**Q. What happens if the umpire gets in the way of 2 players completing a rolling sub?**

**A.** The players must leave enough space for the umpire's movement, not the other way around. If players get in the umpire's way, the umpire will award a Free Pass to the non-offending team where the ball was when the interference occurred.



# COURT SUPERVISOR

## Responsibility of the Home Club. Refer to the 2024 MPFNL Netball By-Laws

Home clubs are to provide a Court Supervisor during the home and away season. The Court Supervisor will provide support where possible to all officiating umpires and Umpire Coaches / Mentors.

- The appointed Court Supervisor may change for each game and must not be involved in any other role while acting as Court Supervisor.
- The appointed Court Supervisor will wear the supplied MPFNL Court Supervisor High Visual vest (pink) and must remain court side for the duration of the game.
- The appointed Court Supervisor, when possible, will stand with the umpires and captains for the toss of the coin and to introduce themselves as the Court Supervisor for the duration of the match and to advise to both teams that time may be held by the umpire(s) to address any issues.
- The appointed Court Supervisor will attend to and resolve club member and spectator behaviour. Where a club member or spectator has been asked to leave the court vicinity, the Court Supervisor is to assist in the removal of the club member or spectator in question and may ask for further assistance from the home club committee. As umpires, you do not have re-start the match until the club member or spectator has left the court vicinity.
- The appointed Court Supervisor must ensure the safety of umpires.
- The appointed Court Supervisor must ensure the court side is clear for umpire movement during play.



# OFFICIAL SCORERS & TIMEKEEPERS

## WHO CAN APPROACH THE SCOREBENCH?

**SCORERS:** Official Scorer from both Clubs for the competing match.

**TIMEKEEPER:** Timekeeper from each competing team.

**UMPIRES:** May confirm the next Centre Pass and to complete the Match Day Paperwork concluding their officiating matches.

**CAPTAINS:** Nominated playing Captains from both competing teams to sign the Scoresheets concluding the match.

**COURT SUPERVISOR:** As part of the duties of the Court Supervisor to ensure Scorers and Timekeepers are in place and aware of their responsibilities, to address and administer any matters relating to the Officials, ensure the safety of Umpires.

**No other Club officials, spectators or players are to approach the score bench at any time.**

## MATCH LENGTHS

GRADE	START TIME	QUARTER LENGTH	INTERVALS (MINS)
17 & UNDER	8.55 am	4 x 12 minutes	2 - 3 - 2
D GRADE	10.00 am	4 x 15 minutes	2 - 3 - 2
C GRADE	11.15 am	4 x 15 minutes	2 - 3 - 2
B GRADE	12.30 pm	4 x 15 minutes	2 - 3 - 2
A GRADE	1.50 pm	4 x 15 minutes	2 - 3 - 2

## SCORERS

No one under the age of 15 may score or time keep the MPFNL Netball matches.

'Each' team must provide 1 x Official Scorer for each match.

The Scorers are jointly responsible for keeping an accurate record of the score.

The Scorers and Timekeepers must act together:

- **PLAYER POSITIONS:** Scorers must be entered onto the scoresheet prior to the commencement of the game, whenever a positional change is made, and for EACH quarter.



- **SCORES:** Scorers must verify the scores after each goal, at interval and at the end of the match. Scorers must total the scores for the GS and GA for each team in each quarter on the scoresheet. Scorers must total the total scores for each team in each quarter on the scoresheet. Scorers must total the full-time scores for each team on the scoresheet.
- **CENTRE PASSES:** Scorers are to record each center pass.

## CENTRE PASSES

### Refer to 'Rules of Netball' – Rule 8. (2024 Edition)

- 8.5** Immediately a goal is signalled, both umpires and the reserve umpire indicate the direction of the next centre pass, and the controlling umpire calls the name of the team to take the centre pass:
- a. If they disagree or are in any way unsure, the umpires must seek clarification from the scorers.
  - b. If both umpires indicate the centre pass direction incorrectly, the scorers notify the umpires by electronic and/or audible means prior to the centre pass being taken.
  - c. On appeal from an on-court player prior to the centre pass being taken, the umpires will check with the scorers and confirm the correct team to take the next centre pass.

## TIMEKEEPERS

The 'Home' Team must supply 1 x Official Timekeeper for their match.

The Home Club must provide a time clock for the playing period, and another time clock for intervals / stoppages.

The Timekeeper is responsible for ensuring that each playing period and each interval / stoppage is of the correct length of time.

- An audible horn or siren operated by the home club's Timekeeper will sound to indicate the end of the quarter. Both officiating umpires are to blow the whistle immediately following the sounding of the horn or siren to indicate the end of time. As per the Rules of Netball, the umpires whistle defines the end of the quarter.
- At intervals, the Timekeeper must notify Umpires when thirty (30) seconds and ten (10) seconds remains prior to the start of the game, the end of an interval or a stoppage

Scorers and Timekeepers must refrain from yelling and barracking whilst scoring and time keeping.

Encouragement is OK. Scorers and Timekeepers must be familiar with Netball Victoria's guidelines in regard to behaviour whilst acting in any official capacity

Teams are not permitted to ask the Official Scorers how much time there is left in any quarter, it is the responsibility of the Coaches and support staff to be aware of the time and the score of the game in progress.

- Game Management (Warnings, Suspensions, Send Off's) as actioned by the officiating umpires during an MPFNL netball match is to be document across all grades for the 2024 season. The Home Club Timekeeper will be responsible to complete the Game Management paperwork from the score bench across all Grades, following any additional actions by umpires as outlined in the 2024 Rules of Netball.



## STOPPAGES - INJURY / ILLNESS OF A PLAYER OR BLOOD

### Refer to 'Rules of Netball' – Rule 10. (2024 Edition)

- 10.9** The umpires hold time for injury/illness following a verifiable request by an on-court player or without a request in the event there is an obvious and/or serious injury.
- 10.10** A primary care person or independent concussion observer may advise the reserve umpire to ask the umpires to hold time to facilitate the substitution of any on-court player due to a suspected concussion.
- 10.11** In extreme circumstances where player safety is endangered, a primary care person or independent concussion observer may enter the court while play is in progress. Either umpire will then immediately hold time. If this safety precaution is misused by a primary care person, they may be disciplined as outlined in [Refer to Rule 18.44].
- 10.12** The umpires hold time if they notice any player who has an open wound or who is actively bleeding (including blood-stained clothing).
- 10.13** In all circumstances above, the player concerned must leave the court within 30 seconds and receive any treatment off the court. The timekeepers advise the umpires when 10 seconds remain.
- 10.14** Only primary care person/s are permitted on the court to assess the player's medical condition. They may ask for further assistance from the independent concussion observer before assisting the player from the court.
- 10.15** If the primary care person/s or independent concussion observer advise the umpires that the player concerned cannot be removed safely within 30 seconds, the umpires will extend the time for the player to leave the court and notify the official bench accordingly.
- 10.16** The umpires may authorise other persons (including team officials) to assist the player to leave the court if needed.
- 10.17** Any other player with blood on their body or clothing who is not actively bleeding may leave the field of play to have this cleaned within the time allowed for the stoppage by the umpires without the need to be substituted. However, any clothing that becomes blood-stained must be replaced within the time allowed for the stoppage by the umpires and this may occur away from the playing enclosure.
- 10.18** If there is blood on the ball it should be swapped and any blood on the court must be cleaned as directed by the event organiser before play restarts.
- 10.19** During the stoppage both teams may make substitutions and/or team changes, provided these are completed within the time allowed for the stoppage by the umpires.
- 10.20** If no substitution is made for the injured/ill player, or for a player who has an open wound or who is actively bleeding (including blood-stained clothing), play may resume with the position left vacant. If the player is the Centre and no substitution is made, one player must move to play as Centre to allow the match to continue.
- 10.21** If the position has been left vacant the player concerned or a substitute may not enter the match while play is in progress or they will be treated as a late player [Refer to Rule 3.8].
- 10.22** If the position has been left vacant the player concerned or a substitute may return to the court at the next break in play. If the player concerned was originally the Centre at the time of the stoppage, the umpire will hold time so they can return to the Centre position and any player who moved to play as Centre can return to the previous playing position.





# GAME MANAGEMENT - WARNING / SUSPENSION / SEND OFF

Refer to 'Rules of Netball' – Rule 18. (2024 Edition)

## WARNING

- 18.23** If a player does not change their behaviour following proactive advice from an umpire or an advanced and/or escalated sanction, the umpire will issue a warning to the player.
- 18.24** Where appropriate a warning may be given for instances of unfair play, even if no earlier game management actions have been taken.
- 18.25** A warning must be given for all instances of unsporting behaviour.
- 18.26** Only one warning can be given to a player in a match.

## SUSPENSION

- 18.27** The umpire will suspend a player following a warning if the player continues to engage in unfair play and/or unsporting behaviour.
- 18.28** Where appropriate the umpire may suspend a player for unfair play or unsporting behaviour even if no warning has been given.
- 18.29** The umpire must suspend a player for instances of dangerous play unless the action concerned involves intentional or highly reckless acts of dangerous play that endanger player safety and are sufficiently serious to warrant immediate ordering off.
- 18.30** Only one suspension can be given to a player in a match.
- 18.31** A player who is suspended must immediately leave the court and while off the court the suspended player is seated at the umpires' bench under the supervision of the reserve umpire.
- 18.32** No substitute is permitted and the suspended player's position is left vacant unless this player is the Centre. In this case one player must move to play as Centre during the suspension period.
- 18.33** The suspension period of two minutes playing time begins when play restarts.
- 18.34** Once the suspension period has been completed, either the suspended player or a substitute may return to the court at the next break in play. Either the suspended player or a substitute returns to the original playing position of the suspended player and any player who moved to play as Centre during the suspension returns to the previous playing position.
- 18.35** A suspended player may join the team during any interval that occurs during the suspension but must return to the umpires' bench when play restarts for the remainder of the suspension period.

## SEND OFF

- 18.36** The umpire will order a player off the court following a suspension if the player continues to infringe any of the foul play rules.
- 18.37** Where appropriate an umpire may order a player off the court even if no suspension has been given. This must be the case for intentional or highly reckless acts of dangerous play that endanger player safety.
- 18.38** A player who is ordered off must immediately leave the court and take no further part in the match. The player reports initially to the umpires' bench and is seated under the supervision of the reserve umpire.



- 18.39** No substitute is permitted and the ordered-off player's position is left vacant unless this player is the Centre. In this case one player must move to play as Centre during the ordered-off period.
- 18.40** The ordered-off period of four minutes playing time begins when play restarts
- 18.41** Once the ordered-off period has been completed, a substitute may return to the court at the next break in play. The substitute returns to the original playing position of the ordered-off player and any player who moved to play as Centre during the ordered-off period returns to their previous playing position. The ordered-off player must now report to the appropriate team officials on the team bench and may not re-enter the field of play.
- 18.42** An ordered-off player may join the team during any interval that occurs during the ordered-off period but must return to the umpires' bench when play restarts for the remainder of the ordered-off period.



# COMPLAINT MANAGEMENT

[Refer to the 2024 MPFNL Netball By-Laws](#)

The MPFNL adopts the Netball Victoria Competition Complaints Handling Regulation when lodging an official complaint to the MPFNL Netball Operations Manager.

- Umpires and Club Officials (the Complainant) have the ability to lodge a complaint on a Player, Official, Team or Club (the Respondent) outside of the sanctions that can be applied under the Rules of Netball.
- Any complaint that requires reporting to the MPFNL Netball Operations Manager is to be recorded on the Netball Victoria Complaint Form and submitted to the MPFNL Netball Operations Manager or General Manager of Operations (Netball Victoria Complaints Managers).
- The MPFNL administrative process requires complaints to be submitted by 5pm of the Monday after the match has been played.



[Netball Victoria Complaints Form](#)

# CONCUSSION POLICY

[Refer to the Netball Victoria Concussion Management Policy](#)

Clubs are to ensure they have undertaken the appropriate concussion recognition and management processes in place during pre-season, at training and on match days.

The Pocket Concussion Recognition Tool (as outlined in the Concussion Management Policy) is recommended to help recognise the signs and symptoms of concussion.

- Any player suspected of having a concussion should be removed from the court and not take any further part in the match.
- The player must be reviewed by a medical doctor.
- Players with a confirmed concussion must follow a recovery program that includes rest and progress through a return to play protocol.
- Players must also have a medical clearance before returning to full sporting activity. Managed correctly, most cases of concussion in sport recover uneventfully within 10-14 days of injury. The process of recovery, however, varies from person to person and injury to injury.



[Netball Victoria Concussion Management Policy](#)



## PENINSULA NETBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

2024 PNUA COMMITTEE	
ANITA HILL	President
ANDREW LOVE	Secretary
JADE HILL	Committee
MATT BRINSON	Committee
KATHERINE COOK	Committee
ADRIAN HILL	Treasurer
SHELLEY HAYNES	Specialist Advisor

2024 PNUA COACHES PANEL*
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ANITA HILL
ANDREW LOVE
BARB EVANS
EMILY HANSFORD
JADE HILL
KATHERINE COOK
MATT BRINSON
OLIVIA LOVE
TRENT MORISON

\*Identifiable by wearing PNUA blue jacket



## CLUB UMPIRE COACH

### Refer to the 2024 MPFNL Netball By-Laws

18. s. Each MPFNL Club is to nominate at least one (1) Club Umpire Coach that will work closely with the PNUA Umpire Coaches to develop umpire for their Club to assist with club umpire allocations for 17 & Under, D Grade and C Grade games. This includes attending pre-season meetings, group education sessions and Umpire Coaching Courses(s).
- t. Club Umpire Coaches must be identifiable by wearing the MPFNL approved vest (yellow) for the full duration of each required match.
- u. On match day, PNUA Umpire Coaches will work with Club Umpire Coaches and Club Umpires in coaching, training and development on B and A Grade matches.
- v. No one may consume or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs whilst officiating.

### PNUA will:

- Assist and support Club Umpire Coaches to develop club umpires across 17 & Under, D Grade and C Grade matches.
- Work closely with Club Umpire Coaches and provide support on match day when available.

### Club Umpire Coaches will :

- Support club umpires on game day.
- Work closely with PNUA.
- Receive training (e.g. NV endorsed umpiring coaching courses, as sponsored by the MPFNL) and support via group zoom sessions led by an A badge Umpire Coach.
- Must be identifiable by wearing the MPFNL approved vest (**yellow**) for the full duration of each required match.
- Can notify PNUA of warnings and suspensions or reports of misconduct if necessary.



## UMPIRE & EDUCATION SESSIONS

Club umpires and Club Umpire Coaches will be able to attend online education and Q&A sessions on rule clarification presented by A badged Umpire and current VNL umpire.

This is also a opportunity to discuss any concerns that have occurred in the last month.

2024 SESSIONS	
APRIL	Interpreting Contact v Contest
MAY	When to call 'advantage'
JUNE	Deep Dive into PTV

### CLUB UMPIRE SESSIONS:

PNUA will host rule clarification sessions for all MPFNL clubs at request.

#### Requirements from clubs:

- All players and coaches require to watch the Rules of Netball Update session, review presentation and information on the rule updates that have been provided by Netball Australia.
- PNUA will be able to answer any questions that may have arisen from the information and session and provide a presentation on other rules for clarification.