

**DANDENONG & DISTRICT
NETBALL ASSOCIATION
UMPIRES**



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Saturday & Night Competition Umpiring

New Trainees:

It is preferred that all learners must have completed their on-line THEORY first to assist with their learning progress.

Contact your Club Umpire Coordinator if you are interested in becoming a learner umpire cadet, alternatively contact the office if you are already badged and would like to pick up some games.

All umpires must have satisfied the minimum requirements of:

1. Theory exam pass (on-line 70% C 80% B Click [here](#) for more information)
2. Foundation Umpire Course completed (on-line)
3. Practical experience in umpiring at club training
4. All umpires must be registered with D&DNA with current Netball Victoria Membership.

- **CERTIFICATES** submitted to martha@netballdandenong.com.au



Umpire Registration

1. Click **[UMPIRE REGISTRATION LINK HERE](#)** and submit.
2. Click **[AVAILABILTY LINK HERE](#)** and submit.

Alternatively advise if you would like this via email.


3. You will be sent a link for availability every fortnight.

NV State Membership: All players, umpires, officials' coaches must update their own Netball Victoria state membership. This is a compulsory requirement for all participants.

** If you are **not affiliated to any team / club**, Please click on the link **D&DNA State Memberships** and register.

For further information about NV State Membership click here.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

All umpires are expected to adhere to the Netball Victoria  [Umpire Code of Conduct](#)

UNIFORM:

1. White top and white skirt/dress/shorts/pants compulsory.
2. Team skirts / tops are NOT PERMITTED.
3. Umpires must be in predominately White uniform.
4. Appropriate netball shoes

EQUIPMENT:

1. A good WHISTLE, handheld.
2. RULE BOOK for reference.
3. Good Running Shoes
4. Hair ties for Centre passes.
5. Umpire pencil case or bag to keep all belongings in one place.

UMPIRE SUPPORT:

1. DO NOT engage in any discussion with spectators.
2. If you have difficulty with spectators, coaches or players, ask for the **NIGHT SUPERVISOR/ UMPIRE SUPERVISOR/UMPIRE COACH/SENIOR UMPIRE to assist**

Tips for Umpires

EDUCATION

- Keep up to date with rules and rule interpretations. Have you read / understood the [Rule Book](#)?
- Request an “umpire mentor” to assess you every few weeks for tips and advice.
- Maintain accreditation / attend umpiring courses.
- Watch senior umpires or Suncorp Netball Competition on TV for, positioning, conduct, application etc.

APPEARANCE

- Be as fit as the players / warm up
- Wear appropriate uniform – WHITE – as this gives a sense of authority and pride.
- Do not be lazy. This can be interpreted as disinterest.
- Do not be late for the start of your match – may be interpreted as disinterest.
- Do not talk on your mobile phone or to other people during a match.

UMPIRING SKILLS

- Blow your whistle LOUDLY and assertively.
- Ensure that you are always in a position to SEE.
- CONCENTRATE for the entire quarter.
- Do not “make up” for an incorrect decision.
- You will make mistakes – so do AA umpires. Accept it and move on.

ATTITUDE

- Be CONFIDENT & POSITIVE
- But do not be ARROGANT
- If you are umpiring purely for money, do not umpire at all. Do not have the attitude that you are doing everyone a favour by umpiring. You must WANT to be umpiring because you enjoy the challenge.
- Be prepared to have players, coaches and spectators disagree with some of your decisions. If you are unable to accept criticism, maybe you should reconsider your choice to umpire. There is no umpire who pleases every player, coach & supporter for the entire game at any level or in any sport.
- Be prepared to accept that you will be wrong some of the time. You will have good games and bad games just like players and coaches.
- Always SMILE – you are not the enemy; you are working WITH the players to create a fair and competitive game. Umpire the game.
- Put it all into PERSPECTIVE – this is sport / fun.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

- Ask for the Umpire Supervisors if you are having difficulties.
- Never mediate arguments without the supervisor or umpire senior being present –
- Be aware of your rights with players and parents as per the [Codes of Conduct](#).
- Do not be afraid to warn players & spectators / follow up with your umpire game management.

UGLY PARENTS

[Play by the Rules](#)

Recognise what makes “ugly parents” abuse you:

- Their own lack of knowledge of the rules
- Their frustration at losing a match
- Their child is performing poorly and the blame must lie elsewhere
- They have other issues

- They are bullies who sense an opportunity, especially when you seem unsure of yourself
- You are actually not umpiring well and need assistance.
- Remember that “ugly parents” are everywhere and it is they who look stupid and are an embarrassment to their kids, not you. You must learn to ignore them and have confidence in yourself. These people are unpleasant for all of us but are fortunately in the MINORITY. The Association will ALWAYS support you (unless of course you have shown an obvious disregard for procedure).



