

Checklist

UMPIRE COACHING

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PURPOSE

To provide umpire coaches operating at community netball with guidance as to key learning areas and coaching points for umpires of different levels.

HOW TO USE

- Umpires should only be given a maximum of two key points to focus on at a time. New coaching points should not be given until previous points have been addressed.
- When delivering feedback, it can be helpful to use models like:
 - Good, Better, How**
something the umpire is doing well, something the umpire should improve on and a practical way to improve.
 - Situation, Behaviour, Impact**
describe the situation, describe the umpire's actions, describe what the impact of their action is.
- The key objective of umpiring is to make correct decisions. When a decision (or non-decision) is incorrect, umpire coaches should first judge whether the issue lies in a misunderstanding of the rule, **e.g. they saw it but didn't think it was an infringement** or a deficiency in the umpire's techniques, **e.g. they didn't see it**.
 - Accurately identifying the cause of the issue is the first step in offering advice for correction - either talking through the rule and its application or giving advice on umpiring techniques.
- All feedback should be grounded in clear examples such as specific decisions, player actions, or match scenarios.



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Umpires who hold their C Badge should be given coaching points based on the B Badge competencies.

This checklist should be used as a guide for umpire coaching only.

It is **not** a screening or badging tool. Umpire coaches should refer to the levels of proficiency in the National Umpire Development Framework when determining whether an umpire is ready to complete their practical assessment.

Prompt	Y/N	Sample Feedback
Communication		
Is the umpire using clear and concise verbal directions to communicate and set sanctions?		<p>You communicated your decision to award possession clearly and loudly enough that players were not confused and were able to play on quickly.</p> <p>When setting a sanction, ensure you give early and specific verbal direction as to where the player should stand. For example, "Throw is, outside the circle on the goal line." Currently, you are waiting for the player to step up to the line in the incorrect position before correcting them. This is inefficient and causing confusion.</p>
Is the umpire's whistle tone and volume, consistently appropriate for the situation?		
Is the umpire using the correct terminology (from the rule book) to name infringements?		
Is the umpire using the correct hand signals?		
Is the umpire using their hand signals to clearly indicate where sanctions should be set?		
Game Management		
Did the umpire check the court, teams and conduct the toss prior to the match?		<p>Well done managing the delay of play in that quarter. You recognised quickly that the WD was not releasing the ball and you responded by holding time and penalising them for delaying play. You applied the correct procedure of advancing the penalty half a third and communicated this clearly to the players.</p> <p>Right at the end of that quarter, there was an over a third infringement that went unpenalised. Your co-umpire tried to assist you in recognising this but you didn't see their cue. In moments where you are unsure, you can always look across the court to your co-umpire to see whether they are able to assist.</p>
Is the umpire signaling goals?		
Is the umpire signaling the centre pass direction?		
After a goal at their end, is the umpire calling the centre pass loudly and clearly?		
Does the umpire know how to manage stoppages e.g. ball on the court, injury time?		
Is the umpire recognising instances of foul play?		
Is the umpire taking appropriate procedural action and applying correct consequences for instances of foul play?		
Does the umpire regularly look across the court to engage with their co-umpire e.g. checking they have the same centre pass, to check for assistance in instances that may be unclear?		

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Position, vision and timing

Is the umpire positioned level with or slightly ahead (no more than one pass) of the ball on the sideline?		<p>On the goal line, you are positioning yourself well to make accurate decisions. You are placing yourself to see through the space between the shooter and defender and you are adjusting quickly from side to side as the ball moves around the circle.</p> <p>In that quarter, there were a few times where the ball was passed from the circle edge back to the transverse line. In these instances, you must take steps to re-position back to the sideline. When you stayed on the goal line in that quarter, you weren't able to see an obstruction infringement and you had difficulty communicating an offside decision due to your proximity. Moving back to the sideline in these instances will help you to accurately identify infringements and communicate effectively in your sanction setting.</p>
Is the umpire arriving on the goal line around the same time that the ball enters the goal circle?		
Is the umpire positioning themselves optimally on the goal line to see all eight players in the goal third?		
Is the umpire adjusting their position on the goal line as play changes so that they may maintain a view of all eight players?		
Is the umpire usually looking ahead of and behind the player with the ball to identify infringements and read the play?		
When the ball is passed back to the transverse line, does the umpire take steps to adjust their position back towards the sideline?		
Are the umpire's calls quick enough that the ball does not need to be brought back to the infringement?		

Minor Infringements

Is the umpire recognising offside infringements?		<p>Great work spotting those two offsides by the WA on the circle edge. You were able to see these because you were looking ahead of play.</p> <p>You made two replay ball decisions in that quarter where the player bounced the ball once before gaining possession. Those decisions weren't correct as the player is actually allowed to bounce it once before gaining possession. Let's have a look in the rule book together to refresh the playing the ball rule.</p>
Is the umpire recognising breaking infringements?		
Is the umpire recognising replay ball and repossession infringements?		
Is the umpire recognising over a third/untouched centre pass infringements?		
Is the umpire recognising held ball infringements?		
Is the umpire recognising footwork infringements?		

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Major Infringements		
Is the umpire recognising obvious obstruction infringements (player in possession)?		<p>Well done in penalising the GS for contact on the ball at the throw in. They were placing pressure down onto the ball with their hands which was interfering with the GK's ability to keep possession.</p> <p>It's great that you are starting to look off the ball and take in player set ups ahead of play. You penalised the GD for obstruction of a player not in possession in that quarter. Remember that for this to be an infringement, the GD's arm must have been limiting the movement of their opponent. That element wasn't present in this case as the GD was stretching their arm out to direct play.</p>
Is the umpire recognising obvious obstruction infringements (player not in possession)?		
Is the umpire recognising most contact infringements?		
Is the umpire recognising instances of causing contact and inevitable contact?		
Advantage		
Is the umpire applying advantage in stances where there is a clear and real opportunity for the non-infringing team to play the ball to a territorial or tactical advantage?		<p>You made a good decision to whistle that breaking infringement rather than apply advantage. You recognised that the breaking was repeated and you wouldn't have been able to effectively give your proactive advice should you have continued applying advantage.</p> <p>When you are deciding whether or not to apply advantage, make sure you are looking ahead of and behind play to see if a clear and real opportunity to play the ball to a territorial or tactical advantage exists. A couple of times in that quarter, you decided to apply advantage when this opportunity did not exist, placing the non-infringing team under undue pressure.</p>
Is the umpire making sound decisions to whistle infringements where there is a need to maintain game control?		