

CNL Umpire Qualities

In line with the Positioning and Movement reminder below. All umpires at Croydon Netball League should strive for good quality umpiring whilst officiating a match. This includes,

No walking down the side line. It does not matter that you may see lots of other umpires walking. That is not professional; nor is it respectful to the teams that are playing. An umpire's code of conduct and their qualification pathway require them to consistently be in line or slightly ahead of play; arrive at the goal line at the same time as the ball; and be back at the centre third so as not to delay the centre pass being taken. If you are in the right place at the right time, then you will see what is actually happening and be better able to make correct decisions.

CNL prides itself on its central venue and is a training facility offering mentoring support for umpires on the officiating pathway. Please lead by example and show those who are learning and looking to qualify what a good umpire should aspire to.

You may be challenged by a committee member if your umpiring conduct falls short.

Positioning and Movement for Umpire Beginners and C Award.

Positioning and Movement- To enable you to be in the right place to see as many infringements as possible you will need to move and position in relation to play.

The following may help you to do this:

- On the side line – Into attack:
 - Remain slightly ahead of play, only moving forward when/as the play moves forward.
 - Try to remain square to the court; side stepping may help with this positioning. If side stepping is difficult or not appropriate to speed of play then remember to keep the top of the body facing the court area when running. Moving from the side line to the goal line:
 - When the player with the ball is approximately mid goal third, you should be opposite the top of the circle.
 - When the ball is about to be thrown to either the far side of the court or into the circle you need to move to the goal line by cutting the corner, sprinting... Target the goal post, and beyond, only stopping on the near side of the post when the ball is on that side.
 - Try to become square to the court as quickly as possible.
 - Once you have arrived at the goal post area you should only need to move approximately 3 feet from the post either side. Occasionally you may need to move out of this area.

- If the ball is thrown into the near side corner, then continue to move down the side line until you have an opportunity to move to the goal line. You are trying to achieve arriving at the same time as the ball.
- When a goal is scored:
 - Take the shortest route back to opposite the centre circle – this will mean cutting a huge corner of the court.
- Defence 'Throw In' from the goal line: Before or while the GK is setting up – without turning your back on the court, move to the side line so that you are ready for the pass. This will enable you to be ahead of play again instead of catching up.
- You should be trying to remain slightly ahead of play down to the other half transverse line or slightly beyond.

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