



## **Umpire Support in Surrey.**

### **Pathway guidance.**

#### **New learners completing an INTO course.**

- Following an INTO course, new learners can attend a practical workshop arranged by the County Officiating Lead (COL). – This includes drills on Blowing the Whistle, Terminology, Positioning and Movement, Footwork, Contact/Contest. Hand signals for Goal scored and Centre Pass. (2 hours approx.)
- Practice should be obtained on Training matches, within a club session, or, on Junior league or Back to Netball leagues.
- A mentor for support can be obtained within the club training environment by a qualified C award umpire (or above) or a SCNA mentor (Attended SCNA Mentoring workshop delivered by GB)
- Once the learner is ready for Assessment- Apply to the COL. COL will arrange.
- Assessment is 15 minutes
- Assessment passed (Logged on Engage) learner can apply for C award course.

New learners should not be umpiring on league matches unless specified above. Once Assessment passed, Learners can apply to attend a C Award Course. Practice should still be maintained on training matches.

#### **C Award Course Attendees**

- Following attendance on a C Award course, Learners can gain practice on certain leagues dependant on their rules. (CNL Evening league, MET/Kingston/Surrey-Lower divisions)
- A logbook should be completed after each match.
- Within about 6 months of the course attendance the learner can take the written paper. (This can be accessed through EN or COL)
- Written paper pass. Umpiring practice should continue and be logged. (CNL Saturday league allow WTC with paper pass, on Division 4 and 5 matches only)
- A mentor can be sourced at anytime on the pathway to provide support. This can be a SCNA mentor or a qualified C award (or above) umpire.
- Assessment ready? - learner is encouraged to have a full mentoring match with an Assessor/Mentor prior to application. Assessor will sign off if learner is ready.
- Assessment application through COL- Assessment arranged- If successful, learner is a qualified C Award umpire. (Assessment 30-40 minutes on a league match)

Mentoring and support of learner umpires on the C award pathway is provided mainly through clubs and leagues. The learner umpire can ask for support from a “good” qualified umpire or a Co-umpire on their match. SCNA mentors can be provided to support on learners matches although this is limited.

### **Good qualities of an umpire.**

A good umpire will always arrive early to a match, be dressed appropriately, and be organised with a whistle, scorepad and timer.

### **Attributes of a good umpire:**

Communication- liaise with Co-umpire, confirm who is scoring, timing etc organise scorers to stand together. Manage Stoppages.

Establish on court captains, pre match checks, match ball. Have good voice and loud whistle.

Positioning and Movement- Good fitness to keep up with play and maintain it for the full duration of the match. Have a good idea of where they need to be in relation to play. Change of pace necessary. A Good umpire does not walk and arrives at the goal line as the ball arrives in the circle.

Terminology- Be clear and concise with setting penalties. Use correct terminology for the infringement. Eg. Contact GD, penalty pass Red. Indicate where penalty is to be set.

Good Rule Knowledge- Read the rule book regularly.

Be consistent, impartial, and fair. Empathise with the players.

A good umpire has all these qualities and is there to facilitate the game of netball. It is not about catching players out but keeping players in the game and supporting them to remain on court and play within the rules of the game. Regular communication with players on court is necessary to facilitate this. Have a Quiet word, talk to captains in the intervals and talk to the players during the match. Most of all you are there to officiate to the best of your ability and support the teams to enjoy the experience of netball and of course enjoy umpiring yourself. Without you the game can not be played.

Mentoring relies on the availability of mentors and the flexibility of the learners which is why it is important that learners are proactive on their own pathway journey.

SCNA mentors that attended the workshop are:

Hayley Argles-Grant- Putney Ladies

Kelly-Marie Durdridge- Ashstead Allstars

Tracey Marchetti- Tolworth

Ana Gomez- Kingston and Surrey

Hazel Mead- Epsom

Sue Punter- Sunbury

