

# Umpire Development

## GENERAL INFORMATION 2019

Netball Umpiring is a fantastic sport for people of all ages and levels of experience. Get fit, have fun, and build confidence and communication skills that extend far beyond the netball court. At Auckland Netball our community of umpires love what they do, enjoy helping each other to grow, contribute their time generously, and welcome new umpires with open arms.

We look forward to hearing from you!

### How can I get involved in umpiring at Auckland Netball?

- Connect with one of the schools or clubs playing at Auckland Netball to umpire their games
- Attend one of our classes or workshops
- Join the Auckland Netball Barfoot and Thompson Junior Umpire Squad (ages 11-15 years old)
- Affiliate as Auckland Netball Auckland Netball Umpire and get support in connecting with a coach/mentor, access game-day coaching where possible and be allocated games appropriate to your qualification and experience (ages 15+)

### Who umpires across the different levels of competition at Auckland Netball?

Subject to change, but general expectations are:

Club Premier 1 & 2 grades Club Senior A grades Club Senior B grade Sect. 1	Auckland Netball allocates umpires for these games. Those allocated include Auckland Netball Affiliated Umpires plus guest umpires from other centres, with priority to umpires who have Zone Theory Award or higher.
Club grades Senior B Section 2 and below	Teams are required to provide their own umpires. Umpires should hold or be working towards Centre Theory Award as minimum.
Secondary School Premier 1 & Premier 2 grades	Auckland Netball allocates umpires for these games. Those allocated include Auckland Netball Affiliated Umpires plus guest umpires from other centres, with priority to umpires who have Zone Theory Award or higher.
Secondary School grades Senior A and below	Teams are required to provide their own umpires. Umpires should hold or be working towards Centre Theory Award as minimum.
Mother Earth futureFERNs Year 5-8 Grades	All umpires should hold or be working towards Centre Theory Award or Year 5&6 Umpiring Certificate as minimum. Teams are required to provide their own umpires, however if unable to do so teams can request an umpire if one is available. Auckland Netball cannot guarantee any umpire requests will be filled. Those allocated include Barfoot and Thompson Junior Umpire Squad or Auckland Netball Affiliated Umpires as priority.
Mother Earth futureFERNs Year 1-4 Grades	Do not require umpires.
Summer Leagues	Teams are required to provide their own umpires. Umpires should hold Centre Theory Award as minimum for Senior and Year 7&8 grades, and Year 5&6 Umpiring Certificate for Year 5&6 Grades.
PowerPlay Indoor Netball	Auckland Netball allocates umpires for these games.

### How do I get involved in umpiring tournaments?

Tournaments are great environments to further develop extend your umpiring, with different teams and styles to navigate and opportunities to connect with umpires and umpire personnel from other Centres/Zones too.

Representative Tournaments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Local Tournaments:</b> These are allocated by one of our Umpire Allocators. A sign-up roster will be put up in the Officials Room during May where umpires for interested can add their name.</li><li>• <b>U15 North Island Champs:</b> These are appointed by the Auckland Netball Umpire Committee.</li><li>• <b>NNZ U17 Champs:</b> These are appointed by Netball New Zealand in consultation with Netball Northern Zone. Applications open via Netball Northern Zone in March.</li><li>• <b>NNZ U19 Champs:</b> These are appointed by Netball New Zealand.</li></ul>
School Tournaments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Auckland Netball primary and intermediate pre-season and mid-season tournaments:</b> Schools provide their own umpires.</li><li>• <b>Independent primary and intermediate school cluster tournaments:</b> These are not run by AN, and umpires interested in getting involved can contact host schools directly. Contact details for upcoming cluster tournaments are often posted in the Officials Room.</li><li>• <b>Auckland Netball secondary school Pre-season and Combined Points tournaments:</b> Schools provide their own umpires.</li><li>• <b>Upper North Island Secondary Schools:</b> Schools provide their own umpires or can request an umpire from the UNISS tournament host centre. Upon request, Auckland Netball can support schools looking to connect directly with an umpire.</li><li>• <b>NZSS Champs:</b> These are appointed by Netball New Zealand.</li></ul>

## Who supports umpires on competition days at Auckland Netball?

On every competition day, there is at least one Umpire Convenor on duty and available to go out to courts where umpires are facing challenging or confrontational situations by players, coaches or supporters, to observe concerns with game management, and address poor side-line behaviour. If these situations are present during a game, teams should immediately during that game communicate concerns through the Control Room.

We have Umpire Coaches who can observe umpires in real-time and provide constructive feedback, support and tips. Plus, umpires with their Centre Theory Award can request to be assessed to achieve their Centre Badge by one of our Umpire Assessors. Coaches and Assessors are available as much as possible around their own umpiring commitments, with priority given to Auckland Netball Affiliated Umpires.

In addition, Auckland Netball highly recommends all umpires utilise a friend or mentor for regular feedback and review. Templates for informal observations and self-reflections are available upon request.

## What classes or groups can I join to develop and extend my umpiring?

Auckland Netball run a variety of classes, workshops and groups outlined below. For dates, more information and to register visit <https://aucklandnetball.co.nz/umpire-development/>

Become an Umpire Evening Programme	<b>Who is this for:</b> new and non-accredited umpires <b>What is involved:</b> 1x theory session and 1x practical session, 2.5hrs each, includes NNZ Centre Theory Test <b>When it runs:</b> across 2x weekday evenings, multiple times through the season	<b>Cost:</b> \$40
Become an Umpire Holiday Programme	<b>Who is this for:</b> new and non-accredited umpires <b>What is involved:</b> 1x theory session and 1x practical session, includes NNZ Centre Theory Test and whistle <b>When it runs:</b> 9am-3pm during April, July and October school holidays	<b>Cost:</b> \$45
Year 5&6 Umpire Workshop	<b>Who is this for:</b> new and non-accredited umpires umpiring Year 5&6 Grades <b>What is involved:</b> 1x 2.5hr workshop <b>When it runs:</b> May and June	<b>Cost:</b> \$25
Umpiring in Schools In-School Programme	<b>Who is this for:</b> student umpires <b>What is involved:</b> 1x theory session and 1x practical session, 2hrs each, includes NNZ Centre Theory Test <b>When it runs:</b> scheduled to suit school and facilitator availability	<b>Cost:</b> \$40
Umpire Technique Sessions	<b>Who is this for:</b> umpires with Centre Theory minimum <b>What is involved:</b> 30-minute sessions delivered by experienced umpires, each with a key focus area: contact v contest, mental toughness, and game management (focus areas may be subject to change) <b>When it runs:</b> Saturdays in May and June. Two sessions of same focus area per day to fit within game rounds	<b>Cost:</b> FREE
Barfoot & Thompson Junior Umpire Squad	<b>Who is this for:</b> umpires aged 11-15 years with Centre Theory seeking Centre Badge <b>What is involved:</b> squad coach to support, peer network, coaching on games as available, group debrief and reflection at the end of each competition night, plus a squad t-shirt and social evening <b>When it runs:</b> winter season junior competition nights, Year 5&6 and Year 7&8 rounds	<b>Cost:</b> \$80
NZ Development Umpire Squad	<b>Who is this for:</b> umpires with Zone Badge or NZ Theory seeking NZ Badge <b>What is involved:</b> squad coach to support, yoyo test, fitness training and workshop sessions <b>When it runs:</b> Tuesday nights from January to March	<b>Cost:</b> FREE
Umpire Affiliation	<b>Who is this for:</b> umpires aged 15 years and older with Centre Theory minimum <b>What is involved:</b> umpire membership, coaching as available, priority allocations relevant to accreditation level	<b>Cost:</b> \$10

In addition, Netball Northern Zone facilitate and run further umpire development opportunities

UmpireSmart Workshops	Hosted at Auckland Netball and delivered by NetballSmart Officers.
Northern Zone Squads and Groups	Visit <a href="http://www.netballnorthern.co.nz/zones/northern/community-netball/umpiring/news">www.netballnorthern.co.nz/zones/northern/community-netball/umpiring/news</a>

## Who can I contact?

We share the umpire leadership duties here at Auckland Netball. Our Umpire Committee is made up of 6-8 key personnel, supported by our Netball Operations Manager and Netball Development Manager. In addition, we have highly valued volunteers, leading development sessions, coaching and supporting on game days and working alongside our Panel Leads. We love our crew! Here are some key contacts:

Regarding NZ Panel coaching or badge assessments	<a href="mailto:umpireassessor@aucklandnetball.co.nz">umpireassessor@aucklandnetball.co.nz</a>	Matt Davis
Regarding Zone/Centre Panel coaching or badge assessments	<a href="mailto:umpirecoach@aucklandnetball.co.nz">umpirecoach@aucklandnetball.co.nz</a>	Natua Ureta
Regarding allocations of Club Premier 1 & 2 and Senior A grade, Club Senior B grade Section 1, and SS Premier 1 & 2 grades	<a href="mailto:allocations@aucklandnetball.co.nz">allocations@aucklandnetball.co.nz</a>	Zak Middleton (Prem & Reps) Glendon Carter (SS Prem) Roxanne Adams (Club)
Enquires about Barfoot & Thompson Junior Umpire Squad	<a href="mailto:umpireyouth@aucklandnetball.co.nz">umpireyouth@aucklandnetball.co.nz</a>	tbc
Enquires about NZ Development Umpire Squad	<a href="mailto:developmentmanager@aucklandnetball.co.nz">developmentmanager@aucklandnetball.co.nz</a>	Tania McCarthy
Enquires about support to schools/clubs	<a href="mailto:netballops@aucklandnetball.co.nz">netballops@aucklandnetball.co.nz</a>	Jacqui Foote
Enquires about classes and workshops	<a href="mailto:developmentmanager@aucklandnetball.co.nz">developmentmanager@aucklandnetball.co.nz</a>	Leigh Ashton
To request an all-season umpire for Year 5&6 or 7&8 grades (no guarantees)	<a href="mailto:games@aucklandnetball.co.nz">games@aucklandnetball.co.nz</a>	Anne Nicholson
To request a one-off umpire for Year 5&6 or 7&8 grades (no guarantees)	<a href="mailto:umpire2@aucklandnetball.co.nz">umpire2@aucklandnetball.co.nz</a> 0223095974	Natua Ureta