

I'm not sure I want to be an Umpire. How can I try it and see?

Contact your Umpire Convenor and let her know you would like a practise run. Then come along to grading day with a whistle and hair elastic. There will be experienced umpires there and they will give you a go.

How do I become an Umpire?

If you are turning 13 in 2012 and are thinking about becoming a Netball Umpire for Cherrybrook, **before** the start of the Winter Netball comp you will need to :

1. Complete Umpire Beginners Accreditation Course. This will be held at HDNA over three weeks.
Wednesday 21 March 6.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
Wednesday 28 March 6.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
Wednesday 4 April 6.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
You MUST be able to attend ALL THREE nights.
2. Complete the online Section 1 Theory Exam and receive a minimum 70% pass. Go to www.netballnsw.com and select "for umpires" & then "courses" from the options listed on the left.
3. Print a copy of your exam results for the Section 1 Theory Exam and give this to your Club Umpire Convenor. (At the training course the instructors will tell you to supply the copy to Hills. However it is up to each Club Umpire Convenor to keep a record of this information and it is difficult to do so if you give it to Hills so please, copy your results to your Cherrybrook Umpire Convenor. Thank you.)

Successful completion of **all three steps** above will be required **before** you can walk onto a Netball court and start umpiring.

Once you have completed the 3 steps above...

You will now be allocated a Coach/Mentor and a game/timeslot to umpire. Your Coach will be there in those early weeks to give you help and guidance.

What will I need as an Umpire?

- Netball Rule book – available at HDNA Canteen (approx \$12 - \$14)
- A whistle – preferably one that has a finger-grip. The "Thunderer" whistle will give you the best result. Available for purchase at HDNA Canteen or any good sporting shop.
- Drink bottle – keep hydrated during the game. Remember you need to keep up with the play and this will mean running up and down the court.
- Hair elastic (and maybe a spare in case of breakages) – to keep track of which team has the next centre pass.

Why is it important to have a Netball rule book?

As a new umpire it is important that you have a thorough understanding of the rules. Your rule book should be in your bag with you on a Saturday and perhaps have a read through on a regular basis to refresh your memory.

Even experienced Senior umpires still carry a current rule book with them.

What happens if I forget my whistle?

Don't forget your whistle. You should not expect any other person to loan you theirs. It is not a hygienic practise.

How do I find out where and when I am umpiring each week?

Prior to the beginning of the Season, your Umpire Convenor will allocate you to represent a specific team. This will include their Team Number (e.g. Cherrybrook 16) and what time they play. Every Saturday as soon as you arrive, you will go upstairs to Umpire Control where you will find the day's timeslot sheets. There is a timeslot sheet for every hour. Find the Club and Team Number (e.g. Cherrybrook 16) and write your name in the box next to it. This will also show you the Court number for that day's play. Write this onto your hand so that you don't forget.

When do I get my Umpire badge ?

As you may be aware, HDNA no longer have either the Encouragement Badge or Hills Badge. These were removed from their Badging program at the start of the 2010 Season. The current HDNA badging program is as follows :

- Umpire Certificate – you need to be in your second year of umpiring; and fulfil all the Key Performance indicators for this level Certificate.
- National 'C' Badge – you need to have your Umpire Certificate, have completed at least one Carnival duty in the current Season; and fulfil all the Key Performance indicators.

More information regarding Key Performance requirements for these can be found on the HDNA website, Umpire page.

In 2011 Cherrybrook United Netball Club instigated a Cherrybrook Encouragement Certificate. This is our own Club Encouragement for new Umpires who now have a two year journey to work towards their Umpire Certificate. When your Coach and Umpire Convenor believe you have reached a certain level of competence, you will be assessed on Voice, Manner, Whistle, Positioning, Hand Signals and Terminology. Ask your Umpire Convenor for more information

What happens if I am sick or not available for one week?

If you are sick or know you have a one-off commitment during the Season, please let your Umpire Convenor know as soon as possible so that another person can be found to cover you for that game.

If you are sick on the morning of the comp, you need to phone or text your Umpire Convenor **asap. Ring the mobile number NOT the home phone as she will more than likely already be at the Courts.**

Remember there is a Cherrybrook team counting on your turning up every single week to umpire a game, no matter what the weather!. If you don't turn up to umpire, then that team risks forfeiting their game and losing points.

What happens if I am late for the game?

HDNA ask that you sign on 30 minutes before the game and you are meant to be Court side 15 minutes before the game starts. So simply, don't be late.

What are the pay scales?

Unbadged New Umpires - \$8 per game

Mentors for New Umpires - \$5 per game

Encouragement Badge and/or Cherrybrook Encouragement Certificate - \$10 per game

Hills Badge and/or First year Umpire Certificate - \$12 per junior game

Hills Badge and/or Second year Umpire Certificate - \$15 per junior game, \$20 per senior game

First year National 'C' Badge - \$22 per game

Second year plus National badged Cherrybrook Club member umpires - \$25 per game

When will I get paid?

Pay day is the last day of the normal competition. After you have umpired your last game you will need to find your Umpire Convenor who will have your pay.

Although your Umpire Convenor will have records of how many games you have umpired, there is a "timesheet" available on the Club website that you can use, to keep your own record of games umpired.

Do I have to wear Umpire whites when I umpire?

HDNA would like to encourage all umpires to wear whites for every game. However it is not compulsory during the normal competition season. You can umpire in your full club uniform. This means no track pants or casual jackets/jumpers. ALL white or ALL Club uniform. Do not mix between the two. During Finals "all white" is compulsory.

Who umpires the Finals?

Experienced National C badged umpires (or higher) are preferred for Finals although in some years experienced Hills and Umpire Certificate umpires have been used as well. HDNA make the final decision regarding who will umpire these games.

What about Carnivals?

There are a number of Carnivals during the Season...see HDNA website. Your Umpire Convenor will contact umpires when there is a need for our Club to supply umpires for Cherrybrook and/or Hills Rep teams.

Finally remember that if you are uncertain about anything you should ask questions. Find a senior Club umpire or any HDNA umpire in Umpire Control as they will be more than happy to assist you. After all you are all on the same team. Team White !!

Umpiring is heaps of fun 😊