

**Fremantle  
Netball  
Association  
Club Umpire  
Handbook  
2025**



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## Introduction

Umpiring is an integral part of netball, without umpires there would be no game. This handbook has been created as a resource for umpires, aspiring umpires, umpire co-ordinators or anyone who wants to learn more about umpiring and its pathway. It covers many aspects of umpiring and how to get involved and what is expected at Fremantle Netball Association (FNA) .

Umpiring at FNA is organised and supported by a huge network of hardworking individuals within our community and would not be possible without them.

Our Umpire Development Officer (AUDO) provides support, education, and a pathway for all umpires in the Association. The FNA Umpire Coordinator works alongside the AUDO to provide support and to provide a link with the committee.

The members of the FNA Umpire Committee, who are nominated at each AGM, work behind the scenes to assist in coaching, talent identification, mentoring, delivery of programs and much more. The FNA Umpire Committee is supported by the FNA Umpire Squad and Academy in the above.

Each Club has an umpire co-ordinator who supports their Club umpires and rosters umpires onto their own games. Each Club has their own structure and programs that works for them and their Club.

This guide is intended to help Clubs, umpire coordinators and umpires to better understand the structure and processes of umpiring at Fremantle Netball Association.

## Contacts

FNA's Association Umpire Development Officer (AUDO) is the primary contact point for Club umpire coordinators during the season and for umpire development matters. For all other matters, Clubs and their umpire coordinators can contact the FNA Office.

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## Role of an Umpire

It is the role of an umpire to ensure a fair and safe game of netball each time they step out onto the court and umpire to the best of their ability. It is the umpire's responsibility to umpire within the Rules of Netball and umpire to the best of their ability in every game they umpire.



Umpires must be confident, knowledgeable, consistent, fair and fit. It is up to the umpire to ensure they are both mentally and physically ready to umpire the game at hand. Please refer to the Rules of Netball 2025 for all specific umpire roles.

### Role of a club Umpire Coordinator.

Club umpire coordinators are a crucial part of umpire development. Club umpire coordinators are required to allocate competent and capable umpires to each of their club allocations. It is important to ensure that all umpires allocated are registered.

Club umpire coordinators are also responsible for running development programs within their clubs and nominating umpires for badging and/ or pathway programs. FNA works very closely with clubs to ensure they are best supported and to assist in the running of umpiring at their clubs. FNA also offer to run free umpire workshops at clubs before and during the season.

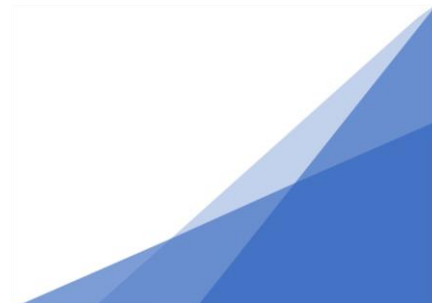
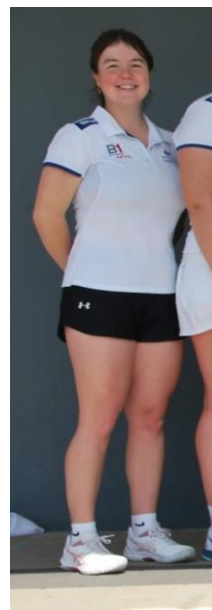
### Dress Code

Club umpire uniform requirements are covered in the FNA **Uniform Policy**, clause 4(c)(i):

*Club umpires are expected to wear suitable attire, including a white umpiring shirt or other designated umpiring uniform. Suitable attire includes:*

- 1) Suitable footwear;*
- 2) Shorts, skirt, or leggings in plain colours.*

Please see photos below for examples of suitably dressed umpires. The AUDO or Association may request that Clubs communicate with one or more of their umpires in relation to suitable umpire attire if it becomes an area of concern.



## Payment Recommendations

FNA has made umpire payment recommendations that we strongly encourage all Clubs to follow, however it is up to each Club to determine how much they pay their umpires. The recommended payments for 2025 are:

<b>Senior matches:</b>	<b>\$35</b>
<b>18U + 16U matches + SET:</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>Juniors + Go:</b>	<b>\$25</b>

In addition to the above, FNA recommends an increase of \$5 per badge level for accredited umpires where appropriate. i.e C Badge received \$5 more, B badge received \$10 more.

Clubs may also consider increasing payments for those umpires who have current accreditations such as the Foundation Umpires Course and a pass mark in the Rules of Netball Theory Exam.

This information is also available on the FNA website:

<https://fremantlenetball.com.au/resources/>

## Umpire Development & Pathway

FNA seeks to provide a clear and comprehensive pathway for umpires at all experience levels and ages, with clear links into the NWA pathway.

We encourage Clubs to facilitate the development of their umpires whilst FNA provides support and offers many Association-run programs and courses.

In addition to programs run by FNA, Clubs can contact the AUDO at any time and request:

- Umpire coaching for individual umpires;
- Courses to be run at the Club for a group of Club umpires;
- The assessment of an umpire for their Badge;
- The viewing of an umpire during match play to assess their readiness for obtaining their C Badge or being selected into an FNA Program;
- Mentoring of umpire coaches.

## FNA Umpire Talent Identification

Umpire talent identification happens both informally and formally throughout the season with the intention to increase the number of umpires engaging in the pathway and umpires may be offered a position in any of the FNA umpiring programs. Please refer to the FNA **Umpire Talent Identification Policy** for more information on the process.

## FNA Programs and Workshops

The aim of all programs and courses run at FNA are to increase the knowledge, confidence and capabilities of umpires within the Association. For more information, or to register, please visit the FNA website <https://fremantlenetball.com.au/umpiring-education/>.





## Programs:

### Junior Umpire Development Program



#### **Cost: \$105**

The aim of the Junior Umpire Development Program (JUDP) is to support entry level umpires in developing umpiring skills and the confidence to umpire. The program is open to umpires aged between 14 and 17 years in the year the program runs.

Registrations for the JUDP open during each season for the following season and prospective participants must attend Phase 1 trials at Representative Team player trials through October and November. Successful umpires are invited to Phase 2 trials in February to trial for a place in the program.

The program includes a theory session to discuss the rules of netball and their application, and a practical component that runs for six weeks during the Winter Competition, during which umpires are coached and supported on games to gain experience and develop their umpiring skills.

### Adult Umpire Development Program

#### **Cost: \$65**

The Adult Umpire Development Program (AUDP) is open to anyone over the age of 17 with any level of umpiring experience. Participants can be beginner umpires, be looking to develop existing umpire experience, or seeking to further their umpire accreditation.

Registrations for AUDP open at the start of the season, and applicants are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

The program includes a theory session and a practical component, which runs for four weeks during Rounds 10 to 13. During the practical component, participants will umpire four matches in total and are coached and supported by FNA umpire coaches.



### Metro Development Umpire Program

#### **Club Nomination/ Invite Program**

The Metro development Umpire Program is run between September and November alongside the Metro Development Competition where pathway athletes compete against other associations. Clubs are asked to nominate their strongest, aspiring badged umpires to be a part of the umpire program. This program consists of umpiring player trials, induction, practical training sessions and 6 rounds of games. These umpires then receive coaching from experienced FNA Squad and Academy umpires. This program forms part of the FNA pathway where umpires are assessed for readiness to move into the FNA umpire Academy or Squad.

### FNA Umpire Academy



### Invite only program

The Umpire Academy is an invite-only program for umpires who have been talent identified by their Clubs or the Association as having the potential to progress through the umpiring pathway.

This year-long program aims to build on the umpire's current skills

and knowledge in umpiring, and the application of their knowledge in the context of the game. Academy participants are strongly encouraged to contribute to their Clubs in both an umpiring and an umpire coach or mentor capacity. We would like to thank Fremantle Ports for their grants for the FNA Umpire Academy to assist in the costs associated with running the program.



### FNA Umpire Squad

#### Invite only program

The FNA Squad is an invite only program for our top performing umpires at the Association. These umpires are usually currently in, or have previously been in, the Netball WA umpire pathway.

Squad umpires engage at the Association through umpiring our top-ranked matches in the Winter Competition, coaching umpires in FNA's development programs and at carnivals, as well as by supporting Club umpires at the Association on match days. They are the friendly faces you see wearing white tracksuit tops.



### Workshops:

**Registration for all workshops are available on the FNA website.**

### School Holiday Umpire Program

**Cost: \$50**

Aimed at school-aged children and beginner-level umpires, this program is a one-day workshop that includes both theoretical and practical components covering the basic rules of netball and umpiring skills and techniques.

There are two School Holiday Umpire Programs being run in 2025:

- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 8:30am to 12:30pm, at FNA Pilatti Pavilion
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025, 8:30am to 12:30pm, at FNA Pilatti Pavilion



## Umpire Rules Discussion + Techniques Workshop

**Cost: FREE**

Aimed at umpires looking for rule knowledge or to refresh their understanding of the rules, this workshop covers all the rules of netball and discusses how to apply them.

There are one Umpire Rules + Techniques workshops being run in 2025:

- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, at FNA Pilatti Pavilion

## Player and Coach Rules Discussion:

**Cost: FREE**

Workshops will be face to face and delivered via teams and designed specifically for players and coaches. These workshops will cover the rules, game management and how players and coaches can implement this understanding in their game.

- Umpires – Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> 2025, 6:30-8pm – FNA Pilatti Pavilion + Teams Online

## Game Management Workshops

**Cost: FREE**



Aimed at umpires, coaches, and players, this workshop discusses how to manage foul play using the game management rules, managing injury time, and the procedures and protocols of play.

There are two Game Management Workshops being run in 2025:

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, at FNA Pilatti Pavilion
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025, 6pm to 8pm, at FNA Pilatti Pavilion

## Umpire Coaching Workshop

**Cost: FREE**

Aimed at umpire coaches, this workshop focusses on the basic skills of umpire error detection and how to deliver feedback to both beginner and C badge-accredited umpires.

There is one Coach the Umpire Coach workshop being run in 2025:

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 6:30pm to 8pm, F2F + Online





## Developing Your C Badge

### **Cost: FREE**

Aimed at C badge umpires, this workshop goes beyond the basics of umpiring and discusses how to take your umpiring to the next level and work toward a B badge.

To participate in this workshop, umpires must have a National C Badge accreditation.

Pre-Requisite: C Badge

There is one Developing Your C Badge workshop being run in 2025:

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025, 6:30pm to 8pm, at FNA Pilatti Pavilion



## Rules in Action

### **Cost: FREE**

Aimed at badged umpires of any level, this workshop looks at examples of rules in the context of the game and sparks discussion around decision-making.

To participate in this workshop, umpires have a minimum of a National C Badge accreditation.

Pre-Requisite: C Badge

- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025, 6:30 to 8pm, at FNA Pilatti Pavilion

## Net Set Go Rules Discussion + Umpiring Techniques

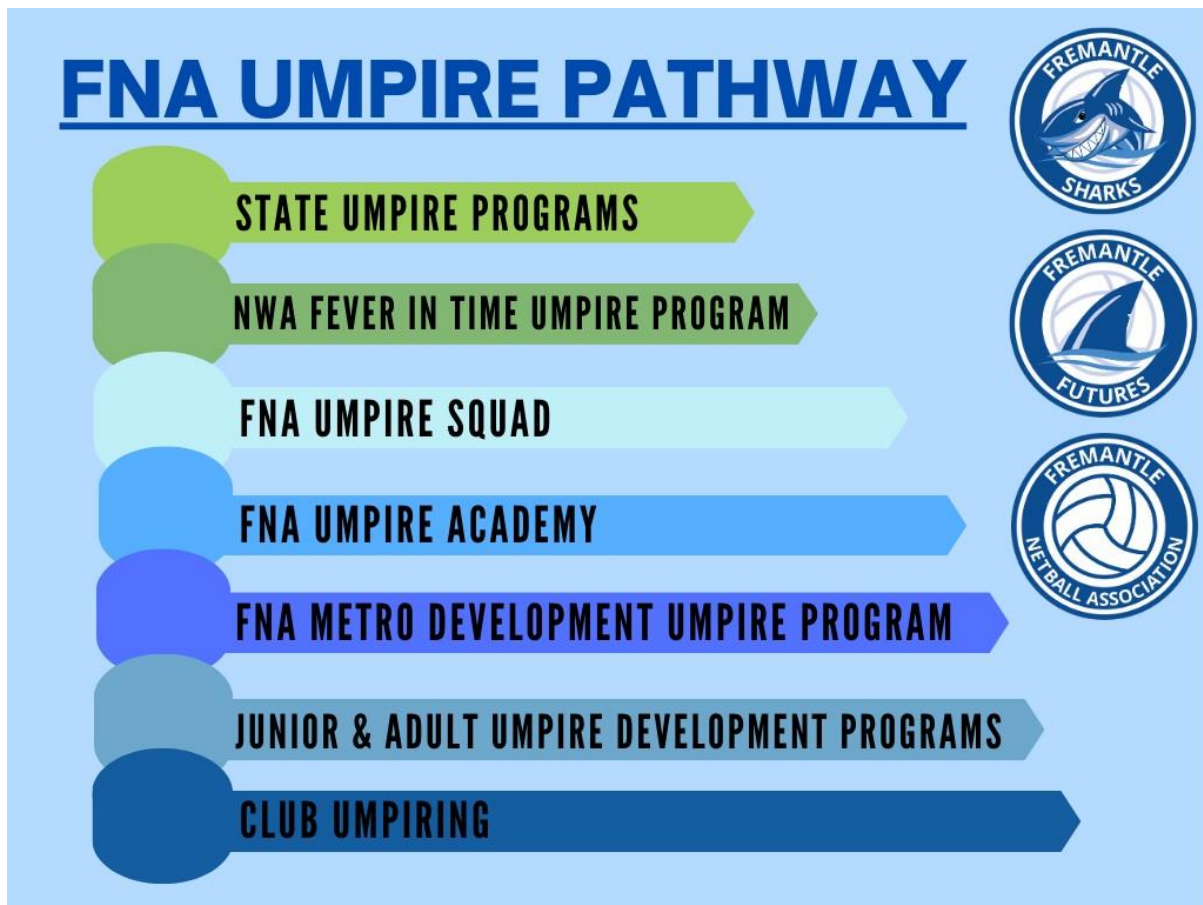
### **Cost: FREE**

Aimed at badged umpires, coaches and team managers of Net Set Go players to help upskill in the rules and requirements of umpires.

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 6:30 to 8pm, at FNA Pilatti Pavilion



## FNA Umpire Pathway



## Accreditations/ National Badges

### Obtaining a National Badge

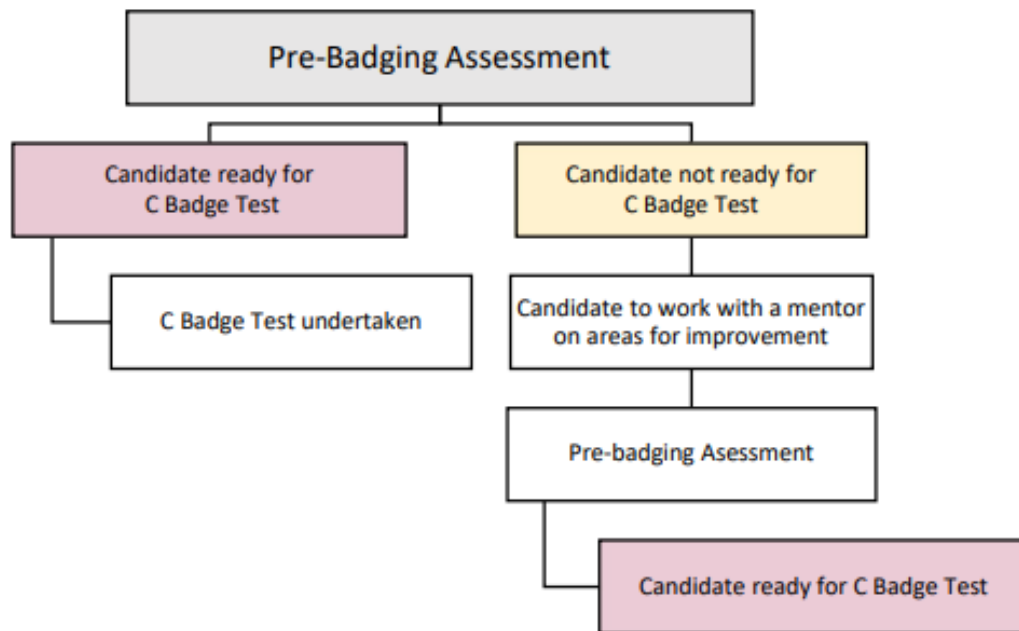
The National Umpire Development Framework (NUDF), details information about obtaining a national badge, pre-requisites and keeping accreditations up to date. This can be found on the Netball Australia website and a direct link can be found in the resources section of this Handbook.

At FNA we have many pathways and processes around obtaining a national badge. If you are a part of a program such as the JUDP, AUDP or Academy, our squad and committee will identify your readiness to be badged as part of this program and you will be put forward for testing when you are ready. Umpires may also be TID on a Saturday while umpiring for their club.

Club umpires are encouraged to communicate with their club umpire co-ordinator that they are eager to develop and receive their badge. The umpire co-ordinator will work with the umpire and/ or get assistance from the AUDO to help achieve this goal. Once a candidate is believed to be ready and all pre-requisites are complete, the Club Umpire Co-ordinator must approach the AUDO. The AUDO will then organise a pre-badging assessment to be completed from a member on the NWA Accredited Testers List. From here the assessors will decide if the candidate is ready for badging or whether the candidate needs further



coaching and experience. The AUDO is then responsible for game and badging panel allocation for the C badge test.



National B badges are the highest level of badge able to be awarded at an association on an Opens 1 or high level Opens 2 game. FNA offers programs and workshops to assist umpires in building on their C badge and moving towards this level. If you want further information on achieving a B badge, please discuss further with the AUDO or an FNA committee member.

National badges are only valid/ considered up to date for 4 years. To keep your badge relevant, you can either achieve the next badge level or achieve a certain amount of continued education points in this time. This can be done through the Netball Learning

C Badge – 20 points	B Badge – 40 Points
Select the ⌵ arrow button to expand the list.	Select the ⌵ arrow button to expand the list.
<b>Practical Umpiring</b> 10 Hours of practical on court umpiring. This is a mandatory requirement worth 10 points.	<b>Practical Umpiring</b> 20 Hours of practical on court umpiring. This is a mandatory requirement worth 20 points.
<b>Rules of Netball Exam</b> Complete the Rules of Netball Theory Exam – 70% or higher. This is a mandatory requirement worth 5 points.	<b>Rules of Netball Exam</b> Complete the Rules of Netball Theory Exam – 70% or higher. This is a mandatory requirement worth 5 points.
<b>Online Courses or Workshops</b> Complete any approved online courses or attend any Netball Aus or Netball WA workshops or courses. These are worth 5 points each.	<b>Online Courses or Workshops</b> Complete any approved online courses or attend any Netball Aus or Netball WA workshops or courses. These are worth 5–10 points each. 10 Points required from this option.
<b>Reaccreditation</b> If all points are obtained prior to the expiry date, the accreditation will automatically roll over into a new 4 year period.	<b>Reaccreditation</b> If all points are obtained prior to the expiry date, the accreditation will automatically roll over into a new 4 year period.
✓ Complete	



System (discussed below) and more information on this can be found on page 13 of the NUDF.

### PlayHQ

All umpires umpiring at Fremantle Netball Association need to be registered on PlayHQ as part of the 2025 Winter Season. It is free to register as an official. This is for insurance purposes and to ensure all umpires are bound by and FNA procedures and policies. **If a club provides an umpire who is not registered on PlayHQ as part of the FNA Winter 2025 season they will be issued with a \$20 fine.** Please get in contact with your Club Registrar or President for a registration link. Registration is free of charge for officials.

### Netball Learning System:

The Netball Learning System is the home of all umpire education, training and accreditations. It is here you can find and complete the Rules of Netball Theory Exam and Foundation Umpires Course as well as enrol in badging assessments and keep accreditations up to date.

The learning system can be accessed here:

<https://learning.netball.com.au/totara/dashboard/>

### Dealing with Difficult Situations

At FNA we have a zero tolerance for any poor/ inappropriate behaviour on or off the court and are here to support umpires in dealing with any difficult situations that may arise.

#### As an umpire:

It is important umpires do their part to prevent these situations and attend workshops such as rules discussions and game management workshops that are offered for free by FNA. It is also important umpires familiarise themselves with the "Foul Play" and the "Actions taken by umpires" section of the Rule Book.

If on court umpires are having difficulty managing poor behaviour, look for a white or blue tracksuit. Call us over and we will be there to assist. If we cannot be found, look for a friendly face and ask them to come to the office and ask us to come up to the court.

#### As a coach or player:

All concerns regarding umpires or unsportsmanlike behaviour happening on court must come directly from the coach or team manager. Please try and find a club committee member to assist in resolving any issues before coming to the office for help. Please ensure when asking for assistance you tell us your team and what the exact concern is so we can help as quickly as we can when we get to the court.

### Umpire Injury

As part of PlayHQ registration (as mentioned above), you can claim for any injuries obtained through umpiring you can claim for through insurance. If you injure yourself while umpiring at Fremantle Netball Association, please attend first aid immediately – if you do not





attend first aid you cannot claim insurance. Please then use this link and follow the instructions to fill out the insurance forms.

Information can also be found on the FNA website. <https://wa.netball.com.au/insurance>

## Additional Resources

FNA Courses: <https://fremantlenetball.com.au/umpiring-education/>

NUDF: <https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2022-05/National-Umpire-Development-Framework-Update-May-2022.pdf>

Badge Competencies: [https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2019-06/2017-Updated-Badge-Competencies\\_29112017.pdf](https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2019-06/2017-Updated-Badge-Competencies_29112017.pdf)

Umpiring Accreditation info: <https://netball.com.au/umpiring-accreditation>

Rules of Netball: [https://netball.sport/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/10214\\_WN\\_NETBALL-RULE-BOOK-MANUAL-2023-v13-RGB-HR.pdf](https://netball.sport/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/10214_WN_NETBALL-RULE-BOOK-MANUAL-2023-v13-RGB-HR.pdf)

FNA Policies: <https://fremantlenetball.com.au/policies/>

Netball Learning System: <https://learning.netball.com.au/login/index.php>

Competition Handbook: <https://learning.netball.com.au/login/index.php>

