



Indoor Netball Federation of Queensland STATE UMPIRING ACCREDITATION

In-house Level:

Current for 5 years

Theory A Test (current 5 years)

Level 1 Umpires course (current 3 years)

Superleague Endorsed:

Superleague Level – Current for 5 years

Theory A Test (current 5 years whereby 2 accreditation points are kept across those 5 years – see below for details)

Level 1 Umpires Course (current 5 years)

INFQ Event or Tournament (attendance once during current 5 years – optional)

State Level 1 – 3:

Junior State Level 1 to 3 – Current for 3 years

Open State Level 1 to 3 – Current for 3 years

Theory A Test (current for 5 years whereby 3 accreditation points are kept across those 5 years – see below for details)

Level 2 Umpires Course (current 5 years)

State 1 and State 2 – INFQ Event or Tournament (attendance once during current 3 years)

State 3 – INFQ Event or Tournament (attendance at 2 tournaments during the current 3 year period)

Accreditation Points System:

This is not to take away from the high level of knowledge that we require from our umpires, it is to help simplify the accreditation process for those senior umpires who are actively involved in our sport. It does not take away from the mandatory practical testing component.

To maintain their umpiring accreditation theory component, it is required that Senior candidates (State level 1,2,3) earn/maintain 3 accreditation points each calendar year and other candidates (Superleague Endorsed and Inhouse Umpires) earn/maintain 2 accreditation points each year.

Accreditation points can be earned by the following:

- Complete a Theory A exam with a pass mark of 80% or more – 1 point for 5 years that the test is valid.
- Attend a Level 1 Course (Inhouse and Junior Course) – 1 point
- Attend a Level 2 Course (Inhouse looking to move through to Superleague or Superleague Umpires) – 1 point
- Attend a Level 3 Course (State Levels/National Levels) – 2 points
- Assist as a course presenter at any umpiring course at the request of the Umpires Director/Umpires Committee – 1 point

- Umpire at least 2 games on more than 10 rounds of Superleague in a season across either Division 1 or 2 – 1 point
- Attend and umpire 4+ games at a INFQ Event or tournament including Superleague final series – 1 point
- Attend and umpire a State Trials event – 1 point
- Attend and umpire 10+ games at a Nationals tournament (Aged, Opens, Super Nationals or Junior Nationals) – 2 points
- Attend and umpire at an International Tournament – 2 points

Should the mandatory 2 or 3 accreditation points not be earned in a calendar year then the Candidate would be placed on Accreditation probation meaning they may have their umpiring level reviewed by the Umpires Director/Assistant Umpires Director and may be given an extension where there are extenuating circumstances otherwise the Candidate would be dropped down 1 level, if they are already at the base level then their accreditation could become expired. The Candidate would be given the opportunity for reply before any changes were made to a Candidates level.

Accreditation points are not transferrable from year to year so you cannot earn 5 points this year and then carry 2 over to the following year.

National Attendance

Theory B Test (current 3 years)

National level attained is current for a 3 year period. National levels are separate to State Levels and are not transferrable. These details are subject to change without notice as they are managed by Indoor Netball Australia.

Courses –

Level 1 – aimed at new and beginning, junior or inhouse umpires. To be held at least once a year.

Level 2 – aimed at Superleague umpires and those wishing to develop further towards entry State levels. To be held at least once per year.

Level 3 – aimed at State development with the purpose of achieving excellence and to work towards National development. To be held every 2/3 years or as often as possible in line with State Trainings. Developing umpires may also be asked to attend these sessions at the request of the Umpires Director.

(While courses are aimed to be held at the above periods, this is dependent on centres nominating and requesting for these courses to be held and or centre and umpire availability. The Umpires Committee cannot guarantee that courses will be held, however will make all possible attempts to ensure that they are.

Testing Criteria (Refer to INFQ Testing Matrix Appendix)

Inhouse level can be tested by a co-ordinator, qualified tester or Umpires Director on any inhouse game at any centre. Candidate can be retested as many times throughout the year.

Junior Superleague or Open Superleague Endorsement can be tested at a Superleague event by 1 qualified tester and the opposing Superleague Co-ordinator or Umpires Director however should the opposing Superleague co-ordinator decline to be involved then 1 tester will be valid. Candidate can be retested at any time during the Superleague Season.

If unsuccessful the Candidate can be retested at the next Superleague event. Should a Candidate who has already achieved their Superleague Endorsement and is then being retested for their Superleague Accreditation be unsuccessful, a 6 week probation period would be granted for the candidate to be retested. Should there be less than 6 weeks in the season remaining then it would need to be discussed by the Umpires Director/Assistant Umpires Director and a decision would then be made.

Testing requests for Superleague need to be made to the INFQ Umpires Director/Assistant Umpires Director and the INFQ Office with no less than 4 weeks' notice and the candidate must have completed their Theory A Exam prior to the test being completed. No tests submitted within the 4-week window will be considered unless under exceptional circumstances or another test is already being held that night and the tester/s are available to screen the additional candidate. Candidates must then also have completed or plan to attend an Umpires course in a reasonable timeframe for them to receive the full 5 year period of the accreditation. Until such time that all requirements (Theory A and Course attendance) are met the Candidate will be placed on a probationary level which gives the Candidate 1 year to complete all the requirements or else the accreditation will be removed.

Junior State Levels can be tested by 2 qualified testers at the Junior State Championships which are normally held in the September school holiday period. These levels are only able to be given during the Junior State Championship tournaments and cannot be retested through the year.

State 1: to be tested by 2 qualified testers as set by the Umpires Director/Assistant Umpires Director. Can be tested at an INFQ Event or Tournament. Can be retested once at each tournament during that current year. If the Candidate is a State 1 and fails to be retested before their accreditation expires at the required tournaments (without a valid exemption approved by the INFQ Executive Committee) then they will have their accreditation downgraded to a Superleague Endorsed.

State 2: to be tested by 2 qualified testers as set by the Umpires Director/Assistant Umpires Director. Can be tested at an INFQ Event or Tournament. Can be retested once at each tournament during that current year. If the Candidate is a State 2 and fails to be retested at the required tournaments before their accreditation expires (without a valid exemption approved by the INFQ Executive Committee) then they will have their accreditation downgraded to a State 1.

State 3: to be tested by 3 qualified testers as set by the Umpires Director/Assistant Umpires Director. Can be tested at an INFQ Event or Tournament as deemed suitable by the Umpires Director. Can be retested once at each tournament during that current year. To achieve or maintain a State 3 level the candidate must be active involved and maintain the required accreditation points. If a State 3 fails to uphold these requirements or fails to be retested at the required tournaments before their accreditation expires (without a valid exemption approved by the INFQ

Executive Committee) then they will have their accreditation downgraded to a State 2.

National Levels are only awarded by attendance at National tournaments which require you to nominate and then be selected to tour away with our travelling teams. These are held all around the country and are normally 3 times a year, Aged, Open and Juniors or sometimes Aged and Opens can be combined into a Super Nationals event, that is decided by Indoor Netball Australia.

Should any Candidate not be available for testing when approaching their expiry date, then an email can be sent to both the Umpires Director and info@infq.com.au which will then be forwarded to the INFQ Executive Committee for their consideration. For example, if a Candidate was recovering from an injury, a doctor/surgeons letter could be included with the request if the Candidate thought necessary. The Executive committee would then assess the request with the recommendation from the Umpires Director/Assistant Umpires Director if requested and then a response be provided to the Candidate once the INFQ Executive Committee had made their decision.

GUIDELINES FOR THE TESTING OF INHOUSE UMPIRES

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| Appearance | - Neat and Tidy. |
| Manner | - Firm but pleasant. |
| Control | - The Umpire should attempt to be in control of the game. |
| Voice | - Loud and clear for the players to be able to hear and begin to show an understanding of hand signals. |
| Whistle | - Clear blasts. |
| Terminology | - Try to be in the best position to see infringements. - Show some attempt at repositioning |
| Positioning | - Try to be in the best position to see infringements. - Show some attempt at repositioning |
| General Infringements | - To be able to recognise and penalise most infringements. |
| Centre Passes | - Call and control centre passes. |
| Toss Up | - To be able to correctly do toss ups. |
| Advantage Rule | - Be aware of and begin to apply. |
| Contact/Obstruction | - Recognise and penalise most infringements. - Have a basic understanding of "fair contest" - Maintain a consistent 3ft/0.9m. |
| Net Abuse | - Recognise and penalise major net abuse infringements. |

GUIDELINES FOR THE TESTING OF “JUNIOR STATE 1” UMPIRES

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| Appearance | - Dress should be neat and appropriate. |
| Manner | - Firm but pleasant. |
| Control | - The Umpire should attempt to be in control of the game. |
| Voice | - Loud and clear for the players to be able to hear. - Show an understanding of hand signals. |
| Whistle | - Clear, short blasts. |
| Terminology | - Show some knowledge and attempt to use. |
| Positioning | - Must always try to be in the best possible position to see Infringements when they occur and penalise. - Reposition to get into a better position at times. |
| General Infringements | - To be able to recognise and penalise most infringements where necessary. |
| Centre Passes | - Call and Control centre passes. |
| Toss Up | - To be able to correctly control in accordance with the rule book |
| Advantage Rule | - Be aware of and begin to apply on a regular basis. |
| Contact/Obstruction | - Recognise and penalise infringements as they occur. - Show a basic understanding of “fair contest”. - Maintain a consistent 3ft/0.9m. |
| Net Abuse | - Know the Net Abuse Rule and penalise accordingly. |

GUIDELINES FOR THE TESTING OF “JUNIOR STATE 2” UMPIRES

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| Appearance | - Dress should be neat and appropriate. |
| Manner | - Firm, confident and pleasant. |
| Control | - The Umpire should at most times be in control of the game. |
| Voice | - Loud and clear for the players to be able to hear. - Show and use of the majority hand signals. |
| Whistle | - Clear, short blasts showing the ability to use some control with their whistle. |
| Terminology | - Show moderate terminology and attempt to use. |
| Positioning | - Must attempt to always be in the best possible position to secure a clear vision and to recognise and penalise infringements including off the ball. - Repositioning often to see infringements. |
| General Infringements | - To be able to recognise and penalise all major infringements with the knowledge of major vs minor. |
| Centre Passes | - Call, control and indicate most Centre Passes. |
| Toss Up | - To be able to correctly control in accordance with the rule book |
| Advantage Rule | - Be aware of and apply the Advantage Rule wherever possible as to not disadvantage the non-offending team. |
| Contact/Obstruction | - Penalise most of the infringements or apply the Advantage Rule. - The Umpire should allow “Fair Contest” to occur wherever possible. - Attempt to maintain a consistent 3ft/0.9m at all times. |
| Net Abuse | - Know the Net Abuse Rule thoroughly and penalise accordingly. |

GUIDELINES FOR THE TESTING OF “JUNIOR STATE 3” UMPIRES

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| Appearance | - Dress should be neat and appropriate. |
| Manner | - Firm, confident, controlled and pleasant. |
| Control | - The Umpire must always be in control of the game. |
| Voice | - Loud and clear for the players to be able to hear. - Show and use confidently all hand signals. |
| Whistle | - Clear, short blasts showing great control with their whistle. |
| Terminology | - Show developed terminology and attempt to use. |
| Positioning | - Must always be in the best possible position to secure a clear vision to recognise and penalise all infringements including early vision and off the ball. - Repositioning consistently to see all players and reposition when necessary. |
| General Infringements | - To be able to recognise and penalise all major and minor infringements. |
| Centre Passes | - Call, control and indicate all Centre Passes. |
| Toss Up | - To be able to correctly control in accordance with the rule book |
| Advantage Rule | - Understand and apply the Advantage Rule wherever possible as to not disadvantage the non-offending team. |
| Contact/Obstruction | - Penalise all of the infringements or apply the Advantage Rule. - The Umpire should allow “Fair Contest” to occur consistently. - Maintain a consistent 3ft/0.9m at all times consistently throughout the court. |
| Net Abuse | - Know the Net Abuse Rule thoroughly and penalise accordingly. |