



Umpires Convenor Manual 2026

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1. CDNA UMPIRING MISSION STATEMENT

CDNA is committed to fostering a strong “Team White” culture, ensuring fairness, integrity, and respect in umpiring. We support and develop umpires at all levels through education, mentorship, and collaboration, promoting excellence and professionalism in the sport.

2. CDNA UMPIRING OBJECTIVES

- Provide well-trained, fit umpires capable of officiating local netball games.
- Work with Club Umpire Convenors to develop and nurture umpiring at all levels.
- Establish correct techniques by disseminating rules and their interpretations.
- Attract resources to support umpire development.
- Facilitate a network to assist clubs in umpire development.
- Equip umpires with the skills and techniques necessary for officiating.

3. CDNA UMPIRING COMMITMENT

The CDNA as an association is committed to achieving high-quality umpires by:

- Working in partnership with clubs to promote learning.
- Striving for excellence.
- Drawing on best practices.

4. UMPIRE CODE OF ETHICS & BEHAVIOUR

Umpires shall:

- Respect the dignity of all people.
- Umpire to the Rules without fear or favour.
- Uphold the standards of umpiring.

Umpires must adhere to the Netball Australia and [Netball NSW Code of Behaviour](#), including:

- Officiating in accordance with the Rules of the Game.

- Treating all participants with respect.
- Prioritising player safety and welfare.
- Maintaining a high standard of conduct and professionalism.

5. 2026 UMPIRE COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

- CONVENOR'S ONLY MESSENGER GROUP <https://m.me/j/AbZR9s0lNYU7Zbyk/>
- ALL UMPIRES: STACK TEAM APP - Search “**CAMPBELLTOWN NETBALL UMPIRES**” or <https://campbelltownnetballumpires.teamapp.com/>
- OTHER: FACEBOOK GROUP - CDNA UMPIRES
<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/15qqBg9EJ6/>
- EMAIL: CDNAUMPIRES@GMAIL.COM

6. CDNA UMPIRES COMMITTEE

The CDNA committee is structured as per the by-laws. Coordinated by the CDNA Umpire's Coordinator, the sub-committee will be comprised of umpire's appointed by the coordinator.

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2025 Committee

Lucia McGlone

National B | Specialisation: Junior & Senior Developing Umpires

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National C | Specialisation: Ghost Umpire Academy & Representative Carnival Liaison

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7. UMPIRES COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Support clubs in training and mentoring umpires.
- Provide information sessions for umpires.
- Roster umpires for finals series.
- With the assistance of suitably qualified umpires, assess umpires to determine their suitability to be awarded the next level of accreditation/badge.
- Ensure paperwork for national accreditation is submitted in a timely manner.

8. CLUB UMPIRE CONVENOR ROLE

Minimum Qualifications:

- Passed the Rules of Netball Theory Examination (70%+).
- MUST HAVE Safeguarding Children & Young People course

It is preferred that the club umpire's convenor have some umpiring experience and completed the **online Foundation Umpire's Course** but it is not required.

They shall have the following:

- Enthusiasm and a proactive approach.
- Strong organisational and planning skills.
- Effective communication – fostering positive and constructive interactions.
- A willingness to learn and continuously improve.
- Open-mindedness and adaptability.
- A sense of humour to maintain a positive team environment.
- The ability to remain calm and composed under pressure.
- A supportive and understanding personal network.

Responsibilities

- A key responsibility of the Club Umpire Convenor is to advocate for the growth and development of umpires, emphasising their critical role in maintaining the integrity and quality of the game.
- Responsibilities may vary based on the size and structure of the club's umpiring team.
- The Club Umpire Convenor should work closely with the Club Secretary and CDNA Umpires' Committee to ensure a well-structured and effective umpiring program.
- The Club Umpire Convenor holds a leadership position within the club and plays a key role in setting the tone for umpiring standards across all age groups and levels.
- Effective planning and organisation are essential to ensuring a smooth and successful Club Umpiring Program, fostering a culture of pride and excellence in umpiring.

9. CLUB CONVENOR CONTACTS

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11. CDNA UMPIRING CALENDAR – 2026

All dates and meetings can be found on the CDNA website

Umpiring specific dates can be found in [Appendix 1](#).

Link: <https://www.cdna.com.au/calendar/>

12. UMPIRE ADMINISTRATION

- Each club must provide one umpire per team.
- Clubs are responsible for their own umpiring allocations.
- Unfilled umpiring duties may result in penalties.
- If you are unable to cover a team with a suitable umpire from your own club, an umpire from an alternate club may be used. Please advertise via messenger group, facebook CDNA umpire's group, Stack Team App, seeking support in-person or messaging umpire's privately.
- Umpires must be registered with Netball NSW and CDNA to umpire CDNA competition games

12.1 2026 UMPIRE CLEARANCES & TEAM LIST

All club convenors must submit a 2026 Club Umpire List. Once the list has been submitted clearances will be granted for each umpire. Automatic clearances may be given otherwise clearances will be issued by Round 3 after the committee have had the opportunity to view the umpire. The umpire list must include all umpires including those who are unbadged and also include coaches/mentors.

Initial form is due before 27/3/2026

Link to form  **2026 Umpire Team List & Clearance Form**

An updated form must be sent to CDNAUMPIRES@GMAIL.COM for all new umpires throughout the season.

Please include club convenors information on the club umpire record.

13. PENALTIES

Failure to provide umpires or comply with rules may result in penalties and fines as per the playing without penalties handbook and CDNA By-laws.

If there is no umpire at a game, the team with no umpire will forfeit immediately as per the INF rules of netball

UMPIRE FRAMEWORK

**TALK TO CLUB
CONVENOR ABOUT
UMPIRING**

PURCHASE A
WHITE SHIRT AND
WHISTLE

**COMPLETE
GHOST UMPIRE
ACADEMY**
OR CLUB BEGINNER
UMPIRE'S PROGRAM

WHILE COMPLETING GUA:

- COMPLETE **UMPIRE FOUNDATION COURSE**
- UNDERTAKE **UMPIRE RULES OF NETBALL EXAM**

ACHIEVE 70% PASS MARK

**START UMPIRING
APPROPRIATE
COMPETITION
GAMES**

RECEIVE COACHING
AND MENTORING

**NATIONAL C
PRACTICAL
ASSESSMENT**

RECEIVE COACHING
AND MENTORING

- MOVE UP TO NAT C LEVEL GAMES
- CONSIDER ACADEMY & REP CARNIVALS
- COMPLETE **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN MODULE**

ACHIEVE ASSOCIATION 1 BADGE

RECEIVE COACHING
AND MENTORING

- MOVE UP TO HIGHER LEVEL GAMES
- ATTENDING REP CARNIVALS

ACHIEVE ASSOCIATION 2 BADGE

RECEIVE COACHING
AND MENTORING

ACHIEVE NATIONAL C BADGE

RECEIVE COACHING
AND MENTORING.

- UMPIRE JST OR SST, REP CARNIVALS AND TRAINING GAMES
- KEEP ACCREDITATION CURRENT

**UMPIRE
DIV 1 OR
DIV 2**

RECEIVE COACHING
AND MENTORING

- COMPLETE
**INTERMEDIATE
UMPIRE'S COURSE**
- UMPIRE JST OR SST,
REP CARNIVALS AND
TRAINING GAMES
- METRO
LEAGUE/SUMMER
SERIES

**NATIONAL B
PRACTICAL
ASSESSMENT**

ACHIEVE NATIONAL B BADGE

**NEW!
ADVANCED
ONLINE UMPIRE
COURSE**

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MOVE INTO
NETBALL
NSW
PATHWAYS

14.1 GHOST UMPIRES ACADEMY

CDNA encourages clubs to offer introductory umpiring programs for beginner umpires. To assist clubs without the personnel or capacity to offer their own introductory program, CDNA offers the Ghost Umpiring Academy.

Ghost Umpiring Academy is a 4-8 week program with specific session plans which teaches the umpires specific rules and skills that help them gain confidence to start umpiring competition games. Ghost Umpiring Academy for 2026 will be run by the CDNA umpires committee and assistance will be sought from experienced and developing umpires to assist with coaching.

A more comprehensive program has been developed and additional checklists have also been developed to ensure we are moving to the next stage appropriately.

14.2 ASSOCIATION BADGES COMPETENCIES

Before taking the court each umpire must have:

- Current rules of netball exam with a pass of 70%
- Completed Foundation Umpires Course
- Completed Safeguarding Children & Young People course

A1 and A2 Badge Competencies have been re-written to be aligned with the National Netball Development Framework. These can be found in [Appendix 4](#). ***All association badged umpires are expected to receive ongoing coaching.***

14.3 NATIONAL NETBALL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

NATIONAL C BADGES

MUST have the following before assessment:

- Completed Foundation Umpires Course
- Current Rules of netball exam with a pass mark of 70%
- Completed Safeguarding Children & Young People course

NATIONAL B BADGES

MUST have the following before assessment:

- Completed Intermediate Umpires Course
- Current Rules of netball exam with a pass mark of 80%
- Completed Safeguarding Children & Young People course

MAINTAINING ACCREDITATION

It is the responsibility of the individual umpire to maintain their national badge accreditation. Instructions can be found on the Netball Australia Learning Centre or in the 2025 Development Framework. Accreditations are required to be renewed every 4 years.

14.4 REPRESENTATIVE UMPIRE OPPORTUNITIES

REPRESENTATIVE CARNIVALS - dates in [Appendix 2](#)

- All Club Convenors and Umpires will be given a list of Representative Carnivals CDNA teams are attending.
- Club Convenors are asked to put forward umpires wanting to attend each carnival.
- If a club has more than 1 umpire attending, it would be nice to see the club convenor attend to help support their umpires.
- CDNA will endeavour to provide at least 1 umpire coach for each rep carnival with the support of the Club Convenors.
- On request of the CDNA executive, it is expected that umpires representing Campbelltown at Rep Carnivals will be in Campbelltown Association Attire NOT club attire to ensure easy recognition by Netball NSW Delegates/Scouts.

Other representative opportunities include Representative Training Games & Trials.

14.5 HIGH PERFORMING UMPIRES AT CDNA

- Identified umpires receive mentoring, coaching and are targeted for appropriate development opportunities including but not limited to: Representative training games, Metro League training games and trials, Junior State Titles, Senior State Titles and any other high performing pathways that may open for our umpires.
- These umpire's will be nominated for appropriate Netball NSW Pathways such as Summer Series and Metro League.
- Selection is based on competency and willingness to develop.
- Coaching and Mentoring support will still be available to other umpires.

14.6 JUNIOR AND SENIOR STATE TITLES

Junior and Senior State Titles are annual hallmark representative competitions. These competitions span across 3 days at various venues in NSW. CDNA will put out internal nomination forms for high performing umpires and Club Convenors to nominate

umpires. Pending availability and performance Association level and other events umpires will be nominated at a Netball NSW level by the CDNA committee.

As per Netball NSW policy umpires must hold at minimum a current National C badge.

It is expected that all umpires representing Campbelltown will look professional and keep their uniforms neat and tidy. On request of the CDNA executive, it is expected that umpires representing Campbelltown at JST and SST will be in Campbelltown Association Attire to ensure easy recognition by Netball NSW Delegates/Scouts and umpire wearing either a CDNA umpire's uniform or Netball NSW uniform depending on Netball NSW policy.

If it is the umpire's first time umpiring a State Titles we suggest they start with Junior State Titles. Being a large metropolitan association we receive requests from Regional Associations to assist in covering their teams, there may be an opportunity to umpire for other associations other than Campbelltown in the Division 3 or 4 competitions.

Senior State Titles June 6 Sat - 8 Mon

Baulkham Hills (Div 3 + 4) & Penrith (Div 1 + 2)

Internal Nominations due: 1/04/2026

Internal EOI:

<https://forms.gle/yyVuYUqvN1xcjAP98>

Junior State Titles July 4 Sat - 6 Mon

Campbelltown (1&2) & Camden (3&4)

Internal Nominations due: 1/5/2026

Internal EOI:

<https://forms.gle/JjR6e7WGP5kXAZXA9>

14.7 NETBALL NSW PATHWAYS

Netball NSW pathways include: Metro League, Summer Series, Regional Academy, NSW Masters, Developing Umpiring Program These are all on a selection basis by Netball NSW or the managing Regional Academy. Association Convenors get little to no input into the selection process. It is recommended that umpires interested in going through the pathways speak to the committee for more information.

14.8 CDNA 2026 BADGING MATRIX

The preliminary badging matrix will be released within the first few weeks of competition. It will be revised at the end of the first full run-through of the draw so that the committee have a good understanding of the level of competition and skill in each division and grade. A final badging matrix for 2025 will be released accordingly. The Badging Matrix remains subject to change at any point pending re-grades or changes to the competition structure.

14.9 ASSOCIATION BADGING REQUESTS PROCEDURE

Club Convenors must submit a badging request for their umpire. Club Convenors may also receive a request from the CDNA umpires committee to put a badging request in for an umpire.

Association Badging requests must be submitted by Wednesday 7pm before the next game. The CDNA committee will advise if badging will occur as requested or will need to be another week. The google form must be completed with all required information before badging can occur. Please ensure to include court numbers and times.

Post-assessment all candidates will be provided with feedback or coaching. For national badged umpires - formal written feedback using the badge competencies will be provided on request.

14.10 NATIONAL BADGING ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

Instead of a badging request, a National Badge Development EOI form has been created. This is so umpires can register their intention to work towards their next badge and the committee and club convenors can assist and plan accordingly. This replaces a badging request and we will work with the umpire and club convenors to ensure development goals are met.

NATIONAL C

As per Netball Australia guidelines, they must be assessed on a game of standard with a panel consisting of a National C badge umpire who has held their qualification for at least 2 years and a National B or A badged umpire who has held their qualification for at least 2 years. One test panel can only assess 1 umpire at a time. The decision to award the badge must be unanimous. At the association level, Umpires wishing to be assessed for a National Badge C badge must umpire at least 3 games of any combo of Grad A's, Div 4 or above.

NATIONAL B

As per Netball Australia guidelines, they must be assessed on a game of standard with a panel consisting of a National B badge umpire who has held their qualification for at least 2 years and a National A or higher badged umpire who has held their qualification for at least 2 years. One test panel can only assess 1 umpire at a time. The decision to award the badge must be unanimous. Umpires wishing to be assessed for a National Badge B badge must umpire at least 3 games of any combo of Div 1 or Div 2.

Post-assessment all candidates will be provided with feedback or coaching. For national badged umpires - formal written feedback using the badge competencies will be provided on request.

2026 Change: NSW requires that National B candidates upload their completed testing sheet themselves. CDNA Assessors will email a copy of their completed form to the successful umpire. Please note accreditation will not start till after it has been processed by NSW.

15. UMPIRING PAYMENTS

Umpire payments must be arranged between the club, team and umpire. It is at the discretion of each club in how much they pay per game and badging level. Payments for umpires who attend representative carnivals and Junior and Senior State Titles will be advised of payment amount prior to engagement of the activity and will be paid by the end of the winter competition season. 2026 Representative Umpire Payments Outlined in [Appendix 3](#).

16. PROCEDURES & PROTOCOLS

- Umpires must be prepared with the necessary attire and equipment.
- Injury stoppages follow INF Rules of Netball.
- Forfeits are as per by-laws and/or INF Rules of Netball.

17. SPRING COMPETITION

- Limited support from the CDNA umpires committee will be available in the 2025 Spring Competition.
- No badging is intended to occur in the spring competition. This is subject to change pending availability and circumstances.

18. FINALS SERIES UMPIRES

- Clubs must provide umpires for finals series.
- Umpire allocations will be communicated in advance.
- Fines apply for failure to supply required umpires.
- Final Series Umpires must be submitted as per the online form provided to club convenors by the dates outlined in the CDNA calendar.

19. CDNA UMPIRING UNIFORM

Guidelines as per Netball NSW policy and CDNA by-laws

- White shirt and black or white bottoms (skirt or shirts)
- Tights NOT permitted
- White shirt can be Netball NSW, CDNA, Club or plain. Preferably with a collar.
- CDNA umpiring uniform is available to purchase from the CDNA Umpire's Convenor.

Appendix 1: Umpiring Key Dates 2026

Tue 10 Feb 2026	Pre-season Ghost Umpire Academy 6 - 7.15pm	Sat 30 May 2026	Umpire Get Together 1 TBC
Tue 17 Feb 2026	Pre-season Ghost Umpire Academy 6 - 7.15pm	Sun 31 May 2026	Kiama Rep Carnival
Sun 22 Feb 2026	Pre-season Umpire Session 10 - 1 pm	Sun 31 May 2026	Liverpool Development Carnival
Mon 16 Feb 2026	Convenor Meeting 1	Sat 06 Jun 2026	Senior State Titles
Tue 24 Feb 2026	Pre-season Ghost Umpire Academy 6 - 7.15pm	Sun 07 Jun 2026	Senior State Titles
Tue 03 Mar 2026	Pre-season Ghost Umpire Academy 6 - 7.15pm	Mon 08 Jun 2026	Senior State Titles
Tue 10 Mar 2026	Pre-season Ghost Umpire Academy 6 - 7.15pm	Sun 14 Jun 2026	Penrith Development Carnival
Sun 15 Mar 2026	Gosford Rep Carnival	Sat 20 Jun 2026	Convenor Meeting 4
Tue 17 Mar 2026	Pre-season Ghost Umpire Academy 6 - 7.15pm	Sun 21 Jun 2026	Campbelltown Rep Carnival
Mon 23 Mar 2026	Convenor Meeting 2	Sat 27 Jun 2026	Umpire Get Together 2 TBC
Thu 26 Mar 2026	Pre-season Umpire Briefing (Online, TBC)	Sat 04 Jul 2026	Junior State Titles
Sat 28 Mar 2026	Season Starts	Sun 05 Jul 2026	Junior State Titles
Sun 29 Mar 2026	Penrith Rep Carnival	Mon 06 Jul 2026	Junior State Titles
Tue 31 Mar 2026	Pre-season Ghost Umpire Academy (TBC)	Sat 11 Jul 2026	No Game
Sat 11 Apr 2026	Major Bye – Umpire Education Session (TBC)	Sat 25 Jul 2026	Convenor Meeting 5
Sat 02 May 2026	In-season Ghost Umpire Academy (TBC)	Sun 09 Aug 2026	Semi Allocations Due 7pm
Sun 03 May 2026	Camden Rep Carnival	Sat 15 Aug 2026	SEMI FINAL
Sat 09 May 2026	In-season Ghost Umpire Academy (TBC)	Sun 16 Aug 2026	Final Allocations Due 7pm
Sat 16 May 2026	In-season Ghost Umpire Academy (TBC)	Sat 22 Aug 2026	FINALS
Sun 24 May 2026	Baulkham Hills Rep Carnival	Sun 23 Aug 2026	Grand Final Allocations Due 7pm
Sat 23 May 2026	In-season Ghost Umpire Academy (TBC)	Sat 29 Aug 2026	GRAND FINAL
Sat 23 May 2026	Convenor Meeting 3	Sat 12 Sep 2026	CDNA Dinner

Appendix 2: Representative Carnival Dates 2026

Rep Carnival Dates 2026 ***subject to change***			
Location	Sunday	Teams	Umpire's required
Gosford	15/03/26	12's, 13's, 14's, 15's	4-6
Penrith	29/03/26	12's, 13's, 14's, 15	4-6
Camden	03/05/26	2x11's, 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's	6-7
Liverpool	17/05/26	12's, 13's, 14's, 15's	4-6
Baulkham Hills	25/05/26	12's, 13's, 14's, 15's	4-6
Kiama	31/05/26	13's	1
Liverpool Dev	31/05/26	2x11's	2-3
Penrith Dev	14/06/26	2x11's	2-3
Campbelltown	21/06/26	2x11's, 12's, 13's, 14's	5-7 + regional
CDNA Gala Day 10 TIP	26/07/26	10 TIP x 2-3	2-3 + coach

Appendix 3: Umpire Payments for Rep Teams 2026

Event/Type	Payment
Illawarra Metro League Round Robin	\$50 for event; EFT post event
Metro League Training Games	\$30 per event, EFT post event
Representative Carnivals	\$75 per carnival, EFT post event
State Titles (food and coaching provided and accommodation if necessary)	\$100 per day, EFT post event
Saturday Regular Competition Games for Junior Representative Sides	\$30 per game paid in cash on the day
10 TIP @ CDNA Club Gala	\$100 for event, EFT post event

Appendix 4: 2026 Badging Competencies

ASSOCIATION BADGE COMPETENCIES			NETBALL AUSTRALIA	
COMMUNICATION AND GAME MANAGEMENT	ASSOCIATION 2	ASSOCIATION 1	NATIONAL C	NATIONAL B
conducts pre-match checks	USUALLY	USUALLY	USUALLY	CONSISTENTLY
uses firm, decisive and clearly audible whistle	LOUD WHISTLE & VOICE	SOMETIMES	USUALLY	CONSISTENTLY
uses correct terminology and hand signals to penalise infringements and set and manage sanctions	NOT EXPECTED	SOMETIMES	USUALLY	CONSISTENTLY
accurately keeps centre passes and signals goals	SOMETIMES	USUALLY	USUALLY	CONSISTENTLY
manages stoppages effectively	NOT EXPECTED	SOMETIMES	SOMETIMES	USUALLY
manages late arrivals/failure to take the court effectively	NOT EXPECTED	NOT EXPECTED	SOMETIMES	USUALLY
addresses instances of foul play/discipline of team officials and bench players appropriately	NOT EXPECTED	NOT EXPECTED	NOT EXPECTED	SOMETIMES
works well with co-umpire	SOMETIMES	SOMETIMES	SOMETIMES	USUALLY
uses possession call to provide clarification to players	NOT EXPECTED	NOT EXPECTED	NOT EXPECTED	USUALLY
POSITIONING, VISION AND TIMING	ASSOCIATION 2	ASSOCIATION 1	NATIONAL C	NATIONAL B
Positions level with or slightly ahead of the ball on the sideline; times movement to goal line in relation to play	OCCASIONALLY	SOMETIMES	USUALLY	CONSISTENTLY
Readjusts position quickly and competently when play changes direction or pace	NOT EXPECTED	NOT EXPECTED	SOMETIMES	USUALLY
Uses vision to take a clear view of the court area where the ball is, and the players in the immediate vicinity	NOT EXPECTED	SOMETIMES	USUALLY	CONSISTENTLY
Uses vision to look away from the ball; identify and acknowledge infringements behind and ahead of play	NOT EXPECTED	NOT EXPECTED	NOT EXPECTED	USUALLY

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Reaction time is appropriate to game standard and is consistent throughout the court and the game	NOT EXPECTED	SOMETIMES	USUALLY	USUALLY
CONTACT	ASSOCIATION 2	ASSOCIATION 1	NATIONAL C	NATIONAL B
Penalises obvious instances of contact as stated in rule 17	SOMETIMES	USUALLY	USUALLY	CONSISTENTLY
Distinguishes between fair contest and contact that interferes	NOT EXPECTED	NOT EXPECTED	NOT EXPECTED	USUALLY
Penalises causing contact and Inevitable contact rule 17	NOT EXPECTED	NOT EXPECTED	NOT EXPECTED	CONSISTENTLY
OBSTRUCTION	ASSOCIATION 2	ASSOCIATION 1	NATIONAL C	NATIONAL B
Penalises obstruction of a player in possession of the ball Rule 16.	OBVIOUS INSTANCES ONLY	SOMETIMES	USUALLY	CONSISTENTLY
Penalises obstruction of a player not in possession of the ball rule 16.	NOT EXPECTED	OCCASIONALLY	SOMETIMES	USUALLY
ADVANTAGE	ASSOCIATION 2	ASSOCIATION 1	NATIONAL C	NATIONAL B
Awards an advantage on a goal where appropriate	SOMETIMES	USUALLY	CONSISTENTLY	CONSISTENTLY
Makes sound choices between whistle decisions and use of advantage to ensure the non-offending team is not disadvantaged.	NOT EXPECTED	NOT EXPECTED	NOT EXPECTED	USUALLY
When applied, advantage allows the game to flow without losing control.	NOT EXPECTED	NOT EXPECTED	NOT EXPECTED	USUALLY
MINOR INFRINGEMENTS	ASSOCIATION 2	ASSOCIATION 1	NATIONAL C	NATIONAL B
Penalises infringements under the footwork rule	OBVIOUS INSTANCES ONLY	SOMETIMES	USUALLY	CONSISTENTLY
Penalises infringements related to playing areas (breaking, offside, wholly within centre circle, scoring a goal)	NOT EXPECTED	SOMETIMES	USUALLY	CONSISTENTLY
Penalises infringements relating to playing the ball (including held ball and short pass)..	NOT EXPECTED	SOMETIMES	USUALLY	CONSISTENTLY
Penalises over a third and untouched centre pass	NOT EXPECTED	SOMETIMES	USUALLY	CONSISTENTLY

Subject to change and review

ASSOCIATION 2 COMPETENCIES	
COMMUNICATION AND GAME MANAGEMENT	ASSOCIATION 2
conducts pre-match checks	USUALLY
uses firm, decisive and clearly audible whistle	OCCASIONALLY
accurately keeps centre passes* and signals goals	*USUALLY / SOMETIMES
works well with co-umpire	SOMETIMES
POSITIONING, VISION AND TIMING	ASSOCIATION 2
Positions level with or slightly ahead of the ball on the sideline; times movement to goal line in relation to play	OCCASIONALLY
CONTACT	ASSOCIATION 2
Penalises obvious instances of contact as stated in rule 17	SOMETIMES
OBSTRUCTION	ASSOCIATION 2
Penalises obstruction of a player in possession of the ball Rule 16.	OBVIOUS INSTANCES ONLY
ADVANTAGE	ASSOCIATION 2
Awards an advantage on a goal where appropriate	SOMETIMES
MINOR INFRINGEMENTS	ASSOCIATION 2
Penalises infringements under the footwork rule	OBVIOUS INSTANCES ONLY

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ASSOCIATION 1 COMPETENCIES	
COMMUNICATION AND GAME MANAGEMENT	ASSOCIATION 1
conducts pre-match checks	USUALLY
uses firm, decisive and clearly audible whistle	USUALLY
uses correct terminology and hand signals to penalise infringements and set and manage sanctions	SOMETIMES
accurately keeps centre passes and signals goals	USUALLY
manages stoppages effectively	SOMETIMES
works well with co-umpire	SOMETIMES
POSITIONING, VISION AND TIMING	ASSOCIATION 1
Positions level with or slightly ahead of the ball on the sideline; times movement to goal line in relation to play	SOMETIMES
Uses vision to take a clear view of the court area where the ball is, and the players in the immediate vicinity	SOMETIMES
Reaction time is appropriate to game standard and is consistent throughout the court and the game	SOMETIMES
CONTACT	ASSOCIATION 1
Penalises obvious instances of contact as stated in rule 17	USUALLY
OBSTRUCTION	ASSOCIATION 1
Penalises obstruction of a player in possession of the ball Rule 16.	SOMETIMES
Penalises obstruction of a player not in possession of the ball rule 16.	OCCASIONALLY
ADVANTAGE	ASSOCIATION 1
Awards an advantage on a goal where appropriate	USUALLY
MINOR INFRINGEMENTS	ASSOCIATION 1
Penalises infringements under the footwork rule	SOMETIMES
Penalises infringements related to playing areas (breaking, offside, wholly within centre circle, scoring a goal)	SOMETIMES
Penalises infringements relating to playing the ball (including held ball and short pass)..	SOMETIMES
Penalises over a third and untouched centre pass	SOMETIMES

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Appendix 5: Links

Pre-season Ghost Umpire Academy Registration Form https://forms.gle/LwxSev5ydi1Ac5xs5	
May GUA Registration Form https://forms.gle/5VhrkseWaTEWe2CW7	
Club Umpire Team List & Clearance Application 2026 https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hYxAAPIbJEEPBFBWe-OTXhXOgoi9XkTDvKknOkKafUo/edit?usp=sharing	

Association Badging Requests: https://forms.gle/vRXR6u5HF2QcH2C17	
National Badging EOI: https://forms.gle/rHW1bfg5XAtssC959	
Junior State Titles Internal EOI https://forms.gle/uDPUdDC7aizdTYHp9 Due 1/5/26	
Senior State Titles Internal EOI: https://forms.gle/yyVuYUqvN1xcjAP98 Due 1/4/26	

Rep carnival availability EOI form https://forms.gle/C11HauiaN6ZFcNuV7	
Rep carnival check in/payment form https://forms.gle/zE2S4agudiSYEVzeA	
Junior & Senior Umpire of the Week 2026 https://forms.gle/EzRBNE6iV2kf4PJ29	