



# Hills District Netball Association

## UMPIRING POLICY

1. The Umpires Committee shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) members, this number to include the Junior and Senior Umpires Convenors of the Association.
2. The system of umpiring to be used each year is to be decided by the HDNA Umpires Convenors in conjunction with the HDNA Executive.
3. All clubs must supply one umpire per team, for example if a club registers 16 senior teams the club must supply 16 senior umpires; if a club registers 14 junior teams the club must supply 14 umpires who can be either junior or senior.
4. All umpires controlling competition games in the Association must be at least thirteen (13) years of age by 31 December of that year. An umpire must be sixteen (16) years of age by 31 December of that year or hold a National C Badge to umpire a senior game. Exceptions may be given in the case of exceptional ability or circumstance.
5. All HDNA Umpires must first obtain the appropriate pass mark on the Rules of Netball Theory Exam and Foundation Course Certificate prior to commencing umpiring.
6. All umpires are to report to Umpires Control upon arrival to sign onto their allocated game. No umpire is to go directly to the court.
7. It will be the responsibility of each Club to make sure that all umpiring requirements (as listed on Draw) be met fully. A team failing to supply an umpire 5 minutes before the start of the game will be notified by control. If an umpire has not been supplied by the commencement of the game, the Club may be fined \$100. HDNA Executive may consider extenuating circumstances.
8. If an umpire cannot carry out his/her allocated match, it is the responsibility of the Club to replace the umpire with someone of at least as high a standard. Other Clubs should be approached through their Umpires' Convenor if this proves difficult.
9. When a club arranges a swap for umpiring duties for the season with another club, each club agrees to accept all responsibility for the umpiring duty swapped to them.
10. When a club covers a game for another club during regular rounds through the season, the club agrees to pay that club for covering their game, at the fee the covering club requests.
11. HDNA requests the Clubs ensure that their Managers, Coaches, Players and Spectators respect the Umpires.
12. Umpires umpiring for HDNA Representative teams at official carnivals and official NSW Netball Association Limited sponsored competitions will be reimbursed a set fee, to be regulated by the HDNA Executive and Umpires Convenor.
13. Badging procedures will be in accordance with the current HDNA badging policy.

14. All umpires are required to dress in the appropriate uniform. Uniform for umpires will consist of a white top, white jacket/jumper and white or black bottoms only. Bottoms can be skirts, skorts, shorts (minimum 4-6 inches) or tracksuit pants. Bike shorts or lycra shorts and leggings are not permitted. Full club approved uniform is also permitted to be worn.
  - i) The above uniform policy also applies for Winter Competition semi-finals, finals and grand finals. No club affiliated adornment should be worn - this includes socks, ribbons, etc.
  - ii) The above uniform policy also applies to NetSetGO with the exception for full length black leggings that may be worn for NetSetGO Umpiring.
15. Winter Competition – This policy is in conjunction with the HDNA Umpire Handbook.
16. Winter Competition Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand Finals. All HDNA Umpires may submit availability to umpire the final series. All allocations for finals will be completed by the HDNA umpire convenors based on availability, performance and reliability throughout the winter competition.
17. Night Competition – This policy may be used in conjunction with the Night Competition Policy.