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UMPIRING AT KDNA & UMPIRING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR 2023

KDNA run a variety of development programs for all aspects of our sport, players, coaches, umpires, umpire coaches and score bench personnel.

Within each program there are different levels; beginner, novice, intermediate, emerging, advance, and high-performance athletes/personnel.

Each level has its own set of challenges and skills that the athlete/volunteer needs to develop and demonstrate. Once a new skill is taught, it needs to be achieved by the learner; it needs to be coached, guided, corrected and practiced in order to master it. When a skill is consistently used, the level of the game in which they have been practicing evolves, and so does the way they use and apply it.

This all needs to be undertaken in an environment that is safe from ridicule, comments, critiquing or abuse from others. Each athlete/volunteer has their own misgivings about their mistakes, and a coach/mentor or supervisor is there to correct them and encourage them to keep trying, as everyone learns best through positivity and guidance.

At KDNA we run several umpiring programs to allow our athletes to learn how to umpire netball and progress along the Netball WA Umpiring Pathway as far as they (and their skillset) allows, from the absolute beginner to the WANL Level.

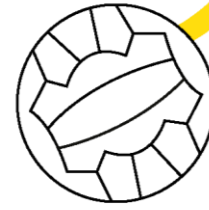
KDNA Umpiring Programs

Green Shirt Program

Pre-Requisite to the Green Shirt Program is to complete the Foundation Umpire Course which is a Netball Australia Course online.

Our green shirt program is our beginner program, and all umpires begin here. This is a 7-week theory program where the umpires attend sessions to learn the theory around our netball rules, as they pertain to playing and umpiring. This course also includes practical skills and drills to help umpires with their techniques for when they begin umpiring.

Once the 7 weeks are completed, the umpires are then rostered onto actual Saturday games. They will be wearing green shirts, so we as a community, can identify that they are a beginner umpire. They will be on the court on the opposite side to the score bench. There will be a Green Shirt Coach assigned to help mentor and guide them to the best of their ability.



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The Green Shirt Umpires will remain in their green shirt for the remainder of the season generally, and into the next season until they are promoted into their White Shirt.

At this level, the green shirt umpire will be expected to be on the sideline furthest from the score bench and umpires will barely penalise infringements but will move along the sideline and onto the goal line independently at times. They will make consistent decisions about a throw in (not necessarily correctly) and a goal scored. Other penalties they may attempt to award may include obvious contact and obstruction in the circle, however this will be infrequently, and often mistakes are made.

As they become more confident and experienced, they will attempt to penalise more infringements, as they come to realise what they look like in a game situation.

J-ump Program

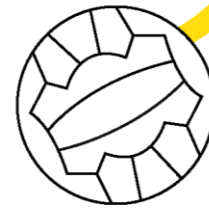
This is a new development program that has been introduced this year (2023). This program is designed to follow up the understanding and application of procedures and protocols, and higher expectations of these young umpires.

Each Saturday for 8 weeks, these umpires attend a short 30-minute class, before they come out onto the court in the morning. These classes teach them how to be the lead umpire to a green shirt umpire, how to control the score bench and spectator side of the court, as well as increasing their techniques and skills on the morning games. Many times, due to availability, and the need of some individual umpires, these J-ump umpires are required to umpire a higher division, an afternoon game and or a carnival. This is all relevant to their development and where they need a new challenge to extend their capabilities. Sometimes these said umpires will rise to the challenge and continue to grow and other times the challenge is too much. Either way they go back to the lower divisions and morning games to continue to consolidate their new foundation.

At the completion of the 8-week program the umpires need to attempt the Rules of Netball Exam on the Netball Australia website (The pass mark for a C Badge Accreditation is a minimum of 70%).

Upon the successful completion of the J-ump Program, their on-court capability, and the Exam, senior coaches will begin promoting those umpires into the Intermediate Squad for extension and possible badging in the future.

At this level, umpires are required to take the score bench side of the court and take charge of not only the score bench, but the sideline as well, all while attempting to lead



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their green shirt umpire throughout the game. This doesn't mean they overturn the decisions of a Green Shirt Umpire, it is purely so the Green Shirt Umpire feels that the J-ump umpire is in control.

We expect these umpires to penalise infringements more consistently, however, not necessarily get it right all the time.

Intermediate Squad

This squad is where the majority of our Saturday umpires sit. Whether it is because they are just umpiring for fun and pocket money and they don't want to go any further on the umpiring pathway, consolidating what they have learned so far, or wanting to give back to the sport they love, there is many different levels of umpires in this squad.

This squad is also where the J-ump umpires come to once they are ready for afternoon games each week and where they continue to develop until they are ready to be badged. In order to be badged, you must have completed the Foundations Course and Rules of Netball Exam and been umpiring the afternoon games with a variety of different divisions with relevant coaching. Once 3 Senior Coaches sign off that you are ready for testing, then the testing coordinator checks your eligibility with Netball WA, and organises a screening. If you pass your screening, the testing coordinator will create a badging panel for you. This will come down to availabilities of relevant games, the panel members availabilities as well as the umpire's own availability!

The Intermediate squad is about getting different levels of match play experience along with different levels of coaches, who will be expecting even more from you. Umpires are not always coached every week, or even for the whole game. They will be given something to work on and practice for that game according to what is needed. Then they will be left but watched from afar, and if there are any other problems, the umpires or umpire coaches, or team coaches can go and ask for someone to attend said court.

These umpires are often invited to community carnivals where they get considerably more match place in a short amount of time, where they can put their corrections into play straight away, instead of waiting for the next week.

However, to participate in some carnivals, the umpire must have held their C Badge for 12 months, unless an exemption by NWA is given.



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The Essentials Program

This is an inclusive program to provide our umpires and umpire coaching team with strategies to help build life skills such as mental toughness, self-analysis and how to tune into situations at hand.

The intention is to help build more confident, self-analysing, resilient and more thinking umpires at KDNA. To be available to talk one on one with umpires who ask or may require some special guidance.

Each of the umpires that complete the Essential Skills Program will know to carry an umpiring notebook to keep KPI's in and do a brain dump at the end of the game, including questions wanting to be asked or any feedback given. Umpires are more able to objectively self-analyse. Umpires are able to accept and use feedback more confidently.

High Performance Program (Consists of Emerging, Talent Development & Academy Umpires)

Umpires that are invited into this program are tiered into 3 categories.

These umpires are required to attend high performance workshops throughout the season presented by Elite Coaches and are then given Premier League or High-Quality Saturday match play to challenge them at the next level. Umpires in this program are groomed for identification and future Netball WA Development Opportunities.

Emerging Squad

This is a group of C Badge umpires from the Intermediate Squad, who have been selected for further development opportunities within the Association, including at times, Premier League. They will be challenged on Saturday games, low level Premier League games, and at carnivals as they arise. These opportunities are subject to their individual availabilities and club duties.

This is an invitation only squad and some umpires choose not to accept this level due to several reasons, so they sit back in the Intermediate Squad.



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Talent Development Squad

This is a group of umpires who are identified and selected by a panel of coaches to be further developed in the hopes to gain a place on the Premier League Squad and identified for future NWA opportunities.

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KDNA Academy

These are our B Badge Umpires who have NWA / WANL experience and are our Elite group of umpires.