



HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION A BADGE

Pre-Requisites

Level 2 – B/A Umpire’s Accreditation Certificate

Theory

90% or more in the All Australia Netball Association, Section 1 Theory Exam
(Current for 6 years)

Voice

Loud enough for the players to hear the decisions given

Manner

Firm, confident but pleasant

Whistle

Should be loud, sharp and clear

Position

- At least level with, if not just ahead of the ball
- Good positioning and quick re-positioning when play switches, is most important at this level.
- Stooping and craning are not acceptable but use of legs and extra moves to get a better view are essential.
- When play is in their area, candidates should be in position to view the area ahead of the play as well as where the ball is.
- No umpire shall be on court except to take a Toss Up.

Fitness

Have excellent coverage of the court for the full game.

Dress

Umpires shall wear clothes distinct from those of players and preferably white or cream in color. Suitable shoes shall be worn.



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Control

- Uses the correct terminology, which helps to keep the game flowing and helps the players.
- Efficiency in procedures and control of general infringements are expected.
- Sound rule interpretations and an element of common sense in the application of the rules must be shown.
- Be able to ensure that the game proceeds at the expected speed and level of the competition.
- Not give a decision if not in a position to see clearly (being able to read the play compliments positioning).
- Not be susceptible to external influences e.g. spectators.
- Have ultimate control of all players and officials through correct procedures and protocols.
- Have excellent game control.
- Co-operates with the other umpire to give full coverage of the game.

Terminology

Should use correct terminology at all times.

Decisions

Consistency is important at any level. Candidates must achieve a high success rate for all major infringements.

- 1) An immediate and continued display of:
 - a) Where to look
 - b) When to look
 - c) What to look for
- 2) At “A” level it is expected that the candidate has the ability to penalize infringements ahead of play and to either acknowledge or penalize infringements behind play, whichever is the most appropriate action at the time.
- 3) The Advantage Rule must be correctly applied with skill at all times so that the play may be allowed to flow without the candidate losing control.
- 4) The use of signals helps with the speed and the flow of the game. To help players position quickly, Candidates should display well executed signals to indicate all infringements.
- 5) Candidates must show understanding between just applying the rule and showing that they can understand the rule and apply it with a degree of common sense for the situation and with precision, accuracy and consistency.



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Obstruction

It is expected that the candidate react with either a decision or an “Advantage” call to most incidents of obstruction.

Contact

- 1) It is expected that the candidate react with either a decision or an “Advantage” call to most incidents of contact, which interfere with an opponent’s play.
- 2) At this level, an umpire should show an in-depth understanding of the difference between contact and contest and umpire accordingly.

It is important at this level for a candidate to demonstrate a common sense understanding of all the rules and their application. Candidates must show a feel for the game.

There should be a very professional approach to the game and all its aspects.

Summary

Candidates for “A” Badges should show understanding of the finer points of.:

- Procedures and Protocols
- Control of general infringements
- Terminology
- Interpretations of the Rules
- Reading play
- Positioning
- Extensive, but common sense application of the Advantage Rule
- Maintaining concentration throughout the game
- Recognizing the Intention of a player’s action
- Consistency