



## HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION B BADGE

### **Pre-Requisites**

Level 1 - C/B Umpire's Accreditation Certificate

### **Theory**

80% 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**

1. At least level with, if not just ahead of the ball
2. Good positioning and quick re-positioning when play switches, is most important at this level.
3. Stooping and craning are not acceptable but use of legs and extra moves to get a better view are essential.
4. No umpire shall be on court except to take a Toss Up.

### **Fitness**

Have good 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.

### **Control**

1. Use of the correct terms, which help to keep the game flowing, and this should help the players. Incorrect terms will confuse the players and the Umpire.
2. Efficiency in procedures and control of general infringements are expected.
3. Sound rule interpretations and an element of common sense in the application of the same must be shown.

### **Terminology**

Should use correct terminology for penalties.



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### **Decisions**

Consistency is important at any level and especially under pressure.

- 1) An immediate and continued display of:
  - a. Where to look
  - b. When to look
  - c. What to look for
- 2) At “B” level it is expected that the candidate will show some ability to penalize infringements ahead of play and to either acknowledge or penalize infringements behind play, whichever is the most appropriate action.
- 3) The Advantage Rule must be correctly applied so that play may be allowed to flow without the candidate losing control.
- 4) Display signals as per the Rule Book.
- 5) Candidates must show the beginnings of understanding between applying the rule and showing they can understand the rule and apply it with a degree of common sense and feeling for the situation.

### **Obstruction**

A candidate at this level will be expected to show a sound proficiency in the recognition and application of this infringement and rule.

### **Contact**

At this level a candidate will be expected to show a more comprehensive knowledge and application of this infringement and rule than would be expected of a C Badge umpire.

Candidates should show a level of co-operation and teamwork with their co-umpires when and where applicable, particularly in borderline areas of control.

Not be susceptible to external influences e.g. spectators.

It is expected that there will be an understanding of “fair contest of the ball” between two players i.e. legal or illegal body movements of two players.

### **Summary**

Candidates for “B” Badge should show understanding of the finer points of.:

- Procedures
- Control of general infringements
- Terminology
- Interpretations of Rules
- What a player’s body can do
- Positioning
- Sound application of the Advantage Rule