



HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION C BADGE

This is an entry-level badge where the two major elements of control and basic decisions must be clearly evident.

Pre-Requisites

Introductory D/C Umpire's Accreditation Certificate

Theory

70% 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

Loud and clear

Position

Should be level or just a little ahead of play and follow around behind the goal circle though the umpire may not always be in the best possible position.

Show knowledge of repositioning to ensure a clear view of play.

No umpire shall be on court except to take a Toss Up.

Fitness

Has 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

A candidate being tested at this level must be able to demonstrate that they are in control of the game before they can umpire effectively. Therefore, the basic umpiring techniques of good positioning; clear, crisp whistle blowing; firm, confident manner and audible calls need to be displayed.

As umpires progress in standard at this level, these umpiring techniques will be supported by sound basic decisions, which compliment the standard of the game.



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Terminology

Should be using correct terminology.

Decisions

Consistency is important at any level. An umpire worthy of a “C” Badge should be able to:

- 1) Recognize stepping in all of its forms
- 2) Display a range of knowledge of the other minor rules such as “Held Ball”, “Offside”, “Over a Third” etc.
- 3) Conduct Toss Up in accordance with the Rule Book
- 4) Should penalize all obvious Obstruction
- 5) Should penalize all obvious Contact. Certainly the clear examples of those listed in the Rule Book.
- 6) Demonstrates an awareness of the Advantage Rule and its application and apply this on all occasions where “Advantage Goal” is scored.
- 7) Recording and calling each Centre Pass. Error or doubt can be forgiven, provided the umpire checks with the scorer and appropriate instructions are given to scorers and timekeeper.
- 8) Call and indicate when the Throw In is to be taken and show awareness of possible infringements on court and at the Throw In.
- 9) Demonstrate good knowledge of general rules together with reasonable consistency of their interpretation.

Summary

Candidates for “C” Badge should possess control, reasonably umpire the minor infringements. Penalize obvious contacts and obstruction and begin to display of the Advantage Rule, particularly in the goal circle.

The Graders are not to expect a perfect display.