



HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION D 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

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

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.

Terminology

Should be attempting to use correct terminology.



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Decisions

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

- 1) Recognize all obvious stepping
- 2) Display an understanding 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) Begin to penalize obvious Obstruction
- 5) Begin to penalize obvious Contact
- 6) 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
- 7) Call and indicate when the Throw In is to be taken and show awareness of possible infringements at the throw in
- 8) Begin to demonstrate knowledge of general rules together with reasonable consistency of their interpretation.

Summary

Candidates for “D” Badge should possess control, reasonably umpire the minor infringements. Begin to penalize obvious contacts and obstruction.

The Graders are not to expect a perfect display.