



Leschenault Netball Association

Umpire Trainer Procedures

Umpire Trainers are selected and allocated to trainee umpires by the Association Umpire Development Officer (AUDO) and Umpire Administrator. It is the role of the Umpire Trainer to provide learning opportunities and constructive feedback via the appropriate method for the Trainee, in a supportive manner.

Umpires Trainer Qualifications include:

- Minimum C Badge.
- Completed the Rules of Netball Exam and Foundation Umpire Course within the last 4 years.
- Any online training deemed necessary by the AUDO or LNA Committee.

SATURDAY MORNINGS

Umpire trainers are to:

- Run alongside new umpires until the junior umpire can demonstrate the ability to confidently control the game.
- Be prepared to blow the whistle and allow the junior umpire to make the call and/ or allow them to set up.
- Stand beside the junior umpire and provide feedback and guidance based on the umpiring at the other end of the court.
- Provide verbal feedback during the quarter breaks & written feedback at the end of each game. (Keep feedback simple as to not overwhelm the new junior umpire. Hand signals, loud whistle and voice is a good place to start)
- Remind umpires to check the score sheet & what they are looking for i.e. players added, player positions being filled in.
- One umpire trainer will be appointed for every game and 2 will be appointed if both umpires are new green shirt umpires, depending upon trainer's availability.

LOWER DIVISION WEEKNIGHTS

Umpire trainers are to:

- Only run alongside the trainee umpire & blow whistle if the game is not in control, if this occurs the umpire may not yet be ready for this level.
- Preferably stand next to the trainee umpire to discuss items when the ball is in the other half but be mindful of the games progress.
- One umpire trainer will be appointed for every game, depending upon trainer availability.

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GENERAL TRAINING FOR ALL NIGHTS

Umpire trainers are to:

- Wear trainer vests to ensure that they are easily identifiable and visible.
- Sit or stand **at an end opposite** to where the public is & be seen during breaks
- Be ready to step in if the crowd is out of control or there is dissent towards the umpire (level depending), or if an umpire is absent for any reason.
- Be situated at the non-spectator side of the court to avoid distraction. Trainers are expected to be focused on the junior umpire and the game, not talking to others.
- Provide written feedback to the umpire for all lower division weeknights & Saturday games, both positive and constructive. Verbal feedback for Friday night Games.
- Attend ALL umpire training evenings unless extenuating circumstances apply
- **Inform the AUDO of any issues that need to be addressed, or if an umpire is deemed ready to progress to the next level.**

NOTE: UMPIRE TRAINERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ADVISE UMPIRES ON THEIR PROGRESSION THROUGH OUR TRAINING PROGRAM. THIS ADVICE WILL ONLY BE CONVEYED BY THE ASSOCIATION UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (AUDO).

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