



HUNC UMPIRE'S HANDBOOK

WELCOME...

Thank you for your interest in umpiring with HUNC. I am excited that you have taken the first step in registering your interest and can't wait to work with you and start you on your umpiring journey.

Please read through the following document, which will give you an overview of our umpiring program and everything you need to know before joining our program.

If you have any questions or anything you would like to discuss, please feel free to get in touch with me.

Thank you,

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HUNC Umpiring Program

The HUNC umpiring program is our training and development program for all our umpires as they develop through the pathway of becoming a badged umpire. Progression through our program is determined by individual performance and readiness as determined by the umpire's coordinator. This means that progression will not always be based on chronological order or time in the program.

The **minimum age** for entry into the program is **turning 14 years old** in the current year.

It is important to know that umpiring isn't for everyone and not everyone continues all the way through to becoming badged. Our program is designed to give people a chance to try it out and support them through this journey. So, we simply ask that you give it a go and are honest with us at every step. This means it is okay to say, "Hey I don't think this umpiring thing is actually for me." We want this to be a great and fun experience for everyone, so we just ask that you give it your best shot and are honest with us.

Stage 1: NEW Umpires

This is the first stage where all our umpires start. This stage is all about preparation before you step out on the court for your first game.

To prepare for this stage:

- Purchase or download a copy of the current rules of netball book:
<https://netball.com.au/rules-netball>
- Purchase a Thunderer 477 Whistle from the club.

During this stage you will need to:

- Read through the rule book and then complete the **Rules of Netball Theory Exam** on Netball Learning:

<https://learning.netball.com.au/>

There is a cost of \$12.50 to complete this test. You need to achieve a score of at least 70% to pass.

When you have completed this if you receive a certificate please save this and email it to Gabi or take a screenshot that shows the date of your test and the mark you received and email this to Gabi.

- Attend an **Introduction to Umpiring Workshop** run by MENA. Gabi will provide you with all the information, including date and time etc.
- Purchase an umpiring uniform. See below for details.

Stage 2: Beginner Umpires

This stage is where you will begin to umpire games on a Saturday with the support of our amazing umpire trainers. This is the first step on the MENA Umpiring Pathway.

This stage involves a commitment to weekly games with a trainer on **SATURDAY MORNINGS**. You will begin on our U11-U13 games, usually at **8.50AM or 9.40AM** and progress to higher sections and ages as you go. You MUST be available for games on Saturday mornings between 8am and 11am.

All beginner umpires will be supported both internally by HUNC club umpire trainers and the umpire's coordinator as well as externally through the MENA Umpiring Pathway.

During this stage you will complete an agreement that outlines our expectations and some goals to work towards. These agreements are completed every season and a review is completed at the conclusion of that season to assess suitability to continue in the program.

Umpires in this stage are also encouraged to attend club training as extra practice. This can be arranged with the umpire's coordinator.

Stage 3: Learner Umpires

This next stage is about continuing to develop your skills and experience as an umpire. Umpires in this stage are able to confidently umpire independently with the support of a trainer on the sidelines.

Requirements of this stage are the same as for the previous beginner umpire stage. This includes completion of an agreement every season with end of season reviews to assess suitability to continue in the program.

As learner umpires gain more experience and confidence they will move up through the sections and age groups and start to umpire independently. This means you may not have a trainer with you for every game but please know you will still be monitored and supported regularly by HUNC and MENA.

The more experienced learner umpires will be regularly assessed for their suitability to progress to the next stage of inclusion in the MENA C Badge Training Program. This is determined in consultation with MENA Umpire Trainers and is also dependent upon spaces available in the program.

Umpires who are being considered for the C Badge Training Program will need to complete the online Foundation Umpires Course BEFORE entry into the program.

Stage 4: MENA C Badge Training Program

This is the training program run by MENA that provides umpires with intensive training to prepare them to obtain their National C Badge Accreditation.

Inclusion in this program is by invitation and approval only by MENA umpire trainers. Umpires in this program will still be supported by HUNC but they will be trained by MENA umpire trainers.

Training program umpires **must** umpire the POOLED timeslots at **1.00PM, 1.50PM, 2.40PM and 3.30PM.**

Umpires can be tested at any time during the season by MENA testers.

C BADGED UMPIRE

After achieving your C Badge, you will be able to umpire any game independently. Please note that even badged umpires will continue to be monitored by MENA regularly, so we still expect you to continue umpiring at a high standard.

Badged Umpires are encouraged to help the club by umpiring our U9 NetSetGo Competition on Friday Afternoons where needed. They are also encouraged to support MENA and umpire at tournaments, rep selections and finals.

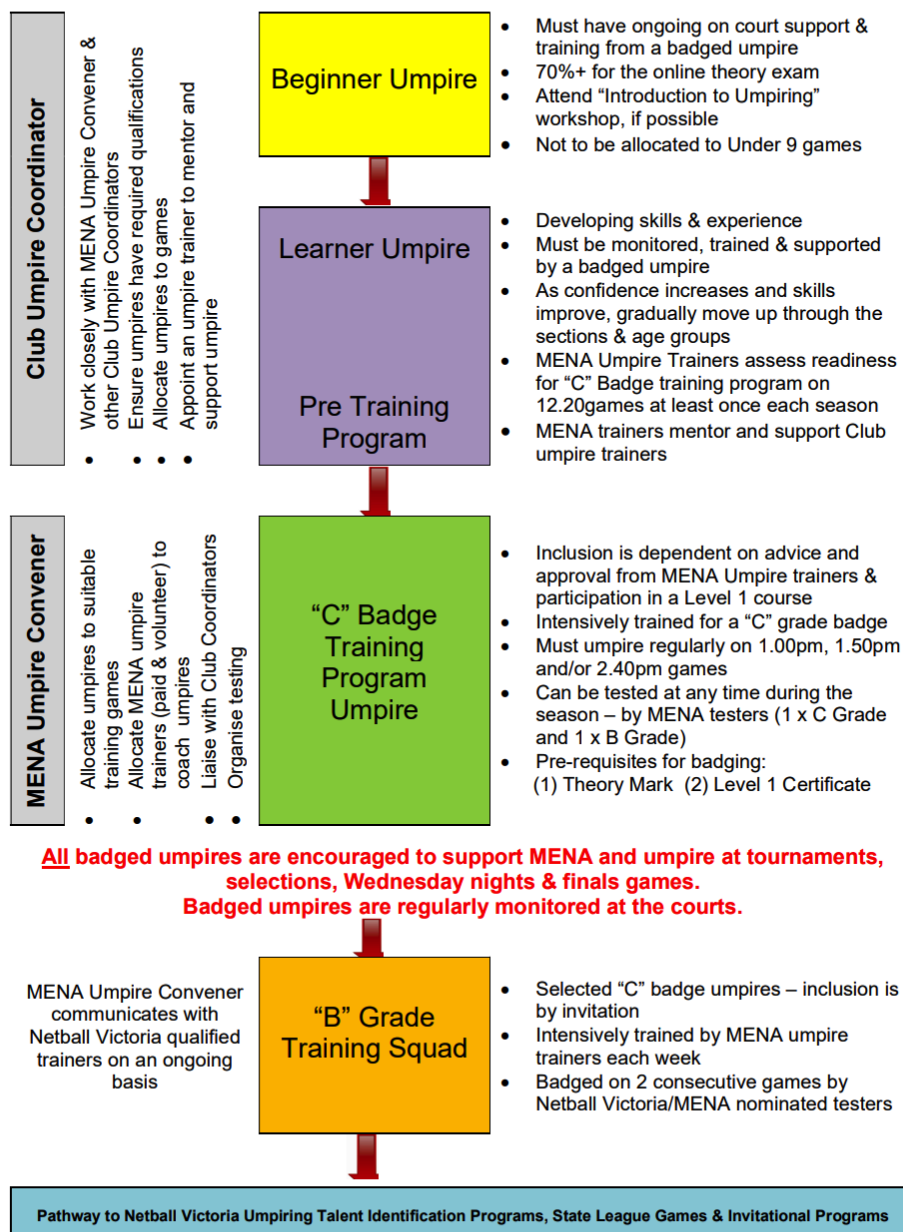
Badged Umpires may also be invited to help the club as a trainer for beginner umpires.

MENA Umpiring Pathway

The following is an overview of the MENA pathway for umpires which will allow you to see how our program fits in with the wider MENA pathway.



MENA Umpiring Pathway



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The Role of an Umpire

The role of the umpire is to apply the rules of the game and ensure the game is played in a safe and fair manner. The umpires are responsible for managing the game on and off the court.

A great umpire shows:

- Clear communication
- High level of concentration
- Knowledge of the rules
- Respect for the game and everyone involved
- Friendly and Pleasant manner
- Consistency
- Confidence
- Professional and ethical conduct

Umpiring Uniform

HUNC expects all our umpires to be professional in their appearance and manner as representatives of our club. As a HUNC umpire you are expected to take pride in your uniform and adhere to the following guidelines:

- White Skirt or Navy Skirt or Shorts (NO LEGGINGS/BIKE SHORTS)
- White or Navy Shorts/Briefs under skirt
- White T-Shirt
- White Socks
- Runners (Don't have to be white just your regular runners or netball shoes)
- Whistle
- Elastic Band/Hair Tie (Good idea to have extras)
- Water Bottle

The following are optional:

- White Hat (especially in summer to protect yourself from the sun)
- White Jumper/Jacket (very useful for the cold winter mornings)
- Waterproof Jacket (very useful during winter)

We recommend visiting the shop at Waverley Netball Centre for purchasing uniforms as they have a great range of skirts, shirts, jackets, waterproofs ect. You can also try Rebel Sport and other sporting shops. If you have any issues with this, please let us know so we can help you out.

Rostering, Payments and Communication

Weekly rosters will be prepared by the umpire's coordinator and sent out via the umpires whatsapp message group by the **THURSDAY** of each week. It is extremely important to check this group regularly as this will be the main communication channel. Please make sure you check the roster carefully to ensure you know which games you are on for that week.

If you are not available for a particular week you need to make sure this is communicated with as much notice as possible. This needs to be communicated via a message to the whatsapp chat to ensure it is noted down.

If you become unavailable last minute (eg. illness) please make sure you **CALL** the umpires coordinator to ensure they get the message so we can make other arrangements.

Payments are made weekly via direct bank transfer to your nominated account by the HUNC Treasurer. If your bank details change at any point please ensure you let the umpire's coordinator know.

HUNC Current Pay Rates:

Beginner Umpire (with running trainer)	\$12 per game
Learner Umpire (trainer on sideline)	\$14 per game
Learner Umpire (Solo)	\$17 per game
C Badge Training Program Umpire	\$20 per game
C Badged Umpire/Trainer	\$26 per game
B Badged Umpire/Trainer	\$30 per game