

**Step 1:
Attend B Award
Course**

Courses are booked via your Engage account on EN's website. Complete an Expression of Interest form and you will be notified when a course becomes available. Advise the NW Regional Officiating Lead (ROL) of your intention to progress your umpiring – this will ensure you receive all relevant information throughout your B Award journey

**Step 2:
Match Practice**

County - your County Officiating Lead (COL) will be able to advise you on the appropriate league/matches to umpire Regional Champs 2, Regional Junior & Tournaments – you will need to obtain approval from your COL or ROL and achieve a minimum of 6.1 on the bleep test.
County (u15/u16) & Thunder (u13/u15) Trials
Record all your umpiring in an Umpire Match Logbook.
For access to the NW mentoring programme - contact the NW Regional Officiating Lead: nwofficiating@gmail.com

**Step 3:
Written
Assessment**

Practice A/B papers on England Netball website: in the drop down menu select "Be Involved/Officiate/Resources". Read your rule book, learn the rule headings & sub headings

Once you feel confident to apply, discuss with the NW ROL before completing your application. Written assessments take place 3 times a year - February, June and October, usually 10am on the 2nd Saturday of the month.
Theory tutoring sessions are available prior to each of the assessments – register your interest with the NW ROL

**Step 4:
Continue Match
Practice**

Written assessment passed - you are eligible to umpire: Regional Champs 1 & Tournaments – **same requirements as for Champs 2 (see Step 2).**
Country (u17) and Thunder (u16/u17) Trials
Continue recording all your umpiring in your logbook.
B paper pass is valid for 2 years.
A paper pass is valid for 4 years, you have 2 years in which to pass your B Award practical, and 2 years to work towards and pass the A Award practical

**Step 5:
B Award Practical
Assessment**

Send your completed application form, Umpire Match Logbook and payment receipt to the NW ROL, fee is paid by bank transfer to NW Region – contact ROL for bank details. Your application form must be endorsed by your mentor or a qualified Assessor confirming you are ready for your assessment. You will need to complete a bleep test (6.1) within 6 weeks prior to the assessment date

**Progressing to
A Award**

Practical Assessment passed – well done, enjoy your umpiring. As a newly qualified B Award umpire, you may be eligible to umpire Regional Prem matches, you will need to seek approval from the ROL. If you wish to progress to A Award you need an A paper pass. Follow step 3 above to sit the written assessment if necessary

USEFUL CONTACTS

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