

UMPIRE CRITERIA REQUIRED TO UMPIRE NW REGIONAL GAMES 2024/25
(Senior & Junior)

1. All umpires **MUST** hold a current England Netball full membership and be included on the 'List of Approved Umpires'.
(Weekly checks will take place and two (2) points per match will be deducted for using an umpire not named on the 'approved list')
2. All umpires **MUST** have attended an EN hosted 2024 New Rules session and Contact & Game Management session (EN will be providing a record of attendees).
NOTE: it is preferred that the new rules session is attended prior to the Contact and Game Management Session, delivered by England Netball Head of Officiating on YouTube
3. All umpires **MUST** hold a verified fitness test and achieve a minimum score of:
 - B Award and C Award umpires – 6.1
 - A Award and TID B umpires – 7.1Fitness test sessions will be facilitated by individual County Officiating Leads, either personally or with an appointed nominated person/video.

Fitness Forms should be submitted to the Regional Officiating Lead no later than 29th September in order for the approved umpire list for 2024/25 to be updated for use from 1st October. In the meantime, the 'interim' approved list will be utilised until 30th September. Fitness will be monitored periodically by observation throughout the season.

4. Umpires must hold the following qualification to umpire regional league games:
 - a) **Division 1** – A Award, TID B, B Award. Newly qualified B Award umpires will require Regional Officiating Lead (ROL) approval, in liaison with B Award Assessor.
 - b) **Division 2 & 3** - as above plus C Award with a current B paper pass and ROL or COL approval.
 - c) **Division 4 & 5 and Junior Prem** - as above plus C award who has attended a current B course and ROL or COL approval.
 - d) **Division 5** - as above plus B Award without a bleep and competent C Award with a desire to progress to B Award, with or without a bleep and ROL or COL approval.

Umpires are only permitted to umpire 2 games on any one day, with a gap of at least 1 hour between the end of one match and warm up time of the second match.

5. Umpire expenses for Senior Leagues:

£30 – travelling within 30 miles
£35 – within 31 – 40 miles
£40 – 41+ miles

Umpire Expenses for Regional Junior Leagues:

£25

NOTE: these expenses are in line with other region's umpire expenses and it is inappropriate for umpires to request payment above these approved amounts and for teams to pay increased expenses

6. In the event that an umpire fails to arrive due to an emergency, delayed as a result of road traffic accident, sickness or is injured or taken ill during a match, the following procedure will be applied:
 - a) If another umpire of the appropriate minimum standard is available, then they will umpire the match;
 - b) Failing that, the next best-qualified umpire should be used;
 - c) If the appointed umpire arrives late and the game has already commenced, the umpire that started the game will continue for the entire duration of the match;
 - d) The home team must inform the Regional League Administrator and the TSG immediately after the match.
 - e) Replacement umpires who may be a coach are not allowed to coach during the match or at intervals.

- f) A replacement umpire must be an active member of England Netball as listed on the Engage system.
7. Any concerns regarding umpires should be made in writing and emailed to the NW Regional Officiating Lead at nwofficiating@gmail.com.

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County Officiating Leads

Cheshire - Chris McCall

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