



Metro Jets  
Umpire Handbook  
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## Welcome to Metro Jets

The Metro Jets Netball Club, formerly Western Jets Netball Club, was founded in 1995, participates in South Australia's elite netball competitions: the Netball SA Premier League; the Adelaide Metropolitan Netball Division and the City Night Division, all of which are hosted at Priceline Stadium, home of the Adelaide Thunderbirds.

Despite still being relatively new, Metro Jets continues to grow and experience success across their grades. In 2014, Metro Jets were endorsed as one of eight Premier League Clubs to compete at the highest level in South Australia, becoming a true 'Pathway Club' to the Adelaide Thunderbirds.

Metro Jets are extremely proud of the growth and development achieved in their short history. The club has developed a strong, supportive, and professional environment of exceptional standards that aims to inspire and promote players, coaches and umpires to reach their full potential.

Today, Metro Jets proudly field over 25 teams in Netball SA's elite competitions, making us a 'Club of Choice' in South Australia.

Go Jets!

### Mission

We strive to develop, promote, and encourage our players, coaches, umpires, and officials to reach their full potential.

### Vision

To be a successful high-performance pathway club in South Australia.

### Our commitments

Our commitments that underpin our Vision and Mission are to:

- Promote and actively encourage fair play from all involved with the club
- Build the best possible environment for our players, members, and the wider community
- Always act with integrity and transparency and provide best business practices for all our stakeholders.



## Metro Jets office bearers 2022

### Metro Jets Netball Club

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## Umpiring at Metro Jets Netball Club

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The role of the umpire coordinator and coloured shirt program coordinator is as follows:

- Actively seek, support, and develop club umpires
- Arrange appropriate umpires for: match day; trials/training sessions; and practice matches
- Provide umpiring experience and mentoring in club
- Organise training & development of umpires and arrange Club support when needed
- Record the number of games umpired by each umpire and liaise with treasurer re: payment

Should any issues or queries arise during the season, please contact the appropriate coordinator on the above contact details.

### Requirements and pre-requisites

Become an umpire in 6 easy steps, as outlined on the Netball SA website (<https://sa.netball.com.au/become-an-umpire>)

1. Become a registered member of Netball SA through the Coaches and Umpires Association
2. Purchase a Rule Book (<https://sa.netball.com.au/netball-sa-shop>)



3. Sit the Rules of Netball Theory Exam online and achieve a passing mark of 70% or above  
(<https://sa.netball.com.au/rulesofnetballtheoryexam>)
4. Attend a Beginners Umpires Workshop through Netball SA  
(<https://sa.netball.com.au/events#187>)
5. Complete the Foundation Umpire Education Course  
(<https://sa.netball.com.au/foundationumpireeducationcourse>)
6. Email through to the club secretary or Coloured Shirt Program Coordinator to start your umpiring journey with Metro Jets!

## Payments

Umpires are reimbursed for their commitment to officiate on match day, in line with current guidance from Netball SA. Payments do vary per club, however, are reviewed frequently. Metro Jets umpires receive a direct debit fortnightly. Please see payment schedule below:

Accreditation	Payment per game (\$)
Unbadged	25
C badge	30
B badge	35
A badge	40

## Commencing umpiring

Umpiring is an integral component of netball. Umpires apply the rules to the best of their ability, without fear or favour, making decisions in the best interests of the game. Skilled umpiring enhances the game by complementing and encouraging skilled play, for the enjoyment of all participants and spectators alike.

## Why umpire?

Have you ever considered the benefits of becoming an umpire?

Umpiring provides you with so much more than just the ability to officiate the rules of the game. It can make you feel:

- Connected – Umpiring is a great way to make new friends and be part of the vibrant netball community.
- Respected – Umpires facilitate a safe, fair, and enjoyable environment for netball players. Umpiring develops skills that can be used for life: communication, resilience, and leadership.



- Energised – Umpiring lets you experience the thrill of the game, contributes towards maintaining a healthy lifestyle and offers a pathway to participate in sport at the highest level.

### Process within Metro Jets

Refer to page 6 for “requirements and pre-requisites”.

To express your interest in umpiring for Metro Jets Netball Club, please contact [secretary@metrojets.com.au](mailto:secretary@metrojets.com.au) or [umpires@metrojets.com.au](mailto:umpires@metrojets.com.au).

You will be directed to purchase white attire (shorts or skirt, top, jacket) and a metal whistle.

Opportunities will be available to have on and off-court practice, prior to umpiring on game day.

### Umpiring in South Australia

Netball SA provides a range of development programs for umpires of all levels. Opportunities exist for umpires at association, regional, state, and national levels.

The Netball Australia umpire accreditation system is a structured pathway based on umpiring courses, Rules in Action, and practical umpiring instruction through an experience mentor system. The accreditation system leads to a practical assessment in a 4-tiered system of badges, namely C, B, A and the highest national award the AA.

### Coloured Shirt Program

The Coloured Shirt Program is an initiative, developed by Netball SA and the Office of Recreation and Sport, where new or inexperienced officials wear a coloured shirt that makes them easily recognisable. The primary objective is for people to identify these officials as “leaners” and understand that they may make mistakes and that harassment to these umpires will not be tolerated. The secondary objective of this initiative is to provide mentoring and support to the umpire.

There are several pre-requisites for umpire participants – have less than two years umpiring experience, be unbadged, be a current member of the Coaches/Umpires Association and be willing to align their umpire development with the Netball Australia pathway by completing the relevant prerequisites.

### Updating umpire level



To update an 'on court' umpire accreditation, an umpire must attain a higher badge level, or attend at least one professional umpire education unit (theory examination, rules in action or umpire course) within six years of obtaining a badge.

An experienced umpire, regardless of badge level, who is returning to umpiring, may update as above. However, in accordance with normal practise, umpire allocation will be based on performance.

Umpire presenters and testers that are no longer umpiring must hold a current (within the last 4 years) Rules of Netball Theory Exam pass mark relevant to their badge level to be eligible to present and/or test as part of the National Umpire Accreditation System.

They can be found here” <https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2019-06/Umpire-update-criteria.pdf>

### Umpiring code of behaviour

In addition to Netball Australia's General Code of Behaviour, you must meet the following requirements regarding your conduct during any activity held by or under the auspices of Netball Australia, Member Organisation or Associates in your role as an umpire.

1. Umpire in accordance with the Official Rules of the Game
2. Treat all players, coaches, match officials and other umpires with respect
3. Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else
4. Ensure the court and its surrounds are compliant with the rules
5. Take appropriate action to manage dangerous play
6. Maintain a high standard of personal behaviour always
7. Be a positive role model through behaviour and personal appearance projecting a favourable image of netball and umpiring always
8. Be courteous, respectful, and open to discussion and interaction
9. Maintain or improve your current performance level and seek continual improvement





## Metro Jets expectations

The Metro Jets Netball Club has expectations for all players, coaches, umpires, and spectators are as follows:

- Respect all opposition players, coaches, umpires, and spectators
- Respect all Jets players, coaches, umpires, spectators, and committee
- Remember that players participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the sport
- Make the experience for all players, coaches, umpires, and spectators a positive experience
- All players to have equal court time where possible during minor round matches
- Display control, respect, and professionalism to all involved in the sport
- Any physical contact with a young player should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or beliefs
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players, follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to commence training or matches
- At all times, represent the Club with dignity and sportsmanlike behaviour
- Support the Club and its members at trainings, matches and Club functions.

### Expectation of players towards umpires

The club would like players to be aware of several items regarding player/umpire relationships.

- It is essential that players learn to listen to the umpire for directions during the match, not the coach (or parents/spectators)
- All players benefit from learning the skill of adapting their game to the umpires they have. At times it seems bad calls are made by the umpires, but being a good sport means taking the bad decisions with the good
- Remember to use the correct protocol to address concerns about umpiring. During a break, the Captain (and ONLY the Captain) may approach the umpires to discuss concerns



- Our umpires are out there to help our teams play their best game. If we don't have umpires, players can't play the game. Please remember to be respectful to all umpires, perhaps even thank them after each game.

### Matches and training information

All Metro Jets teams train and play at Priceline Stadium – 155 Railway Terrace, Mile End. The stadium caters for all levels of competition and is the home of the Adelaide Thunderbirds.

Grade	Player age	Winter games (Apr – Sept)	Summer games (Oct – Mar)
Sub-primary	9/U	Saturday 9:00am	Friday 6:30pm
Primary	11/U	Saturday 9:00am	Friday 6:30pm
Sub-junior	12/U	Saturday 10:00am	Friday 7:30pm
Junior	15/U	Saturday 11:00am	Friday 8:30pm
Intermediate	17/U	Saturday 12:30pm	Tuesday 7:00pm or 8:30pm
Senior	18 and over	Saturday 2:00pm or 4:20pm	Tuesday 7:00pm or 8:30pm

### Match day roles

As an umpire, you will need to be aware of the roles that people play on match day. It takes many committed people to make it possible for our Metro Jets players to play a game of netball.

#### Primary carer

Each team must have a primary carer (preferably with some form of first aid training) to attend to injuries/illnesses. However, there is no mandatory requirement regarding the first aid training. The primary carer has the duty of care to respond appropriately in the case of injury/illness. The primary carer is the only person allowed on court during an injury timeout unless the injured player needs support to be moved from the court. Coaches and parents are not allowed on court in the process.

#### Scorer



All players will go on a roster to provide a scorer and timer throughout the season. The scorer for each team needs to:

- Be over 16 years of age
- Sit or stand with the opposition scorer
- Print the umpire's name on the scorecard prior to the match
- Tick the box next to each player's name as they take the court
- Record all centre passes and goals
- Goals must be scored each quarter numerically (ie 1, 2, 3)
- Total the number of goals each quarter
- Confirm scores throughout the match with the opposition
- Total the number of goals for the match
- Both captains are to sign the score card following the match
- Return scorecard to Duty Office following the match

### Timer

The timer for each team needs to:

- Be over 16 years of age
- Sit or stand with the opposition timer
- If timing quarters, follow the umpire at 10 seconds to go and call "time" when the timer beeps.
- If timing breaks, advise the umpire of 30 seconds, 10 seconds and time.

The home team is always in charge of timing quarters, and this varies depending on the age group. Sub junior, primary and Net Set Go grades have 4 x 10-minute quarters. All Junior, inter and senior grades have 4 x 15-minute quarters. The away team is always in charge of timing breaks and injury time. Breaks are 3, 5, 3 minutes (respectively). Injury time is up to 30 seconds and must be timed.

Timing may also be centrally timed. Refer to most updated information from the Umpiring Coordinator.

### **International Netball Federation (INF) – official rule update**

[2019 official rule amendment summary](#)

The most recent Rules of Netball handbook can be found online at

<https://netball.com.au/rules-netball>

[2019 Net Set Go – Set rules](#)



Please see attached for Net Set Go rules:  
<https://wa.netball.com.au/sites/wa/files/2021-01/Suncorp%20NetSetGO%20Umpire%20Handbook.pdf>

## National Umpire Development Framework

Please see below for the National Umpire Accreditation Framework overview, detailing the pre-requisites, pathways, and assessment modules for each badging level of accreditation. This can also be viewed online at: <https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2020-02/National-Umpire-Development-Framework-2020-Edition.pdf>

Figure 1: National Umpire Accreditation Framework Overview

PRE-REQUISITES	PATHWAYS	ASSESSMENT		ACCREDITATION
		Theory Examination Pass Mark	Practical Test	
<b>Foundation Umpire Online Course</b> (integrated with Community Officiating General Principles)	Participating in Rules Discussion workshops	70-79%	Local Game (Ladies, Mens or Mixed) (4 x 10, 12 or 15 minute quarter game)	<b>C Badge</b>
	Coaching/Mentoring			
<b>Elite Umpire Course</b> (includes Advanced Level Officiating General Principles)	Practice Umpiring at appropriate level	80-89%	Local Game (Ladies, Mens or Mixed) (4 X 15 minute quarters)	<b>B Badge</b>
	Attend Umpire Development Programs	90-100%	State League Game of a suitable standard (4 X 15 minute quarters)	<b>A Badge</b>
	Self-Reflection			
	Individual Development	90-100%	1 x SSN match or 2 x ANL matches (4 x 15 minute quarters)	<b>AA Badge</b>
	Community Officiating General Principles course (available online)			
Advanced Level Officiating General Principles	N/A	Highest Level of Competition in the Country with International Experience	<b>International Umpire Award (IUA)</b>	

The C badge criteria can be found online:  
[https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2019-06/C-Badge-Testing-Sheet\\_FINAL.pdf](https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2019-06/C-Badge-Testing-Sheet_FINAL.pdf)



The B badge criteria can be found online:

[https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2019-06/B-Badge-Testing-Sheet\\_FINAL.pdf](https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2019-06/B-Badge-Testing-Sheet_FINAL.pdf)

The A badge criteria can be found online:

[https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2019-06/A-Badge-Testing-Sheet\\_FINAL.pdf](https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2019-06/A-Badge-Testing-Sheet_FINAL.pdf)

