

Waratah Netball Club

Umpiring Convenor Duties

1st February 2019

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Intro

The Umpiring Convenor is a Non-Executive member of the Club management committee.

The Umpiring Convenor's primary role is to be the Club point of contact for Umpiring queries and to assist Club umpires in performance of their roles. The Umpiring Convenor should be an experienced umpire with recognised Umpiring qualifications, preferably with a minimum of B-badged qualifications.

Effective Umpiring is a key enabler to achieving the Club mission of “...ensuring that our players have the opportunity to perform to the best of their abilities”. The Umpiring Convenor must therefore be motivated individual who is prepared to develop and mentor Club umpires, and create and maintain a strong umpiring culture.

Umpiring Convenor Tasks

The Umpiring Convenor must:

- Have a sound working knowledge of the Club Constitution & Rules, in particular the Club Umpiring Policy;
- Ensure that players, teams and parents understand the Club requirements for umpiring.
- Develop and maintain a high standard of umpiring at Waratah Netball Club.
- Ensure that the Club members are aware of Junior Umpiring Development Program (JUDP) events.
- Ensure that relevant Junior players have appropriate training and supervision during the season.
- Monitor Club Umpires through the season and provide mentoring if required;
- Ensure that Club Umpires are aware of courses and other training events;
- Develop and build confidence with the Club's younger umpires and non-badged umpires.
- Ensure that Club Umpires are aware of Netball Australia Umpiring Pathways and Strategies;
- Encourage Club Umpires to further their experience;
- Ensure that Club Umpires have conducted, if required, any checks that may be required by Local, State, or National authorities;
- Present nominations to the Club Executive for Annual Umpiring Awards;
- In consultation with the Treasurer, develop an annual Umpiring budget for presentation to the Club Executive.

Umpiring Mentoring

When providing support to umpires, mentors should:

- Suggest and direct the umpire to where they should be positioning themselves so they can secure a good view of play to observe any infringements.
- Define and explain any rules of which the umpire may be unsure of (e.g. contact, obstruction - penalty pass and/or penalty pass or shot, minor infringements i.e. stepping, offside etc. free pass).

- Encourage the umpire to use a loud and sharp whistle and use a loud voice to enable the other umpire to hear their decisions.
- At a suitable time (i.e. at the break or when the play is in the other umpire's area of responsibility) provide feedback to the umpire about their performance

Review of this Duty Statement

The Umpiring Convenor is to review this Duty Statement annually, or on appointment to the position.