

## UMPIRING POLICY 2014

### 1. Requirements for Umpiring at WDNA

"Umpire" means an umpire who meets the following criteria.

- a. Rule 3.1.5 Umpires shall wear clothes that are preferably white or cream in colour. Suitable sports footwear shall be worn.
- b. Rule 3.1.1 They shall umpire according to the Rules and decide on any matter not covered by the Rules.
- c. Hold a valid theory pass & be one of an Association recognised Umpire, hold a National Badge or be a trainee umpire who has undertaken a Basic Level Umpiring Course.

### 2. The Policy

All clubs supply an Umpire for each game that their club plays in, including A Grade.

The Umpire must be qualified for that level of game.

All clubs will be responsible for their own 'on call' umpires.

### 3. The Perceived Risks

- (1) **Bias** - prejudice or unfair preference for or dislike of something.

#### Management of Risk

There are two levels of management of this issue:

- (a) Club Responsibility:

The Umpire convenor from each club, each week, must reiterate what constitutes an Umpire and the importance of being independent i.e. clothing, whistle, footwear and Knowledge of the Rules.

- (b) WDNA Responsibility:

WDNA Umpiring Committee must provide a presence over seeing as many games as possible during the day, to review the quality of umpiring and ascertain any issues such as bias.

- (2) **No show** - failure to supply an Umpire.

#### Management of Risk

- (a) Opposition team can supply an Umpire.
- (b) Coach or spare player on either team, if qualified, can be used.
- (c) Network with other clubs.
- (d) Liaise urgently with an Umpiring Committee member.

### 4. The Penalties

Fines for any breaches of the Association Process may include a loss of points and/or a financial penalty.

### WDNA RULES & GUIDELINES

1. Clubs must supply a minimum of one (1) umpire per team, including A Grade, that the club is registering with the association for the relevant season/or competition/ or upcoming competition.
2. Clubs will be responsible for their own 'on call' umpire/s.
3. It will be the responsibility of each Club to make sure that an umpire of suitable standard is available for the match specified.
4. The WDNA Umpiring Coordinator reserves the right to replace any allocated umpire to assist in the coaching, development or Badging of Association umpires or in the circumstances of a high level or challenging game
5. The Names and qualification of all suitably qualified and willing umpires must be submitted to the Umpiring Coordinator at least 7 days prior to the first week of finals to ensure that enough time is allowed for notification to umpires.
6. All Umpires are to report to the control point and sign on no later than 10 minutes before the scheduled start of the game and before reporting to the court.
7. If an umpire cannot carry out the allotted match; it is the responsibility of the Club's Coordinator to make a suitable replacement prior to the required sign on time.
8. Once an Umpire commences a game, that Umpire may only be replaced for injury or illness as per the AANA Rules and Guidelines.
9. For all competitive rounds, umpires must umpire in a **white shirt and white skirt or in the case of Male Umpires, white shorts**. Appropriate enclosed footwear **must** be worn at all times (i.e. joggers).
10. When an umpire is attired in Club Uniform, a White shirt or a white bib (supplied by WDNA) **MUST** be worn over the top of the uniform.
11. Incorrect dress in the competitive rounds will incur a fine to the team playing as it is this team's responsibility to ensure their umpire is available and in correct attire.
12. Non Competitive Division Umpires must be appropriately dressed.
13. Umpires in these divisions are not permitted to wear jeans, cut off denim shorts, midriff shirts, thongs or sandals or clothing containing offensive or portraying offensive material or slogans.
14. For un-badged Umpires in the Non-Competitive Divisions the wearing of white/cream shirt and / or white/cream tailored short/pants/skirt is permitted.
15. If a game is umpired by a person not compliant with the dress code, the Umpiring Coordinator of that club will be required to replace the umpire with an appropriately dressed umpire.

16. If team Officials have concerns regarding the officiating of a game the team manager should report to the WDNA Control Desk as soon as possible.
17. A Club Official may be called on to support the umpire/s for the remainder of the game. An Incident Report Form may also be completed when necessary.
18. If an umpire feels they need support of a senior umpire they should send word to the WDNA Control Desk via one of the playing team Officials as soon as possible.
19. The training and helping of umpires is the obligation of each Club. Club coaches of umpires are to be suitably qualified i.e. National or Association Level Badge. Support personnel must wear a visual jacket as supplied by WDNA.
20. All non-playing umpires must be registered as a Club Official with WDNA. Non-player fees will be determined in the same manner by the Club as playing fees are determined. This will ensure that the umpire is covered by the Netball Australia insurance policy in the case of an injury or other legal liability.
21. Please ensure that your umpires are registered along with your players and other officials at the beginning of each year when team registrations are submitted to WDNA. Players who umpire are already covered through their player registration fee.