

GREEN BAND INITIATIVE

Umpire/Supervisor Fact Sheet



Purpose of the Initiative:

- The Green Band initiative is designed to identify and protect umpires under the age of 18 officiating netball.
- It aims to address poor sideline behaviour and ensure that any complaints or issues are managed according to the Netball Australia Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy.
- To integrate with existing umpire development and training programs and to complement all other umpire awareness campaigns.

Purpose of the Green Band:

- The green bands are not an indication of umpire skill or ability.
- They serve as a visible recognition of young umpires' leadership and responsibility in officiating.
- The bands aim to celebrate the contribution of young umpires to the netball community and help others recognise their important role.

What is Poor Sideline Behaviour?

- Disputed rulings
- Negative comments
- Aggressive or foul language
- Verbal or physical threats
- Inappropriate approach towards umpires
- Encroaching on an umpire's personal space

Role of Umpire Supervisor:

- Ensure all eligible umpires wear a visible band.
- Assist eligible umpires in handling on-court or bench-related behavioural issues (umpires are not responsible for addressing spectator misconduct).
- Report instances of poor sideline behaviour in line with Netball Australia's Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.
- Submit complaints in writing to your Association or Netball ACT (during Capital Chemist ACT Junior Championships).

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Umpire Responsibilities:

- Umpires are only responsible for officiating the game (on the court or bench) and handling issues directly related to the players, coaches, and team officials.
- Any issues with sideline behaviour by spectators should be managed by competition management or supervisors, not the umpire.

Interaction Rules:

- Only players are allowed to approach an umpire during the match, and only to seek clarification of a rule.
- Coaches, officials, or spectators are not allowed to speak to an umpire at any time.

Umpire Supervisor Responsibilities:

- Umpire supervisors and mentors should be present to assist when needed, however, umpires can address poor behaviour from on-court or bench players, coaches, and officials if competent.
- Spectator behaviour concerns should be managed by the umpire supervisor through the proper complaint processes.

Child Safety and Education:

- Netball Australia Child Safety Practices ensure that all young people in netball have the right to feel safe, included, encouraged, and supported. Netball Australia's Safeguarding Children and Young People course is available via Netball Learning. Umpire Supervisors, Umpires, Coaches, and other officials working with young people should complete the course. For more details, refer to the Netball Australia Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy. You can read it [here](#).

Umpiring can be challenging, and we appreciate the dedication of umpire supervisors in mentoring young umpires. Thank you for your invaluable efforts. Let's band together in support of young umpires.

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