

GREEN BAND INITIATIVE

Overview



Protecting our young umpires | Fostering respect in Netball

The Green Band Initiative is part of Netball ACT's ongoing commitment to fostering a safe, supportive, and respectful environment for everyone in our netball community, particularly our young umpires. The program supports umpires under the age of 18 by providing them with green bands, increasing their visibility on court and encouraging greater understanding, patience, and respect from players, coaches, and spectators.

Why the Green Band Initiative?

- Safeguards umpires under 18 years old and raises awareness of Child Safe Standards. • Promotes respect and empathy toward young officials.
- Encourages positive sideline behaviour, ensuring a welcoming environment for all.

By clearly identifying young umpires, we can better protect them from negative sideline behaviour and support their growth as officials.

How it works?

- Umpires under 18 years old wear a green band during matches.
- Umpire Supervisors and Court Supervisors oversee sideline behaviour and provide support. The program works in tandem with Netball Australia's Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.

For any questions or additional resources, please contact our umpire coordinator - carly.brown@netballact.com.au

Let's **BAND** together in support of young umpires