

Redbacks Netball Club – New Umpire Training

Umpire education and development with Redbacks commences February each year during “team allocation” sessions, and continues throughout the season.

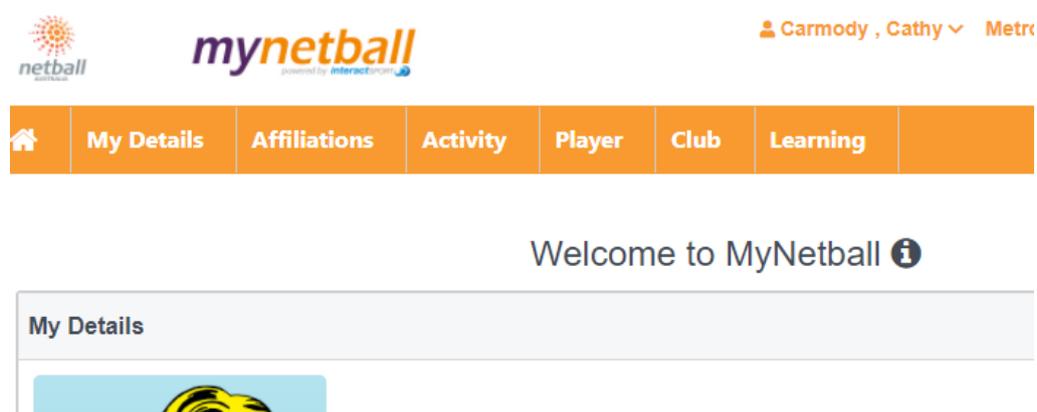
This is the best time of the year to start, so if you are interested in umpiring in 2021, please read through the information below and register as soon as possible.

In order to qualify for umpire training, players need to complete some online education and a rules examination, and to email their certificate and personal details to Tanya on redbacksumpireconvenor@gmail.com . Please include the players name, date of birth, age group they are playing in, and team number or coach if known at the time.

New umpires’ online education

Step one: log on to **my netball**. This is the program you have used in previous years to register as a player and it is still being used for netball education.

Hover the cursor over “learning” and the drop-down options become available.



Step Two: Click on the “online learning” option and then the “Browse available courses” so you can find the umpiring course.



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Step Three: the full catalogue will then be available

The screenshot shows the 'Full catalogue' section of the LMS. It features three course cards:

- netball COACHING**: 7 Step Skill Progression and Fault Detection workshop. Description: The workshop aims to support coach progression from the Development to Intermediate Netball Coaching. It reinforces the seven step skill progressions through theory and practical netball. Status: Not Enrolled, No sessions planned, 2 Hours. Tags: Netball, Netball Australia.
- netball COACHING**: Advanced Coach Accreditation Course. Description: Information The Advanced Coach Accreditation further develops the complex coaching philosophies and principles undertaken in the Intermediate Coach Accreditation. A focus on game play. Status: Not Enrolled, 2 available sessions. Tags: Netball, Netball Access, Netball Australia, 1 prerequisite.
- netball UMPIRING**: B Badge Workshop. Description: The B Badge Workshop is a development opportunity, designed for National B Umpires. The focus will include: Rules Interpretation and Application Match Protocols Practical Matchplay Part 1.

Step Four OPTION: This course is optional, only the exam in Step Five is compulsory, however we highly recommend undertaking this course and the Exam fee is included in the price. The Foundation Umpire Education Course is the online education program. It costs around \$40, has 5 modules. For players under 13, we suggest that you sit with them as they go through this education. It gives your player the opportunity to discuss their thoughts and develop a good understanding.

The screenshot shows the details for the 'Foundation Umpire Education Course' in the 'Full catalogue'. It includes a search bar with 'Foundation Umpire' entered. The course card shows:

- netball UMPIRING**: Foundation Umpire Education Course. Description: Welcome to the Foundation Umpire Education Course. (formerly known as the Level 1 Umpires Course) This course has been designed to assist you in achieving the necessary skills and knowledge to be an effective umpire and enjoy you...
- Status: Completed, 5 modules. Tags: Netball, Netball Access, Netball Australia.

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Step Five: The “Rules of Netball Theory Examination” can be taken without completing the above module if you wish. All umpires who assist games with Redbacks must complete step five. This costs \$10.50. The **Rules of Netball** book can be downloaded and read here:

<https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2020-02/INF-RulesofNetball2020.pdf>

then the test can be taken.

Rules of Netball Theory Examination

The screenshot shows a notification bar with the following information:

- Completed 20 May 2016
- Certificate is available. View now

Step Six: Please download the certificate and email to our umpiring convenor Tanya Clonan. Her email is: redbacksumpireconvenor@gmail.com

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During Team Allocations:

Your budding new umpire will need to purchase and take care of their own whistle. New umpires will have the opportunity to umpire with the support of trained mentors in a very low-pressure environment. They will be offered opportunities on days that they are not participating in team allocations as a player, and potentially after their session if appropriate. Group education sessions will also be offered during this time. This pre-season intra-club development is extremely valuable to prepare new umpires for the next stage of their training – umpiring real games with a mentor.

The Role of Mentors:

Mentors will rarely, if ever, blow their whistle during a game. They don't run the sideline and instruct, but give voice prompts throughout the game, and do most of their work with the umpire during the quarter and half-time breaks, as well as after the game. Mentors work on one or two things at a time, umpires are not expected to be able to get it all right from the beginning.

During the Season:

Trainee umpires need to be available Saturday mornings to learn on 10s, 11s and 12s. We roster around their commitments to playing and coaching with Redbacks. It is important to note that Trainee Umpires **will have a dedicated mentor with them** until they reach a specific competency level. This first level is called a "Silver Badge" and is the first goal of a trainee umpire. This means an nationally accredited Umpire Mentor (can be from Redbacks) has determined that the umpire can control the game, is aware of rules and can demonstrate umpiring skills to the required level for junior games. Once a trainee umpire becomes a Silver Badge Umpire, they will then be allocated games of their own and be paid by our club for their service. It is important to note that while they won't have a dedicated mentor, Redbacks and the MDNA Umpire Committee provide ongoing mentorship and support. If a young umpire is experiencing difficulties during a game, they will **always have the ability to request official Umpire Support**. This is a great "first job" for many of our members. This is a great start for employment.

Umpires can then work toward their Gold Badge over time which requires them to develop competence in higher level games, with a nuanced understanding of rules and game management. Those who are really committed can also choose to then work toward a National C Badge. There is no set timeline for development – all umpires develop according to their own pathway and subject to their availability.

During the year Tanya runs umpiring workshops and umpires can attend carnivals with teams. Monday night fixtures is also an option as a young umpire becomes more experienced.

We have found that players who learn how to umpire show a deeper understanding of the game and it assists in their development.

If you have any questions, email redbacksumpireconvenor@gmail.com or contact Tanya on the Redbacks Facebook page.