

“Frequently Asked Questions For Umpires”
 NetFest Outdoor Competition, Firth Park Mudgeeraba
12-15TH October 2017

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| Who is the NetFest Umpires Convenor and your daily point of contact? | Kimberley Seymour – 0418 491108 or kimberleyseymour13@gmail.com |
| Do I have to register and when? | YES all umpires MUST register EVERY DAY that you are ROSTERED ON to umpire. Registration times as follows: Thursday 12 th Oct - 4.30pm Friday 13 th Oct - 7.00am Day shift Friday 13 th Oct - 3.30pm Evening shift Saturday 14 th Oct - 7.00am Sunday 15 th Oct - 8.00am |
| Where do I register? | Umpires will need to sign-in at the Umpire Registration Desk in front of the club house each day. |
| What time do I need to be at the courts? | AS PER THE ABOVE TIMES |
| Umpires Meeting – very important! | Will be held in the umpire’s tent next to the club house before each day of competition commences. All umpires must attend either the morning or afternoon meeting pending your shift. Umpire meeting times as follows: Thursday 12 th Oct – 5.00pm Friday 13 th Oct - 7.30am Day shift Friday 13 th Oct - 3.45pm Evening shift Saturday 14 th Oct - 7.30am Sunday 15 th Oct - 8.30am |
| What are the start and finish time of the games? | Thursday: first round 5.30pm last round 9.00pm Friday: first round 8.00am, last round 8.28pm Saturday: first round 8.00am, last round 5.54pm Sunday: finals start 9.00am, last round 11.30am |
| How long are the games? | 2 x 10 minutes halves (no break, straight swap) with a 2 minute changeover between each game. |
| NetFest Umpire Gift Pack | Each umpire will receive an awesome NetFest Umpire Gift Pack (1 per umpire) on their first day of registration. If you are a player, you will receive the same gift pack when you register and won’t receive a second. |
| How will umpires know what days they are umpiring? | Confirmation of the DAYS/EVENINGS (not times) you have been rostered on to umpire will be posted on the NetFest Umpires 2017 Facebook page and sent via email. |
| How will umpires be allocated? | Umpires will be grouped into a team of four (4) or six (6) and allocated to one court for the day. A team captain will be nominated for each court. |

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| When will I know my umpiring times? | Each day you register, your team captain will be given a copy of the umpiring times for each umpire allocated to that court for the day. A copy of this umpires draw for each court will also be posted on the information board in the umpire's tent so you can take a photo on your phone. |
| How will I know my court allocation? | Your NetFest Umpire Convenor will advise your court allocation and team captain for the day at the umpires meeting each morning/afternoon. You will be allocated the same court for the duration of the day. |
| Who will be my co-umpires? | Your NetFest Umpires Convenor will advise your co-umpires at the umpire meeting each morning. |
| Will I be with the same co-umpires each day? | Not necessarily. Umpires will be placed in groups based on their skill level and the standard of the games on that court. |
| Junior Umpires | Each junior umpire will umpire with a senior badged umpire within their group of four (4) or six (6). Senior umpires will be required to support/mentor any junior umpire within their team. |
| Umpires Team Name | After the umpires meeting each morning, team white will move into their allocated umpire groups. Each group will be required to come up with a 'team name' and advise their team captain. Prizes to be won for the best team name. You can start thinking about great team names now! |
| Umpire Coaches/Court Supervisors | There will be 3-4 Umpire Coaches/Supervisors each day on court. |
| How many games can I expect to umpire each day if I am a <u>NON-PLAYER</u>? | Approx. 10 games for day shift Friday & Saturday, approx. 4-6 games for evening shifts Thursday & Friday nights, approx. 4-6 games for Sunday finals. |
| How many breaks will I get during my shift? | Each umpire within the group will umpire approx. 2-3 games on, then 2-3 games off, so you get adequate rest. |
| How many games will <u>PLAYER/UMPIRES</u> be required to umpire? | Please refer to the email regarding player-umpires. Times you will be umpiring will depend on when your team is not playing. This email will be sent Mon 9/10. |
| When do I need to be at the court ready to umpire? | Both umpires must be at the court 5 minutes before the start of each game. |
| How will I know what round I will be umpiring? | Each team will be given an umpires draw for their allocated court with the times/round each umpire within your group will be umpiring. Each umpire will be given approximately the same number of games pending their availability. |
| Do all umpires within the team have to stay at the court for the duration of the day? | No. Each umpire within the team will know what times/rounds they are umpiring. <u>It is the responsibility of each umpire</u> to make sure they are at the court before the conclusion of the previous round (5 minutes before). This way you can still enjoy the NetFest |

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| | activities on offer during the day. |
| What if the umpire is late or doesn't show up? | The games WILL NOT STOP! 2 umpires within your group must be on the court and ready to umpire at the start of every round regardless. If you are unwell or injured you MUST let your TEAM CAPTAIN know immediately as someone in your team will have to step up and replace you, until a reserve umpire gets to the court. |
| What happens if an umpire on the team gets injured during the competition? | The Team Captain or another team member MUST let the NetFest Umpire Convenor or Umpire Court Supervisor know immediately if a replacement is needed for a sick or injured umpire within your team. A reserve umpire will be allocated to your team replacing this umpire. |
| Umpire abuse or issues on court | This is an over 18's adult competition. History has shown that some teams are physical and vocal. Please don't 'buy in' to the drama on court. Remain professional at all times. The 2016 game management warning system is there to protect you, use this at your discretion. Any serious issues are to be brought to the attention of a Court Supervisor and/or the NetFest Umpires Convenor at half time. Senior umpires are asked to step in if a junior umpire is experiencing any issues on court. Don't wait till the game is finished, Court Supervisors are there to support you if you need assistance. |
| Remuneration | Umpires will be paid \$12 per game (2x10 min halves). BE AWARE... umpires will only be paid for the games they have umpired. If an umpire does not umpire the games allocated to them, they will not be paid. |
| Can I umpire more games than what I have been allocated? | No. Each umpire will be given approximately the same number of games for fairness and to ensure no umpire is burnt out. Remember , you will only be paid for the games you have been allocated to umpire. The only exception to this rule is if prior approval has been made with the NetFest Umpires Convenor for extra games. |
| Reserve Umpires | Reserve umpires are critical support for other umpires and teams participating in this tournament. Umpires that are allocated to be RESERVE for that round must remain in the Umpires Reserve Tent in front of the club house for that entire game. |
| When would a Reserve Umpire be paid? | The reserve umpire will ONLY be paid for games umpired. If an injured umpire is unable to continue for the day, a Reserve Umpire will take over all games allocated to that injured umpire and be paid accordingly. |
| When do umpires get paid? | Umpires will be paid by the Treasurer at the CONCLUSION of each day/evening of competition with |

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| | the exception of Friday, with payments being made at 4.00pm and after the last round at 8.30pm. |
| Score Sheet | Each umpire must PRINT their NAME on the SCORE SHEET (not sign) at the conclusion of the game. The score sheet will be matched with the umpire allocations for your court in the office, before payment is given to you at the end of the day/evening. |
| Finals – Umpire Selection | Umpire selection for FINALS on Sunday will be at the discretion of the NetFest Umpires Convenor and NetFest Competition Organiser. |
| As a player/umpire, will I umpire my own team or division? | You won't umpire your own team however, there is the potential that you might umpire the same division. Please remember you are representing NetFest (Netball Australia) in an umpiring role - your professional conduct is expected at all times. |
| Umpire uniform | Non-playing umpires must wear clothes preferably white in colour. For Fast5 only, casual bright clothes ok! Playing-umpires MUST wear a white shirt over their team uniform. It is vital that players on the court recognise you as an umpire and not a player. |
| Are spectators allowed between the courts? | Yes. However, no chairs, umbrellas, team bags or any other items are permitted between the courts. Court Supervisors and Officials will be on court to assist with crowd control. |
| Are there any stoppages for injury or illness? | Injury time will not be added to the game. As this is a tournament, play needs to restart as soon as possible. No extra time will be given for a stoppages. If there is a serious injury and the game is stopped, a Court Supervisor needs to be notified immediately. |
| Umpire Awards | Great prizes to be won for outstanding umpiring during the competition. |
| Umpires Tent & Amenities | The umpire's tent will be set-up courtside for your convenience. Umpires will also have access to their own toilets and change room directly behind the club house in the same building. Bottled water and fruit will be provided complimentary to umpires and officials during the competition. |
| What do I need to bring? | <u>Please remember to bring:</u> Whistle Umpire uniform Chair (for the tent) Strapping (if required) Hat & sunscreen Lunch (food/beverage stalls will be available for purchases) ATM will also be on site for your convenience Positive attitude and ready to have fun! |

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| Can I purchase a white shirt or whistle? | NetFest will have a merchandising tent with clothing available to purchase including a white NetFest branded shirt. Whistles will be available for sale at \$8.00 in the club room. |
| Where can I leave my belongings? | Umpires and players are responsible for their own belongings. NetFest Management are not responsible for lost or stolen property. If you have something valuable you need to leave in the club room, please see the NetFest Umpires Convenor on the day. |
| What if I have any other questions? | Further umpire enquiries should be directed to Kimberley Seymour NetFest Umpires Convenor. |

Finally... there is no 'I' in the word TEAM. The success and enjoyment of this event for ALL umpires depends on your commitment to your co-umpires in your team and your positive 'can do' attitude. With 130+ umpires to coordinate over 4-days, to receive a text or email at the last minute advising that you cannot umpire causes an avalanche of headaches for me, your co-umpires and NetFest management. This year we have pulled out all stops to ensure we are delivering umpires a wonderful experience. I thank you for registering this year and I am looking forward to working alongside all of you during this awesome event!

Kindest regards
Kimberley 😊