

WHAT IS NETFEST?

- Now in its 9th year – NetFest is a mass participation end of netty season extravaganza hosted by Netball Australia
- Dates for 2019 are Thursday 10th – Sunday 13th October
- Held on the Sunshine Coast at the Maroochydore Multi Sports Complex (outdoor matches) and at Mooloolaba Surf Beach (beach netball)
- Outdoor, Fast5, beach, female competitive & social, mixed competitive & social competitions will be played.

WHAT IS A NETFEST UMPIRE?

- Being a NetFest umpire is a great opportunity to earn money, professionally develop your umpiring skills, and enjoy all the great elements of NetFest whilst being on the beautiful Sunshine Coast.
- We are looking for enthusiastic, energetic and qualified umpires to umpire at the biggest 4-day netball competition in Australia!!

REQUIREMENTS

- All NetFest umpires should ideally hold a 'C' badge accreditation level or above, (as per INF netball rules). Note: We do allow non-badged umpires that have experience and requested to be screened for testing.
- Umpires must be at least 14 years of age.
- Umpires are not required to umpire every day but will be rostered onto matches pending their availability.
- Umpires are to wear white, bring own whistle and reusable drink bottle.
- Chair (if you wish to sit outside when not umpiring and watch matches in action)
- Strapping (if required)
- Cap & Sunscreen
- Lunch (or money for food/beverage stalls)
- Positive attitude and ready to have fun

HOW TO REGISTER

HOW DO I REGISTER TO BECOME A NETFEST UMPIRE?

- Umpires must register through the Umpire Registration Link - [click here](#)
- Registering as an umpire doesn't mean that you can't play! Just let us know which team you are playing in when registering so we can schedule your games appropriately.

NETFEST UMPIRE PAYMENT

HOW MUCH DO I GET PAID?

- **Beach umpires:** Will be remunerated \$100 per day.
- **Outdoor umpires:** Will be remunerated \$12 per game.
- Payment is subject to an umpire completing their allocation per session, as outlined on the NetFest umpiring roster.

PAYMENT CHANGES IN 2019

- Yes, NetFest is moving with the times and all umpire payments will be direct deposited into your account from Monday 14 October.
- This reduces the wait time at the end of the day for our umpires, as well as reducing the need for having cash onsite during the event.
- We hope you see this as a positive step and know that we are following the lead of most netball associations around Australia.

WHAT DOES THIS CHANGE MEAN FOR ME?

- We require you to complete the two forms that have been sent to you upon registering as a NetFest umpire, and send it back to us at umpires@netfest.com.au by Friday 13 September.
- This will allow the Netball Australia finance team to process the information and set up a record for you, so that your payments during NetFest can be directly deposited into your account from Monday 14 October.
- Many of you will have already completed the Statement by a Supplier form for your location netball competition, Netball Australia needs you to complete another for their records.

WHY THE CHANGE?

- Due to feedback from umpires and umpire supervisors over the past couple of years, we have decided to implement the change for 2019.
- We are aware the majority of netball associations around Australia now pay their umpires by direct deposit.
- It's more efficient and safer not to have cash onsite during the event.

HOW & WHY DO I NEED TO COMPLETE THE 2 FORMS TO UMPIRE AT NETFEST?

- As we have changed the payment process we need your bank details to make the payment into your account.
- We also need the accompanying form to identify that netball is a hobby for you.

WILL I RECEIVE MY AMOUNT IN ONE PAYMENT OR SEPARATELY ACCORDING TO THE SESSIONS I UMPIRED?

- You will receive your amount in one payment.
- If you umpire multiple sessions at NetFest they will be tallied together and one transaction will be made.

WHAT REFERENCE WILL I LOOK FOR IN MY ACCOUNT?

- The description when the NetFest payment is made will be NETBALL AUSTRALIA

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE AMOUNT I RECEIVE?

Contact umpires@netfest.com.au providing your name, and the number of sessions you umpired at NetFest and a team member will respond to your query within 24 hours.

HOW CAN I CHECK THE AMOUNT THAT WILL BE DEPOSITED BEFORE IT OCCURS?

- Ensure you PRINT – NOT SIGN your name clearly at the bottom of the scorecard of every match you umpire.
- You can visit the netball office and check the number of games you have umpired before you leave at the end of each session.

MATCH LOCATIONS & DATES & TIMES

WHERE ARE THE MATCHES PLAYED?

- **Beach Competition:** The Mooloolaba Surf Beach, Mooloolaba Esplanade, Mooloolaba
- **Outdoor Competition:** Maroochydore Multi Sport Complex, Fisherman Road, Maroochydore

WHEN ARE THE MATCHES?

- NetFest runs from Thursday 10 – Sunday 13 October
- You don't have to umpire the entire 4 days!!

HOW LONG ARE THE MATCHES?

- **Beach Matches:** 2 x 5 minute halves
- **Outdoor Matches:** 2 x 10 minutes halves (no break, straight swap at half time) with a 2 minute changeover between games.
- **Fast5 Matches:** 4 x 6 minute quarters. A 1 minute break at $\frac{1}{4}$ & $\frac{3}{4}$ time and a 3 minute break at $\frac{1}{2}$ time.

UMPIRE ALLOCATIONS & UMPIRE SUPPORT

HOW ARE UMPIRES ALLOCATED TO MATCHES?

- **Beach Competition:** Umpires will be allocated by the Umpire Convenor based on badge level and experience.
- **Outdoor Competition:** Umpires will be grouped into a team of up to four and allocated to one court for their allocated shift.
- An umpire team captain will be nominated for each court.

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HOW DO I KNOW WHAT DAYS I AM UMPIRING?

- Confirmation of individual umpire rosters will be sent via email.

HOW MANY GAMES WILL I BE ALLOCATED?

- Approximately 10 games per session.

HOW MANY BREAKS WILL I GET DURING MY SESSION?

- **Beach umpires:** Will be allocated breaks throughout the day.
- **Outdoor umpires:** Will umpire approximately 2 games on, 2 games off across their session

WHEN WILL I KNOW MY UMPIRE TIMES?

- **Beach umpires:** Will be allocated a court and then rostered to times in the session. Rosters will be emailed prior to the start of NetFest.
- **Outdoor umpires:** Will be allocated to a court and provided with a schedule of the games being played on that court. The team of umpires on the court are responsible for determining who is umpiring each match. An umpire team captain will assist with allocating umpires to matches.

BEACH MATCH FIRST ROUND	START TIMES
Friday 11 October	10:00am
Saturday 12 October	10:00am
Sunday 13 October (Finals)	10:00am

OUTDOOR MATCH FIRST ROUND	START TIMES
Thursday 10 October (Fast5 only)	5:30pm
Friday (morning) 11 October	8:00am
Friday (afternoon) 11 October	12:24pm
Friday (evening) 11 October (Fast5 only)	5:30pm
Saturday (morning) 12 October	8:00am
Saturday (afternoon) 12 October	1:30pm
Saturday 12 October (Fast5 only)	7:30pm
Sunday 13 October (Finals)	9:00am

WHO IS MY DAILY POINT OF CONTACT?

- The Umpire Convenor, Umpire Coaches & Umpire Court Supervisors will be on site to answer any queries.

PLAYER/UMPIRE

HOW MANY GAMES WILL I UMPIRE IF I AM A PLAYER/UMPIRE ALSO PLAYING IN A TEAM?

- You will umpire the session when your team isn't playing. Teams will play in a morning or afternoon session, never both on the one day.

AS A PLAYER/UMPIRE WILL I UMPIRE MY OWN TEAM OR DIVISION?

- Player/Umpires won't umpire their own team, unless you are a female umpire and entered into both competitive and mixed teams.
- However, there is the potential they might umpire the same division. Please remember all umpires are representing NetFest in an umpiring role and as such professional conduct is expected at all times.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

- Player/Umpires **MUST** wear a white shirt over their team uniform.
- It is preferred that Player/Umpires do change out of their playing uniform prior to playing (there is plenty of time to change from being a player to an umpire).
- It is vital that players on the court recognise you as an umpire and not a player.

ON THE DAY

WHERE DO I SIGN IN EACH DAY?

- Umpires will need to sign in at the Umpires Registration Desk upon their arrival each day.
- There will be an umpire briefing prior to the start of each session of play, where the Umpire Convenor will advise your court allocation and team captain.
- You will be allocated the same court for the duration of your session.
- We ask umpires to arrive 45 mins prior to the first scheduled match.

WILL I UMPIRE WITH THE SAME UMPIRES EACH DAY?

- **Beach Netball:** There is only one umpire per game.
- **Outdoor Netball:** The NetFest Umpire Convenor will advise umpires and courts at the Umpire Meeting prior to the start of each session.
- Dependent on umpire availability it's likely you will umpire with different umpires each session. Umpires will be placed in teams based on experience and skill and the level of games on the court.

WHEN DO I NEED TO BE AT THE COURT READY TO UMPIRE?

- Umpires must be at the court 5 minutes before the start of each game.
- Regular announcements are made throughout the day in regard to rounds commencing.

DO UMPIRES NEED TO STAY AT THE ALLOCATED COURT ALL DAY?

- **Beach umpires:** Will be required to stay at the beach courts for the duration of the day. There will be plenty of activities to enjoy throughout the day
- **Outdoor umpires:** Are not required to be at the allocated court all day. Each umpire within the team will know what times/rounds they are umpiring. It is the responsibility of each umpire to make sure they are at the court before the conclusion of the previous round (5 minutes before).

HOW ARE ON COURT ISSUES MANAGED?

- Firstly, umpires are to always remain professional.
- Issues are to be raised by the umpires with the Umpire Court Supervisor at half time.
- Senior umpires are asked to step in if a junior umpire is experiencing any issues on court.

- If an umpire still has a concern at the conclusion of the match then further discussion is required with the Umpire Court Supervisor, who may then elevate the issue to the NetFest Umpire Convenor or NetFest Tournament Manager.

CAN I UMPIRE MORE GAMES THAN WHAT I HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED?

- No. Each umpire will be given approximately the same number of games in fairness, and to ensure no umpire is fatigued.
- Remember, umpires will only be paid for the games allocated to umpire.
- The only exception to this rule is if prior approval has been made with the NetFest Umpires Convenor to umpire additional games.

CAN I UMPIRE ALL OF MY GAMES CONSECUTIVELY AND THEN LEAVE EARLY?

- No. All umpires must remain at the courts until the end of the session. This is to ensure that we have emergency umpires in case of injury or illness.

WHERE CAN I LEAVE MY BELONGINGS?

- Umpires are responsible for their own belongings.
- Netball Australia is not responsible for lost or stolen property.
- If you have something valuable you need to leave in the Umpires Room, please speak with the NetFest Umpires Convenor on the day.

CAN I PURCHASE A WHITE SHIRT OR WHISTLE?

- Umpires that umpire at least 2 days of NetFest will receive a NetFest umpire polo, when they arrive at the venue for their first umpiring session.
- It's not compulsory to wear the NetFest umpire shirt - however we know you will love the shirt and want to wear it!
- Whistles may be available for sale in the netball office

RESERVE UMPIRES

- Reserve umpires are a crucial element of NetFest.
- Reserve umpires provide vital support for umpires and the teams participating.
- Umpires allocated to be a Reserve umpire for their round must remain in close proximity to the court.
- The Reserve umpire will only be paid for games umpired.
- If an injured umpire is unable to continue, a Reserve umpire will take over all games allocated to the injured umpire and be paid accordingly.

JUNIOR UMPIRES

- Although NetFest is an over 18 years netball competition we welcome junior umpires (under 18 years of age).
- Umpires must be at least 14 years of age.
- Beach Competition: we will have a senior umpire at their court to support if required.
- Outdoor Competition: junior umpires will umpire with a senior badged umpire within their group of umpires.
- Two junior umpires cannot be umpiring on the same court at the same time.
- Junior umpires should be badged or have adequate experience in umpiring senior netball.

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FINALS UMPIRES

- Umpire selection for Finals at both venues on Sunday will be at the discretion of the NetFest Umpires Convenor.

UMPIRE UNIFORM

BEACH UMPIRE

Uniform consists black shorts and a white top.

- Umpires umpire in bare feet, socks are ok.
- NetFest umpire polos will be provided for all umpires who umpire for a minimum of 2 days.
- Bring a cap / sunglasses & a reusable water bottle.
- Don't forget your whistle
- Bring a chair to sit close to the action!

OUTDOOR UMPIRE

- Uniform must be white.
- NetFest umpire polos will be provided for all umpires who umpire for a minimum of 2 days.
- Bring a cap / sunglasses & a reusable water bottle.
- Don't forget your whistle
- Bring a chair to sit close to the action!

FAST5 UMPIRE

- Casual bright clothes are okay and in fact encouraged!
- NetFest umpire polos will be provided for all umpires who umpire for a minimum of 2 days.
- Bring a cap / sunglasses & a reusable water bottle.
- Don't forget your whistle
- Bring a chair to sit close to the action!

PLAYER/UMPIRES

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- It is preferred that Player/Umpires do change out of their playing uniform prior to playing (there is plenty of time to change from being a player to an umpire).
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OTHER QUESTIONS

Further umpire enquiries should be directed to our friendly team at info@netfest.com.au