

NCL AND ECL 2005/06

Neutral allocation will apply to Divisions 1-3 of both National Clubs and English Counties Leagues for 2005/06. Teams in division 4 of NCL will have to provide their own umpires from a recognised list of A and B umpires produced by England Netball. All the other divisions in NCL and ECL will remain the responsibility of the club or county. The list will be circulated to the clubs/counties entered sometime towards the end of July.

Competition Calendar 2005/06

The changes in the competition calendar for 2005/06 will mean that all IFNA IUA and England National Award umpires (previously known as Country Accreditation Test) will automatically be appointed to the new Super League 2005/06

Because of this it was also necessary to do an overview of 'A' umpires for inclusion in NCL and ECL 1-3 Divisions. This was completed at Alex Barlass and Inter County Tournament in April, by a group of experienced Assessors. From there the following umpires were invited to participate in the recent Super Cup competition with a view to possible inclusion in the new Super League:- Jackie Matthews, Denise Chittenden, Kylie Woodhead, Christine Bartlett, Janice Treasure and Dickon Adams who were identified at last years ICT and were also involved in on weekend of matches.

Another overview of all umpires at Super Cup was again undertaken on the first and second weekends and once the number of umpires required for Super League, NCL and ECL has been confirmed we will be able to confirm to all umpires who will be appointed to which event.

We are also looking at trying to help B award umpires move forward and therefore a wider range of umpires are likely to be invited to attend England Netball Talent Camps and England Squad training session during the next season.

Match reporting is also being looked at, in an effort to help with umpire development, and this might become a mentoring process rather than an assessment process. When final decisions are made this will be circulated to all umpires.

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DOMESTIC CALENDAR

SUPER LEAGUE 05/06

October 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th, Nov 5th, 12th, Dec 10th, 17th, Jan 7th, 14th, Jan 28th (Res Date)
Feb 4th, 11th, 25th, May 13th/14th
Playoffs and 27th / 28th
Playoffs/Finals

NATIONAL CLUBS LEAGUE 05/06

Sept 25th, Oct 2nd, 23rd, Nov 6th, Dec 4th, Jan 15th, 29th, Feb 12th (Res Date)

ENGLISH COUNTIES LEAGUE 05/06

Oct 29th, Nov 12th, Dec 10th, Jan 7th, Feb 4th, 25th, Mar 11th (Res Date), Mar 18th

CHALLENGE CUP 05/06 - all to be confirmed

Apr 8th, May 6th, 20th, Jun 3rd, 17th, Jul 1st, 15th (Finals)

NATIONAL YOUTH TOURNAMENT 05/06

Oct 9th (Heats), Nov 19th Finals

TITAN GROUPS NATIONAL SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT 05/06

Jan 21st Regional Rounds
Mar 25th Finals

NATIONAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT 05/06

Mar 12th Heats Jun 10th Finals

ALEX BARLASS INTER COUNTY TOURNAMENT 05/06 SPONSORED BY RAF CAREERS

Apr 1st/2nd

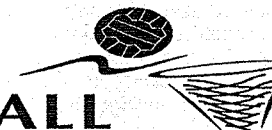
SENIOR INTER COUNTY TOURNAMENT 05/06

Apr 22nd/23rd

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR PEOPLE WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY 05/06

Jun 24th

ENGLAND NETBALL



UMPIRING INFORMATION UPDATE - JUNE 2005

Please wherever possible convey the following information to umpires within your county or league as appropriate. Much of the information has already been circulated within the Netball Magazines but hopefully some will act as gentle reminders.

C Award Umpire Tests

- It is the responsibility of the County Umpiring Secretary to set up all the arrangements for any C Award tests within their County. Enclosed are copies of the new rating sheets and feedback sheets for testers (Any County wishing to have an electronic copy should contact Head Office)
- Registration of all C Tests whether Pass or Fail must be submitted to the Regional Umpiring Secretary on the enclosed form within 28 days of the Test(s)
- The fee to register each test (whether Pass or Fail) is £2.00 and this must be included with the Registration forms when they are sent to the Regional Umpiring Secretaries (and not annually as in previous years)
- Regional Umpiring Personnel will then return the Pass cards to the County.
- County Umpiring Secretaries then forward the pass card to the candidates.
- Badges are available from Head Office and may be purchased by Counties at a cost of £2.00 per badge.

(3 enclosures included in this package)

Umpire Protocol Sheet

The enclosed sheet should be used wherever possible with Beginner and C award umpires i.e. could be included with their pass card or during any mentoring if umpire have not already received copies via umpiring courses. It is hoped that all level of umpires will work with these protocols at league, county or national level to show that umpires are working as a team at all levels of competition. An additional sheet also identifies injury protocols.

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Preliminary Umpires

need to be reminded that their qualification is only valid if the league/county they umpire within will accept this qualification. If not then Preliminary Umpires should be encouraged to apply formally for the Netball Europe C Award test (£10 fee) via their County Umpiring Secretary. **Club Action Planning Scheme (CAPS)** helps netball clubs function in the most efficient way and once completed provides proof that the club offers a quality environment for all members. CAPS offer Bronze, Silver and Gold levels of achievement. Please note that only the England Netball Beginner Award, Netball Europe C, B and A will be accepted in the umpiring qualification - A Preliminary Award holder would need to upgrade to the C award.

Intermediate Umpire - B Award Assessment

Intermediate Umpires are reminded that if they wish to be involved at all National Tournaments and NCL / ECL matches (at all levels) that they must be re-assessed for the Netball Europe B award by the end of August 2005. This will also apply on Junior/Youth Heats and Regional/County Schools rounds. After this date Intermediate Umpires will not be able to participate unless they apply formally for the B Award test (this includes payment of fee £20 and an Assessment being undertaken by a B Award Umpire Tester.) Further details on this may be obtained from your Regional Umpiring Secretary