

UMPIRE CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

In addition to BC Netball's General Code of Behaviour, you must meet the following requirements with regard to your conduct during any activity held by or under the auspices of Netball BC.

1. *Umpire in accordance with the Official Rules of the Game.*
2. *Treat all players, coaches, match officials and other umpires with respect at all times.*
3. *Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.*
 - *Ensure the court and its surrounds are compliant with the rules.*
 - *Take appropriate action to manage dangerous play.*
 - *Show concern and caution towards ill and injured players. You should enforce the blood rule and apply procedures regarding ill or injured players according to the rule book. Common sense must be applied in all cases.*

****Umpires must report any incident or personal injury to Netball BC's match officials.****

4. *Accept responsibility for all actions taken. Exercise reasonable care to prevent injury by ensuring players play within the rules. Reasonable care consists of advising the players of illegal body movements, showing due diligence in detecting infringements and penalizing rule breakers.*
5. *Umpires must be impartial and maintain integrity in their relationship with other umpires, players and coaches.*
6. *Maintain a high standard of personal behaviour at all times. Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction.*
7. *Be a positive role model through behaviour and personal appearance by maintaining the highest standards of personal conduct and projecting a favourable image of netball and umpiring at all times.*
8. *Value the individual in sport. Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction. Ensure the players have the opportunity for discussion with you after the match.*

9. *Refrain from any form of personal abuse or harassment (both verbal and physical) towards players. This includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse. Be alert to any forms of abuse directed towards the players from other sources while they are playing.*
10. *Treat all players fairly within the context of their sporting activities, regardless of gender, race, place of origin, athletic potential, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political beliefs, socio-economic status, and other conditions.*
11. *Umpires are prohibited to be under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs during games.*
12. *Seek continual self-improvement through study, performance appraisal and regular updating of competencies. Maintain or improve your current badge level and seek continual improvement.*

****Infringement of these standards may be regarded as misconduct and may constitute the revoking of your umpiring certification.****