

## 1.1 Requirements for Certification of Umpires

This policy has been updated as at January 2017, due to the introduction of the new INF Rules 2016.

1. Apprentice (C League with mentor)
  - a. attend a minimum of one Theory session
  - b. Pass for Level 1 Beginner Theory written test - open book test - Pass rate 70%
  - c. gain practical experience by umpiring a minimum of 6 times at practices
  - d. apprentices are qualified to umpire C Grade and school League games with a mentor only, until they are recommended for testing at which time they may be given permission to umpire C and school Games unaccompanied
2. Level 1 - Beginner (C League and School Games)
  - a. Attend a minimum of one Theory session (Prior to taking written or practical exams)
  - b. Pass written Theory exam - open book test. Pass rate 70%. The Theory exam is current for two calendar years. If the Practical Exam is not successfully taken within this time, the Theory exam must be rewritten.
  - c. Apprentice a minimum of three games.
  - d. A candidate who fails on her first attempt at the Practical Exam may apply to be retested upon the recommendation of the Tester.
  - e. are qualified to umpire at C League and school matches until they are recommended for Level 2 at which time they may umpire B Grade games with permission & accompanied by a mentor
3. Level 2 - Intermediate (B league) (BC Winter Games)
  - a. Attend a minimum of two Theory sessions (prior to taking written or practical exams).
  - b. Pass Level 2 Theory Exam - open book test. Pass rate 80%. The Theory Exam is current for two calendar years. If the practical Exam is not successfully taken within that time, the Theory Exam must be rewritten.
  - c. Umpire for one full season as a Level 1 Beginner, with a minimum of ten C games.
  - d. Be recommended by the Umpiring Committee.
  - e. A candidate who fails on her first attempt to pass the Practical Exam may apply to be retested upon the recommendation of the Tester.
4. Level 3 - Advanced (A League, BC Winter Games, Western Canadian, Provincial)
  - a. Attend a minimum of two Level 3 Advanced Theory sessions. (Prior to taking written or practical exams)
  - b. Pass Level 3 Advanced Theory Exam - **no book**. Pass rate 80%.
  - c. Umpire for one full season as a Level 2 Intermediate umpire with a minimum of ten games at B Level.
  - d. Be recommended by the Umpiring Committee.
  - e. A candidate who fails on her first attempt to pass the Practical Exam may apply to be retested upon the recommendation of the Tester.
5. Level 4 - National (National)
  - a. Be recommended by the Umpiring Committee.
  - b. Attend a minimum of two Level 4 Theory sessions.
  - c. Pass Level 4 External Theory Exam.

- d. Umpire a full season at Level 3, with a minimum of six games at inter provincial or comparable standard.
- e. Demonstrate a willingness and a capacity to render service to B.C. Netball in the area of Umpiring.
- f. Conduct a minimum of 2 Level 1 Theory and/or Practical Clinics
- g. Test a minimum of 2 Level 1 candidates for Level 1 Practical
- h. Pass the Practical Level 4 Exam at the National Tournament.

1. Registered Umpires from recognized Associations outside B.C.

Any person taking up residence in Canada with documented proof of an umpiring Certification in another country may apply to be tested and will be awarded a Canadian Certification according to the result of the Practical Exam. It is not necessary in this case for the candidate to sit the written exam, but it is recommended that she apply to V.A.N.A. for permission to umpire two or three games prior to being tested in order to become accustomed to local usage, interpretations etc.

2. Any Level 1 Beginner Candidate who, upon examination, demonstrates knowledge and practical skill at a Level 2 Intermediate Standard may be awarded Level 2 Intermediate Certification.

3. Practical Exams

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| a. Level 1 - Beginner:     | One Tester, Level 3 or Level 4<br>C League Game                                      |
| b. Level 2 - Intermediate: | One Tester, Level 3 or Level 4<br>B League Game                                      |
| c. Level 3 - Advanced:     | Two Testers, Level 3 or Level 4<br>A League, Inter-provincial or comparable standard |
| d. Level 4 - National:     | Two Testers, Out of Province<br>Nationals, Inter Provincial Game                     |