

Oxfordshire Junior Netball League Umpiring Policy



All Umpires who officiate in the Oxfordshire Junior Netball League are required to be affiliated to England Netball. Our umpires are encouraged to continually develop their skills and experience and to support the League, who have an excellent mentoring team working tirelessly to ensure that those who want to improve and go up the ranks with their umpiring can do so.

Clarification of Awards and Titles

A Award, B Award & C Award Umpires assessed and passed by a qualified England Netball Assessor.

Into Officiating Award Umpire (from 2017 or later) assessed and passed by a qualified England Netball Assessor, must be current – Award is Valid for 2 years from the Date of the Assessment.

TRAINEE Umpire A person who has attended a C Award or an Into Officiating Award Course, yet to be assessed (an individual can only attend a course a maximum of two times and then must progress to achieve the relevant qualification).

Minimum Requirements

Divisions	Minimum Requirements
U17 Division 1 U15 Division 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Qualified C Award or above➤ Into Award Actively working towards* their C Award (with a mentor)➤ Trainee Actively working towards* their C Award (with a mentor)➤ Any other Umpire approved by an OJNL Committee
U17 Division 2 U17 Division 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Into Award Actively working towards* their C Award (with a mentor)➤ Trainee Actively working towards* their C Award (with a mentor)➤ Any other Umpire approved by an OJNL Committee
U15 Division 2 U13 Division 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Into Award Actively working towards their C Award (with a mentor)➤ Trainee Actively working towards* their C Award (with a mentor)➤ Trainee Actively working towards* their Into Award (with a mentor)➤ Any other Umpire approved by an OJNL Committee
All other Divisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Competent Trainee Umpires, approved by OJNL Committee

* For an Umpire to be deemed as "Actively working towards" an Award they must have attended the Course for that award and been mentored on a few games appropriate to the Award they are working towards.

If an insufficiently qualified Umpire is supplied for a game, the game will not be played unless an Umpire of the correct qualification is found to cover that game.

The Team supplying the insufficiently qualified Umpire will forfeit the game (it will not be replayed) and receive -5 points and the non-offending team will receive +5 points.

Any team, post the match, found to have provided an unaffiliated, unqualified or unregistered umpire will forfeit the game and receive -5 points and the non-offending team will receive +5 points.

Mentors

Umpire Mentors must be affiliated to England Netball and hold a current England Netball Officiating Qualification.

Mentors are permitted to move around the court their Mentee is Umpiring on to ensure they can accurately observe the Mentees Performance. Mentors must take appropriate care, when moving around the court, not to create a hazard to other umpires, players and spectators.

TRAINEE Umpires

Trainee Umpires must have attended a C Award or an 'Into Officiating Award' course prior to officiating in the OJNL.

Trainee Umpires must be mentored on all games they officiate, in the OJNL, unless they have been deemed competent, by a qualified OJNL Committee, to umpire without one. Where a Junior Trainee Umpire is deemed competent to Umpire alone a responsible adult should be stood with the scorers, as a duty of care, in case the Junior Trainee Umpire requires support.

The OJNL Committee reserve the right to use any OJNL League game for Assessment of Umpires.

Payment

The recommended payment for OJNL games is :-

Trainee & Into Umpires	£10.00 per game
C Award & Above	£15.00 per game

Maximum Umpire Officiating (per day)

A C Award Qualified Umpire, or above, may umpire a maximum of three OJNL games per day.

A C Award Qualified Umpire can umpire a maximum of two consecutive games and then must have a minimum of a one-hour break before they officiate another one.

A Into Officiating Qualified Umpire may umpire a maximum of two OJNL games per day but they cannot be consecutive, they must have a minimum of a one-hour break before they officiate their second game.

Trainee Umpires may umpire one OJNL game per day, in the age group to which they have been allocated.

Log Book

All Umpires in the OJNL are encouraged to maintain a Log Book of the games they have officiated. Umpires actively working towards an Award should be maintaining a Log Book which should be made available to the Oxfordshire Netball Development Board Officiating Officer when an Assessment is requested. A copy of the Log Book can be found on www.oxfordshirenetball.co.uk/officiating. Please print a copy and get it signed at the end of each game.

Complaint Procedure (relating to Umpiring)

In the first instance, a complaint should be directed to the Club Representative of the complainant.

If the Club Representative is unable to respond appropriately and resolve the complaint, they can approach the OJNL Officiating Secretary or the OJNL Chair (or another member of the OJNL Committee if the Chair or Officiating Secretary are not at the venue) for an informal discussion in attempt to resolve the complaint satisfactorily.

If an informal discussion is unable to resolve the complaint the Club Representative should send an email, to the OJNL Secretary at secretaryojnl@hotmail.com within 5 days of the event. The email should concisely outline the complaint and where possible where it contravenes a rule or policy. The email will be acknowledged within 7 days. The Secretary and the Officiating Secretary, along with one other OJNL committee member, will consider the complaint and decide on appropriate response and course of action if appropriate. This decision will be recorded by the Secretary and the Club Representative of the complainant informed.

Where a complaint is being made by someone who is not a Member of a Club or a Parent/Carer of a Member of a Club the complaint should be made directly to the OJNL Secretary at secretaryojnl@hotmail.com.

If the Complainant is still dissatisfied with the decision and the response from OJNL, the Complainant has a right to appeal to the Oxfordshire Netball Development Board.