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NOTICE TO ALL UMPIRES!

AS OF 2017 ALL UMPIRES WILL FORM PART OF NSA. ALTHOUGH SASN WILL STILL FUNCTION AS THEIR OWN ENTITY REGARDING GRADERS AND EXAMS WE WILL ADHERE TO THE NSA POLICY AND LAWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING UMPIRES AS PRESCRIBED BY NSA AND SASN:

1 . Director of Umpires (DOU) (NSA)

The Director of Umpires shall be elected at the quadrennial General Meeting of Netball South Africa (NSA) every fourth year in accordance with the necessary pre-requisites as prescribed in the NSA Constitution and should be a SA "A" or an active retired SA "A" umpire. The DOU shall be a member of the NSA Executive and will inform the NSA President on a regular basis of all matters relative to Umpires and Technical Officials.

There shall be an Administrative Official and a Secretary (approved by NSA Executive) who will assist the DOU during the year and at all Championships in respect of the grading of umpires and the recording of examination results.

The DOU shall furthermore recommend a Technical Officials Convener (approved by NSA Executive) who, under the guidance of the DOU, shall be responsible for the administration, training, examination and grading of all Technical Officials at all National Championships.

The DOU, in collaboration with the Umpires Board, as well as the current ITP and ROC members shall recommend the umpires for all National NSA-sanctioned Competitions on an ongoing basis. A Provincial Convener/Coordinator for each province shall be recommended annually. The province/district must be consulted to determine the involvement and effectiveness of the person and need to be confirmed by NSA executive.

The DOU shall provide these Provincial Conveners with all the necessary forms for:

Membership, examination results, guidelines for provincial grading and the application to umpire at Championships as well as the prescribed manuals and guidelines for the Level 1, 2 and 3 courses.

No member of the NUA or NSA or SASN may issue any publication, manual or training material related to matters of umpiring without the prior written consent of the DOU.

2. Umpires Board (UB)

The Umpires Board shall consist from time to time of seven (7) members. The UB shall consist of five (5) currently-appointed Umpires Coaches (active/non active. Non-active Umpire Coaches need to be NUA affiliated members and must be actively involved in the Umpire Development Programme) and/or Provincial Conveners who will not be appointed by their Districts during national duty, as well as two (2) SASN appointed members. As such, the UB will be re-confirmed on a biennial basis after the appointment of the Umpires Coaches and Provincial Conveners for that year and then circulated to all Districts and Provinces.

The UB can be empowered to co-opt additional members to serve in whatever capacities specifically with a view to knowledge transfer and the advancement of skills in the interests of continuity and transparency. The province/district must be consulted to determine the involvement and effectiveness of the person. (NSA Executive to confirm).

The DOU shall act as ex officio chairperson of the UB. If not available, the DOU shall appoint a substitute that must meet the following criteria:

Commitment to support and uphold the NUA Policy. Clear decision making for the good of the game in South Africa. Attend at least one (1) NSA National Championships. Actively involved in the Umpire Development Programme.

The UB carries the highest decision making authority in the NUA and is not to be confused with the role performed by the UEB (refer Paragraph 3).

The UB will carry the following responsibilities;

2.1 determine and interpret policy matters on an ongoing basis.

2.2 assist the DOU with decisions and actions concerning disciplinary measures and/or any other ad hoc matters.

2.3 to assist the DOU in accordance with agreed guidelines with the placement of umpires for all NSA-sanctioned National Competitions matches (excluding the BFNPL). All "international" related matches and events will be done through ROC and in agreement with the ITP member/s as well as INF. The appointment of both umpires and umpires' coaches for all overseas and / or out-of-the-country trips including accompaniment of National teams will be done in conjunction with ROC, INF and the ITP member/s.

2.4 monitor on an ongoing basis the performance of the PC's in carrying out their allocated duties

The DOU is accountable to both the NSA Executive Committee and Council and is directly responsible for the monitoring of the performance of the UB members in carrying out their prescribed duties. Consistent non-performance by these Members is to be suitably addressed by the DOU.

3. Umpires Examining Board (UEB) (NSA)

The Umpires Examining Board shall consist of seven active SA "A" graded umpires and/or active Umpires Coaches (retired "A"'s) and these shall be elected bi-annually at the first Umpires meeting during the National Senior Championships. If insufficient SA "A" graded umpires' / umpire coaches are available, SA "B+" or "B" umpires may be elected. Nominations shall be called for at the above meeting.

SASN PANEL OF GRADERS WILL BE ELECTED FROM ACTIVE A GRADED UMPIRES AND B+ AND B GRADED UMPIRES RATIFIED BY SASN AND NSA.

Members of the UEB shall hold office for two years and are eligible for re-election.

The UEB may co-opt any SA graded umpire/s who could be of assistance to the Board for the duration of the Championships or for any other period, as they may deem fit.

The DOU shall act as ex officio chairperson of the UEB. If not available the DOU will appoint a substitute who shall be an active SA "A" graded umpire or an active Umpires Coach (Retired "A") from within the UEB to act as Convener during any NUA-sanctioned grading championships or tournament.

The UEB shall govern the application of the International Rules and the interpretation thereof. Any queries as to the interpretation / clarification of rules must be forwarded to the DOU in writing. The DOU will involve the ITP member/s as needed.

4. Provincial Convenors (PC`s)

The Provincial Convener shall act as Convener of all Federation/Districts and Schools Regions in his/her Province.

The PC is inter alia, responsible for the following:

(i) the setup and maintenance of Umpiring structures in each Region in the Province. In this regard, the PC will collect the latest Umpires data from the District Presidents in May of each year.

(ii) liaison with the SA Schools Netball-appointed Provincial Schools Convenors (PSC`s).

(iii) an ongoing advancement programme of all nationally-graded umpires in the Province.

(iv) an ongoing development programme focusing on Level 1 Umpiring status in all Districts throughout the Province.

(v) regular reporting to the DOU in the prescribed format.

(vi) regular attendance of all NUA-sponsored meetings.

(vii) the channelling of ALL Course Requests within his/her Province. In fulfilling this task, the PC will liaise with the District Presidents as to all planned and/or upcoming Umpiring and Technical courses.

The PC shall provide all the Districts with all the necessary forms for examinations, membership, grading and guidelines for grading as well as the prescribed manuals for the Level 1, 2 and 3 courses.

The PC shall ensure that each District has an Umpires Committee in accordance with their local constitutions and that each District undertakes the following:

Umpire examinations during months as determined of each year, umpires grading during months as determined of each year and that all the examination papers are returned to the PC after being marked by the District Convener.

The PC must be informed (by the DC) where umpires of his / her Province are appointed. Only the PC shall provide ALL Districts within his/her Province with a provincial grading card containing an expiry date to be used for all umpires.

The PC shall furthermore ensure that the umpires appointed all for national duties report timeously for their appointed matches.

The PC's are required to report formally in the prescribed format to the DOU twice per annum, at the end of June and the final report at the end of September of each year.

The PC must be informed (by the DC) where umpires of his/her Province are appointed for national or international duty.

5. District Conveners (DC's)

Each District must have their own Umpires Committee which must include the District Schools Convener (RSC). The Committee must undertake examinations and grading during months to be determined of each year.

Examination papers and rulebooks must be ordered directly from SASN WHO WILL THEN ORDER FROM NSA. All PC's must number their exam papers starting with the Province, followed by the year (numeric), followed by the number of the paper, A (Afrikaans), E (English) and the level of the paper.

Eg. WC (Western Cape)12(2012)0001(No 1) A(Afrikaans)1(Level 1)

"WC120001A1". Are the papers not pre-numbered before they are issued?

All the examination papers, after being marked by the District ordering, must be sent back to NSA. The Successful and Unsuccessful Results forms must also be completed by the DC and sent back to the PC for moderation purposes. This must be done on a regular basis.

The DC must keep record of all these examinations and the grading of all umpires as they occur and provide the PC of all gradings. The PC must then provide every successful umpires with a provincial grading card with an expiry date.

6. Communication through the ranks

DISTRICT CONVENORS TO REPORT TO PROVINCIAL CONVENORS. PROVINCIAL CONVENORS TO REPORT TO SASN NATIONAL CONVENOR WHO WILL THEN IN COHESION WITH SASN PRESIDENT BEFORE REPORTING TO NSA.

7. APPLICATION FOR TOURNAMENTS (SASN)

SA Schools Netball (SASN) will manage and administrate the application form for umpires for all SASN-sanctioned Tournaments/Championships themselves. The list of umpires to officiate must be confirmed by the DOU to ensure transparency.

7.1 Umpires Grading Structures

Any SA graded umpire may also apply directly, in writing, to the DOU for permission to umpire at different championships/tournaments during the year.

The National and Provincial Grading structures (as reflected in the attached "PATHWAY FOR UMPIRES IN SOUTH AFRICA") will be reviewed from time to time by the UB and relevant

amendments made where appropriate to ensure conformity to inter alia, international standards and latest trends.

The following grading structures are currently in place:

(A) District Gradings

Will take place in the district lower league Matches. District A, Provincial A or B umpires are eligible to do grading.

(B) Provincial Gradings:

“A”, “B”, “C+”, “C”, “D” and “E”

(C) National Gradings:

“A”, “B+”, “B”, “C+” and “C”

No umpire who has NOT passed the National Level 2 Examinations and who does not hold a current District C or higher grading may be graded at any Provincial Tournaments.

National Gradings awarded to any umpires at any of these events who do not meet these minimum pre-requisites OF LEVEL 3 AND PROVINCIAL C OR HIGHER will not be recognized by SASN and these umpires will be struck from the National Roll of Umpires and their Federations and/or Regions notified accordingly. Such action will also be retroactively applied where notification is received and subsequently verified.

The following graded umpires may umpire at the different Championships or Tournaments:

7.1.1 Provincial Tournaments

Provincial “A” and “B” umpires and National “C”, “C+” and “B” umpires may umpire at this tournament.

Umpires with a Provincial grading “C+” or “C” may apply to the DOU for permission to umpire at Sasn Tournaments. The application must be endorsed by the Provincial Convener.

7.1.2 SA National U/17 and U/19 Tournament

SA “B”, “C+” and “C” umpires may umpire at this tournament. Provincial A or B umpires may request permission through the PC. The highest grading on offer is a SA “B”. Graders for this level are at least SA “B+” or “B” umpires appointed to an Examining Board for that Tournament.

7.1.3 SA National U/21 Tournament

SA “A”, “B+” and “B” umpires may umpire at this tournament. C+ umpires may request permission from the DOU. The highest grading on offer is an SA “B+”. Graders at this level are at least SA “A” or “B+” umpires appointed to an Examining Board for that Tournament.

7.1.4 SA National Senior Tournament

SA "A", "B+", "B" umpires may umpire at this tournament. C+ umpires may request permission from the DOU. The highest grading on offer is an SA "A". Graders at this level are at least SA "A" or "B+" umpires. The duly-elected Umpires Examining Board will officiate at this Tournament.

7.1.5 SA Games (NSA)

All SA graded B and higher umpires are allowed to umpire at the SA Games. The highest grading on offer is an SA "B". Graders at this level are at least SA "B+" or "B" umpires appointed to an Examining Board for that Tournament.

7.1.6 USSA (University Sport South Africa)

Provincial "A", "B" and all SA graded umpires may umpire at this tournament. The highest grading on offer is a SA "B". Graders at this level are at least SA "A" or "B+" umpires appointed to an Examining Board for that Tournament.

7.1.7 Brutal Fruit National Premier League (BFNPL)

This Competition falls under the jurisdiction of the NUA and NSA and as such, is governed by the provisions of the NUA Policy in all matters as they pertain to the screening, grading, training and ongoing development of umpires as well as the interpretation of rules from time to time. As such, NO gradings or screening will be done during the BFNPL series.

7.1.8 SASN Tournaments

To qualify for National Grading, there must be at least two (2) NUA– appointed graders (preferably from within the UEB) present at such tournament whose expenses must be covered by SASN. This arrangement will be finalized between the DOU and Schools Director of Umpires (SDOU) for each Tournament.

Where NUA-appointed graders are not present, National grading may not take place and, if National grading should occur, such National gradings awarded will not be recognized by the NUA.

Provincial "A", "B" and all SA graded umpires may umpire at this tournament. The highest grading on offer is a SA "B". Graders at this level are at least SA "A" or "B+" umpires appointed to an Examining Board for that Tournament and endorsed by the DOU.

The grading cards to be issued at SASN tournaments are to be in the name of the NUA. Grading cards to be issued by a designated person appointed by the DOU. Grading will take place at selected events (trials). To be able to attend SASN tournaments please ensure you have a Level 3 Exam.

7.1.9 Grading Cards

Only yellow grading cards will be issued for all National SA gradings. The grading cards will be issued by the NSA Administrative Official. Provincial grading cards may be issued by the province and may NOT be yellow in colour. The expiry date must be indicated on all such cards. CARD WILL BE ISSUED AT SASN TOURNAMENTS BY SASN GRADING COMMITTEE IN COOPERATION WITH NSA.

7.1.10 Umpires **Fitness Test** (Yo-Yo Intermittent Recovery Test Level 1)

All SA “A”, “B+” and “B” graded umpires desirous of being graded, must ensure proof of the required fitness level. The official proof must be handed in on the first day of the tournament. The DOU, however reserves the right to request that Yo-Yo tests be conducted at any NUA-sanctioned National Championships.

The current minimum fitness level as follows:

SA B and B+ – Yo-Yo 13.1 (Level 1) SA A - Yo-Yo 15.1 (Level 1)

7.2 All persons present at any National Championships in the capacity of an umpire, shall be graded with due cognizance for the stipulations of the Umpires Fitness Test (refer 7.1.10). All SA Umpires’ National and Provincial gradings are valid for three(3) consecutive years. Where an umpire is inactive for a 3-year period thus losing his/her grading, such umpire must rewrite and pass the Level 1, 2 & 3 examinations before being eligible again for grading.

7.3 Any SA graded umpire who fails to maintain her/his standard at the National Championships, shall not be re-graded, subject to the conditions set out:

7.3.1 any SA “C” graded umpire who fails to be re-graded each year within the 3-year period, will lose his/her SA grading; he/she must then rewrite and pass the Level 3 examination before being eligible for grading again. Any SA “C+” or higher graded umpire who fails to be re-graded each year, will be immediately downgraded to the next lowest SA umpires grading.

7.3.2 a panel of umpires appointed by the Grading panel present at the Championships, shall re-grade the “A’s”.

7.3.3 all panel members shall see candidates for at least half of a one-hour match (not watching the same match).

7.3.4 the final grading must be approved by a majority vote.

7.3.5 in the event of an equality of votes, the DOU shall have the casting vote.

7.3.5.1 in this instance, his/her grading will be retained.

7.4 All umpires will be afforded the opportunity to collect their performance assessments on matches they have umpired. An envelope for each umpire will be available at all National Championships.

7.5 All SA “A”, “B+” and “B” umpires present at all the National Championships may be requested to act as graders.

7.6 Neutral umpires shall be allocated to matches, wherever possible.

7.7 All umpires must abide by the rules and regulations as laid down from time to time by both NSA and the NUA.

7.8 SA Gradings on offer are: SA “A”, “B+”, “B”, “C+” or “C” or D. To qualify, an umpire must officiate in at least six (6) matches at the relevant National Championships. To qualify for grading an umpire will be assessed not only on their competence in the interpretation of the rules and subsequent decision making but also on the application of the following protocols (Rules for Behaviour):

(a) MATCH OFFICIALS (Rule 5.2)

The match officials are two umpires and a reserve umpire. The match officials:

Ensure the field of play (including the goalposts) and the ball conform to Rule 3 before play starts and throughout a match. Before play starts, check the players off the court to ensure they meet the requirements of Rule 5.1.1 (i) and (iv). Remind players to check they are not wearing any adornments of jewellery. Be satisfied that hair is suitably tied back so as to not provide a hazard or distraction for other players on court. Check the technical officials consisting of two scorers, two timekeepers and any other officials specified for the event. Primary care persons are wearing appropriate identification (Rule 5.1.2 (ii) (b)). Captains toss for choice of first center pass or goal end. After the captains have tossed the umpires toss for goal end Rule 5.2.1 (i). Inform scorers of the center pass.

(b) STARTING PLAY (Rule 8)

At the start of each period of play, the umpire crossing the court takes the ball to the center of the court before moving to the side line (facing the court). ☐ Warning whistles are given prior to the start of play: 30 seconds before play – medium whistle roll. 10 seconds before play – a long whistle roll and umpires move into position. An umpire’s whistle starts and stops play (Rule 5.2.1 (ii) by instructing the time keeper to commence timing – a long whistle with hand signal (1)

(c) DURING THE MATCH (Rule 9)

Both umpires must signal direction of all center passes. If the umpires disagree the umpire nearer the official bench checks the center pass with the scorer (time may be held while a check is made) (Rule 6.1.1 (iv) (a)) Keep an eye to respond to possible fellow-umpire query and with eye / small signal, respond. When the specific time is reached the timekeeper advises the umpires. Play is stopped immediately unless it is to be extended for a penalty pass to be taken (Rules 4.1 (iii) & 7.1.3 (iii)). The umpires meet and check the next center pass with each other then check with the scorers.

(d) STOPPAGES (Rule 9.3)

Injury/Illness of Blood (Rule 9.3.1) (i) – (ix)

If an on court player requests time to be held the umpire asks “why?” If the reason relates to injury/illness or blood, time is held. To instruct the timekeeper to hold time – medium whistle roll with hand signal 2. ☐ Note where the ball is, without picking it up or holding it. Primary care person/s may come onto court to assess the player’s injury/illness and to assist the player from the court. The player leaves the court and play restarts within 30 seconds (timekeeper warns the umpire when 10 seconds remain). If the injury/illness is such that the player cannot be moved safely from the court within 30 seconds the primary care person/s alert the nearer umpire and advise the action that is

appropriate. The umpires also remain alert for the need to check if a delay appears likely. The umpire decides how long time is held but endeavours to restart play as soon as possible.

Either umpire holds play when blood is seen on a player, the ball or the court. If blood is on the player or the player's clothing, the player must leave the court within 30 seconds and may not return until this has been cleaned or clothing replaced. For blood on either the ball or the court, time is held until this has been cleaned, alternatively the ball may be replaced. During a stoppage for injury/illness or blood, team officials and bench players may move onto the court surround so players may receive coaching and/or hydration. During the stoppage both teams may make substitutions and/or team changes, provided these are completed within the time allowed for the stoppage by the umpires. If no substitution is made, play may resume with the position left vacant. If the player is the Centre, one player must move to play Centre to allow the match to continue. If the position is left vacant the player concerned or a substitute may subsequently, after advising the umpire, take the court immediately after one of the following: i. A goal has been scored (in this case the player or the substitute must play in the position left vacant). Sanction: Free pass where ball was when play stopped – the player is sent from the court until the correct time for entry. ii. A stoppage for injury/illness or blood iii. An interval.

(e) ENDING THE GAME (including quarter and half time)

a. Turn to face Timekeeper, give the time signal and a long whistle roll. b. Umpires meet and greet, collect ball, walk off court together. c. Thank Scorer and Timekeeper.

7.9 The NUA Administrative Official shall keep a register of all SA graded umpires.

7.10 Umpires must wear clothing that is distinct from the teams' playing uniforms and suitable footwear. During any NSA Championship the clothing must still be predominantly white. Non-compliance will result in disciplinary action being taken by the PC in conjunction with the DOU in terms of Section 12 of this Policy. Sponsored events are exempt on condition that match officials wear clothing that is distinct from the team's playing uniforms. SASN UMPIRES TO WEAR WHITE. ALL CLOTHING MUST BE SUITABLE TO THE BUILD OF UMPIRES BODY.

7.11 Umpires, who wish to umpire at all National Championships, must be available for the full duration of those Championships.

7.12 All Umpires attending the National Championships will be allocated at least two(2) matches per day wherever possible. Player Umpires will be allocated fewer matches than "Umpires only" during any National Championships.

7.13 Current INF-accredited International umpires will have their "A" grade expiry dates automatically extended on an annual basis should they not be able to attend the SA National Senior Tournament in any year because ongoing International commitments make such nonattendance unavoidable.

8. International Umpires and International Technical Officials

All International Umpires and Technical Officials are still accountable to the NUA and NSA. They have to abide by the rules of the NUA and protocol as well as the NSA Constitution. It is expected that they attend at least one NSA Tournament per year.

9. Courses and Completion of Forms

National and Provincial/District/Schools courses i.e. rule discussions, practical training of umpires and grading of umpires at any level. The following forms are to be completed and forwarded to the NUA.

9.1 National Courses:

NUA Form 3, to be signed by the Course Organiser and Course Leader ("A" graded umpire).

Provinces need to apply for courses being conducted. Even the districts in your province need to apply as NSA needs to verify course conductors and their qualifications to ensure quality and standard. For this purpose you need to distribute Form 3 and submit it as soon as possible to NSA for verification. These courses include Rules discussions, Practical umpiring courses and Technical courses.

The following people are eligible to conduct these courses:

International Umpires at a cost of R150.00 per person with an amount of R30.00 that needs to be paid in to NSA.

SA A at a cost of R100.00 per person with an amount R30.00 that needs to be paid to NSA.

SA B+/B at a cost of R80.00 per person with an amount of R30.00 that needs to be paid to NSA.

The province will be responsible if need be for the transport costs and accommodation of the course conductor. You as a province may negotiate costs with course conductor.

The Advanced rules discussion may only be conducted by an International umpire or an NSA A or B+.

Practical courses and other levels of courses to be conducted by International, NSA A/B+/B umpires.

Take note that all umpires now fall under the auspice of NSA and therefor SASN grading also apply provided it is our SASN A"/B+ or B umpires."

All applications to be send to NSA and SASN please.

9.2 Provincial/District Courses:

NUA Form 3, to be signed by the Course Organiser and counter-signed by either the District Convener, or the PC. Any incorrectly completed and/or unsigned forms shall be returned to the District for completion before any certificate/umpires grading card is issued.

9.3 All courses conducted under the auspices of the NUA must be requested through NSA at least 45 days in advance and shall attract the following charges:-

9.3.1 Development courses requested by NSA/NUA will involve the following: Minimum of 15 people to attend

9.3.2 Courses requested by provincial/regional convener or schools body or associated member or public person:

The following guidelines must be adhered to by all.

The fees are payable to NSA:

Account Name: Netball South Africa Bank: First National Bank

Account No: 62007323322 Branch Code: 252145

Reference: UMPIRE, and the name of the responsible PC.

Instructor Eligibility:

Level 3: International, SA "A" or "B+" umpires. Levels 2 & 1: International, SA "A", "B+" or "B" umpires.

In terms of this paragraph, a day course shall be deemed to be one of four (4) or more hours duration and a half-day course one of less than four hours (4) duration.

9.4 The following match fees will apply to all levels of competition whether Primary or Secondary Schools and/or Seniors affecting umpires who are members of the NUA (The decision whether to levy a match fee will rest with each individual umpire):

All national graded umpires who are members of the NUA are eligible and entitled to officiate in all Primary and Secondary schools matches throughout South Africa.

Tournament fees to be discussed pro rata but not less than R 300 per day.

9.5 In addition, reasonable reimbursement for or provision of suitable accommodation, subsistence and transport expenses/facilities (where required) must be supplied. Transport claims must be based on the current NSA rate per kilometer, R3,00 / km.

10. Membership

Any fully affiliated member of NSA may apply for membership through the Administrative Official. However, all Nationally Graded Umpires must be members of the NUA.

10.1 All Umpires must be registered members of NUA and are eligible to pay a membership fee of R 100 annually before the end of April to NSA.

10.2 New members may register any time during the year but no pro rata membership fees will apply.

10.3 Only actively involved, registered NUA members may apply to officiate as umpires at all National Championships.

10.4 All paid-up members shall be issued with a membership card on which the expiry date must be clearly indicated.

10.5 Application forms for membership (NUA Form 7) are obtainable from the Provincial Convener.

10.6 Application forms for Honorary membership are obtainable from the Administrative Official.

10.7 SASN Executive will collect SASN forms from the provinces and in turn forward it to NSA.

11. NUA Logbook

The NUA Logbook at the cost of R50 is compulsory for all umpires. Only renewable when it is fully used up.

Written Examinations and Provincial Gradings

The NUA offers the following opportunities to improve umpiring. The pass mark for all written examinations is as follows:

Level 1 70 % Level 2 80 % Level 3 85 %

A prescribed fee for each examination will be determined from time to time.

It is a pre-requisite that prospective umpires successfully pass all examinations in the prescribed sequence in order to progress to the next level. No bypassing of examinations will be allowed but no timeframe restrictions apply to the progression from one level to another.

Only NUA-approved certificates (orderable from NSA Administrative Official) may be issued to successful candidates.

11.1 Level 1 and Level 2 Examinations and Gradings

These examinations are open to all in English and Afrikaans. Successful candidates may only apply for practical grading on Provincial level. Grading must take place in the same year as the written examination.

Level 1 – Provincial Grading

An “E” and “D” grading may be awarded to a successful Level 1 candidate. The Grading Panel will be a SA “C” or higher graded umpire grading alone.

An umpire must officiate in at least three (3) matches (any Senior Lowest Leagues and/or any Schools or higher) to be eligible for this grading the previous netball season.

Level 2 – Provincial Grading

A “C” or “C+” grading may be awarded to a successful Level 2 candidate. The Grading Panel will be a SA “C” or higher graded umpire grading alone.

An umpire must officiate in at least four (4) matches (any Senior League and/or Senior Schools A & B and/or Junior Schools U/12 & U/13 or higher) to be eligible for this grading during the previous netball season.

11.2 Level 3 Examination and Provincial Gradings

The Level 3 examinations will be open to all successful Level 2 candidates either orally or written in English only. Successful candidates may now apply for practical grading on a Provincial level.

An "A" or "B" Provincial grading may be awarded to a successful Level 3 candidate.

Level 3 – Provincial Grading at Local Tournaments

The Grading Panel for Provincial "A" or "B" grading will be a SA "C+" or higher graded umpire grading alone.

An umpire must officiate in at least five (5) matches (any Senior Higher League and/or Senior Schools U/19A or higher) to be eligible for this grading during the previous netball season.

Umpires that does not regrade within the given three years will have to write all three levels. Level 1 and 2 may be written together.

11.3 The following procedure will apply relative to all examinations:

11.3.1 All examination papers are to be ordered from NSA via SASN.

11.3.2 Each Association / Associate member shall appoint an invigilator acceptable to NUA for the written examination Registered NSA "A, B+ and B umpires as well as registered, actively involved honorary umpires may be considered.

11.3.3 SASN president will be responsible for the marking of school papers and forward results to NSA

11.3.4 The list with results should be forwarded directly to the NSA Administrative Official and the completed examination papers to the PC. The Administrative Official will forward the relevant certificates to the DC and the list of successful/unsuccessful candidates to the PC.

12 COMPLAINTS RE UMPIRES PERFORMANCE/CONDUCT:

12.1 Any complaint on the conduct and/or performance of an umpire during a match at any National Championships or Tournament must be lodged in writing with the DOU (or his/her appointed substitute), by the captain/coach immediately after the completion of the match concerned. The ruling will be given by the Umpires Examining Board or Panel on duty and is not subject to appeal.

12.2 Any other written complaint and/or appeal during the year may be lodged in writing by the Districts / Associate Members directly with the DOU.

12.3 The DOU is empowered to invoke reasonable and fair disciplinary measures against any member of the NUA who in any way either brings netball, SASN or the NUA in disrepute or who is in breach of or fails to adhere to the provisions of the Code of Conduct which must be signed by all Umpires.

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