

2018 West Pymble Netball Umpires – New Umpires

Welcome to West Pymble Netball Umpiring, we hope you have an enjoyable year learning to be a Netball Umpire.

These notes try to explain how the umpiring system works, however if you have any questions please contact one of the convenors listed below.

The West Pymble club has three Umpire Convenors who share the responsibilities of organising the umpires for West Pymble:

- **Renee Woodbridge** looks after the roster and the general admin.
- **Anastasia Treharne, Michelle McNamara and Ruth Jang** look after the development of the umpires and buddies and is at the courts on Saturdays. Anastasia will be responsible for the New Umpires.

KNA require each club to provide an umpire for each team in each timeslot that is playing in the competition. However, an umpire **will not** umpire a game involving their club, the umpire will be allocated another game at the same time.

As a new umpire you will normally be umpiring either an 8.00 or 8.55am game (ie 9 and 10s games). There may be opportunities later in the year to umpire a later game but everyone starts with the early morning games. Prior to the season starting KNA runs an introduction course which is a good way to get started. This year the course is being held on **Sunday 11th March 8:30am - 12.30pm, Abbotsleigh Indoor Courts, Ada Ave Wahroonga.**

We will also be holding introduction sessions at Lofberg courts and we will give you further details once the sessions have been arranged. Finally, there is the 9 year round robin which is on **Sunday 18th March** and we organise our new umpires to umpire these games. The games are only 10mins long.

COACHES AND BUDDIES

You will be coached & buddied by fellow West Pymble Umpires before being assessed for your next Umpire Badge. You will need to have your "Coaching Note Book" with you at all times. Your Buddy & Coach will use this for recording details of coaching/buddying sessions. When you are assessed for a badge your book will be checked to see how you have improved and what you are working on. If you have not received a "WPNC Note Book Kit", please see Anastasia.

UMPIRE BADGES AND PAY

As you improve your umpiring skills you will be assessed and awarded badges. When you start you are given the status of UB which means Un-Badged and your status determines which games you are able to umpire. You are also paid for umpiring and your pay rate is determined on your badge. The badges and pay rates are listed below:

BADGE	PAY \$
Un-Badged (UB)	5
Low D (LD)	10
Mid D (MD)	12
High D (HD)	15
2.20pm and 3.40pm games	20
National C (C)	20
National B (B)	25
National A (A)	30

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ROSTER

We produce a roster which allocates West Pymble umpires to each timeslot we are required to provide umpires for. You will probably find that to begin with you are only umpiring every second week because we have more umpires than games. However during the season we seem to be able to find extra games for our umpires.

The roster identifies all the West Pymble teams playing in a timeslot and assigns an umpire to that team. However you will not be umpiring this team, you will be allocated a different game to umpire. Each grade is allocated an umpiring level, this is the minimum badge that can umpire this grade. This means that in each timeslot we have to provide an umpire of the badge level or higher for each of our teams playing. (eg Intermediate 1 games require an umpire with a badge MD or above). As well we have to provide KNA with a Stand By umpire for each timeslot we have umpires allocated. If you are on Stand By (S/B on the roster) you **MUST** turn up and be waiting at the KNA umpiring window to be allocated to a game if required. Stand By umpires are usually only required to wait at the umpiring window for up to 15 minutes, and are then released by KNA. You will still be paid if you are a KNA Stand By umpire.

Sometimes West Pymble provide umpires for other clubs and we list these clubs on the roster. Also we sometimes provide umpires at the last minute for other clubs. If you are umpiring for another club you do not need to contact the other club, we sort out the admin and KNA know you as a West Pymble umpire.

West Pymble also assign a West Pymble Stand By (WPS on the roster) to each timeslot. This means that you will be contacted to umpire if someone calls in sick so you must be prepared to umpire that day if you have not been contacted before the Saturday to let you know that you are required you do not need to turn up to umpire.

The roster allocates umpires for each of the 15 competition weeks, however the roster changes regularly so do not assume your allocation for the season is not going to change. We notify all the umpires via email when there is a change to the roster and the roster is available on the West Pymble Netball Club website.

<http://www.westpymblenetball.com.au/umpires-information/>

We realise there may be weeks you are unable to umpire (school camps etc) so if you are unable to umpire you must let us know so that we do not allocate you to umpire that week. Even if you are not rostered on you should advise us so that if we are making changes we do not allocate you on a week you can not make.

CHANGING UMPIRING TIMES

If you discover you can not umpire on a date you have been assigned to you need to advise Renee ASAP. KNA need to be advised of changes by 4.00pm the Tuesday before the game AT THE LATEST. While we understand things happen, advising us of not being available at the last minute because of a commitment you obviously knew about well in advance is not appreciated and may affect your umpiring of future games.

If you are sick please contact Renee up to Friday morning and then contact Anastasia on 0491 139 692 as soon as you can (before 9pm).

COMMUNICATION

We communicate with you via email so it is important to ensure we have your correct email address and you need to be checking your emails regularly. We also require a phone contact in case we need to contact you. Sometimes this can be Saturday morning (if we a desperately looking for umpire or discover your game has been cancelled) so a mobile number and landline (if you have one) is best.

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WEEKLY PROCEDURE for ALL Umpires

Umpires should aim to be at the courts **at least 20 minutes** prior to the start of your game.

- ❑ Umpires must mark off their names each Saturday **at least 15 minutes** prior to the start of the game at the Umpire's window opposite courts 20 and 21.
- ❑ Stand-by Umpires are to mark off and stay at the window until released by KNA (after the game has started).
- ❑ Umpires are **ALSO** to mark-off on the Umpire sheets at the **West Pymble table**, next to the Physio Tent. If you do not sign the West Pymble sheet you will not be paid.
- ❑ If you are sick please ring Anastasia Treharne so she can contact the West Pymble stand-by. Her mobile number is 0491 139 692 (before 9pm).
- ❑ Please note that the Club is fined **\$50.00** each time an Umpire or Standby does not mark off or is late for a game.
- ❑ Umpire dress standard – Club uniform or White shirt with white skirt (NO Track pants).
- ❑ You will sometimes be told you are a Reserve. This occurs when the grade you have been allocated to has a Bye and so there is a spare umpire. Reserve umpires are the first to be allocated to a game requiring an umpire.

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