

Warrington & District Netball League – Umpiring meeting

Weds 19th Sept @ CB House

Present: Chris McCall – Umpire Sec WDNL; Emma Pike – A Award Umpire; Chris Brien – Cheshire Umpire Sec; Estelle Graham – Sec

Minutes to go to: WDNL Committee cc to Kev Rowley – Officials Manager NW Region

A discussion took place regards the standards of umpiring within WDNL.

1. Review of what we have got:

*One full A award umpire; one 1/2way there

*A handful of recently qualified B award umpires

A few 'old style' intermediate umpires

Lots of C award umpires, some waiting to be B tested or take B course to others who are recently tested or have been umpiring for years.

All the above with the exception of * are at varying standards.

2. Objective:

To have all Premiership Games umpired by B award umpires by Summer season 09.

3. Assess / Mentor / Train / Implement

During Winter 0708, a casual assessment will take place of every umpire in the Warrington league (starting Nov 07). Assessments will take place by two B or A award umpires over at least ½ a game. Following the assessment, feedback will be provided with the option of mentoring offered.

- If umpires wish to progress within their grade (ie just improve as a C) then advise will be provided;
- If umpires wish to progress to the next grade, training opportunities and mentoring will be discussed.
- If umpires are happy with their standard, then this will be accepted.

Over the Winter, it is envisaged that ALL umpires will be seen at least once and can request further assessment later in the season.

A rules forum will take place in March / April 08 for ALL umpires. We will identify any specific training needs (C award reminder; B award; scorer training; table officials training).

During Summer 08, a grade chart will be developed to match umpiring standards with player standards. This will be devised by the umpiring sec of WDNL along with Emma Pike (as an A award umpire) and Chris Brien, Umpiring Sec for Cheshire County Netball. This will be communicated to the WDNL league.

Following this, the graded umpires will be matched to the games as far as possible, on a casual basis (ie easy moves), with continuous mentoring as required.

Look into how the umpire / match play standards can be adopted throughout the divisions, specifically cross division matching.

During Winter 0809, a repeat of the assessment process will occur along with mentoring and promotion of training courses. Trainee B award umpires will be targeted to ensure that they are successfully tested before the end of the Winter season.

At least one Umpiring Forum will take place and training needs matched with courses available / organize courses as required.

Umpires will be provided with their grade at the start of the winter season, which will provide them with the divisions they will be able to umpire in Summer 09. Those umpires with a discrepancy as to the division they play and grade of umpire they are will be approached to either mentor to get to necessary standard during Winter or matched with a suitable umpire another division for the Summer season. Discuss and decide on umpire grade implementation for Summer 09. Details will be provided at the rules forum.

During Summer 09 – all premiership games to be umpired by B qualified (or assessed and approved for test).

All other divisions, umpires to be graded and matched accordingly.

4. The Plan in brief

Winter 07/08

Assess, Grade, Mentor and Train
Rules Forum

Summer 08

Mentor and Train

Winter 08/09

Assess, Grade, Mentor and Train
Publicise grading for Summer 09
Umpiring Forum

Summer 09

Reach our Goal!

All Premiership games umpired by B Award standard umpires
All other divisions matched with necessary standard of umpiring

5. Actions

- Estelle to minute and send to committee.
- Estelle to publise on notice board before November details of the scheme.
- Chris McCall to put together grading system using C testing assessment as a guide.
- Chris McCall to arrange rota with Laura Wood, Chris Brien, Emma Pike, Andrea Whiston regards assessments.
- Chris McCall to arrange Rules Forum March / April 08 following rule change for all.
- Subject to be discussed at AGM 08.
- Following AGM, meeting to be convened to review action plan and communicate to WDNL clubs accordingly.