

# **‘A’ AND ‘B’ UMPIRE WRITTEN ASSESSMENT**

## **Sample Paper 5 Questions**

**July 2025**

### **Information and Instructions**

#### **Time allowed:**

2 hrs: If the learner completes the paper early, they may leave after handing their completed paper to the invigilator.

#### **The Paper:**

This paper comprises Section 1 and Section 2.

Section 1 has 12 questions

Section 2 has 8 questions

#### **Pass Mark:**

‘A’ Award Pass

Section 1 – 35/39 (90%)

Section 2 – 51/64 (79%)

B’ Award Pass

Section 1- 29/39 (74%)

Section 2- 44/64 (68%)

Learners must pass in both Sections.

#### **Instructions:**

1. Learners are requested to use blue or black ink.
2. Tippex or similar materials should not be used.
3. Learners should not waste time on any question that they find difficult to answer and should return to that question at a later stage.
4. Please note in both Sections-
  - a. Learners are **not** required to quote Rule numbers, but they should name the relevant Rule Name and the relevant Rule Heading, for example:
    - Playing the ball and Prohibited Actions
    - Passing Distances and Short pass
    - Offside and Requirements
    - Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball
    - Contact and Interference
    - Foul Play and Unfair play
  - b. Assume that the teams involved are Red and Blue throughout this paper.
  - c. Answer all questions in the space provided. If there is not sufficient space, then continue on a separate piece of paper, which should be clearly marked with the Section number, the question number and the learner’s name.
  - d. This paper is written using the **World Netball Rules of Netball 2024** and does not take into account any local league or country rule adaptations. Learners should only consider what is stated in the World Netball Rules Book 2024.

# SECTION 1

**This Section contains 12 questions. There are only 3 No Action Questions.**

Learners are required to write:

- The infringement, i.e. the relevant Rule Name, and the relevant Rule Heading (e.g. Out of court and Ball out of court, Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball). Rule numbers are not required.
- The sanction/action awarded i.e. Penalty Pass, Free Pass, Throw In etc. For a penalty pass, learners must name the player (team and position) against whom the sanction is awarded.
- To whom the Sanction is awarded.
- Where the Sanction is taken from: Note it is not sufficient to just answer 'Where the infringement occurred'.
- If the answer to a question is No Action – insert 'No Action' only against the Infringement.

**Example 1:**

Red GS has possession of the ball in the goal circle and is about to shoot for goal. Just before the shot, Blue GD hits the ball, and this causes the Red GS to drop the ball.

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| What is the Infringement?              | Contact and Interference<br>(1 Mark)                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| What sanction/action would you award?  | Penalty Pass against the Blue GD<br>(1 Mark)                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Who is the sanction/action awarded to? | Red team player allowed in the area<br>(1 Mark)                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Where is the sanction/action taken?    | In goal circle where the Blue GD was standing when they contacted the ball, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty will be taken where the Red GS was standing<br>(1 Mark) |

**Example 2:** No Action question – insert 'No Action' only

Blue WA has the ball in the Centre Third and Red WD attempts to defend from behind and is 0.9m (3 feet) away from their opponent.

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| What is the Infringement?              | No Action<br>(1 Mark) |
| What sanction/action would you award?  |                       |
| Who is the sanction/action awarded to? |                       |
| Where is the sanction/action taken?    |                       |

## SECTION 1 QUESTIONS

1. The Red GK is taking a Throw In from the goal line, near the goal post. Red GK stands outside the court with their right foot within 15cm (6 in) of the line at the point indicated by the umpire. Just before Red GK releases the ball, their right foot moves onto the goal line.

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| What is the Infringement?              |  |
| What sanction/action would you award?  |  |
| Who is the sanction/action awarded to? |  |
| Where is the sanction/action taken?    |  |

2. Red GK is taking a Throw In on the goal line. Red GK passes the ball to Red WD who is standing in the goal third and who fails to touch the ball. It bounces past Red WD and is caught by Red WA who is standing in the Centre Third.

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| What is the Infringement?              |  |
| What sanction/action would you award?  |  |
| Who is the sanction/action awarded to? |  |
| Where is the sanction/action taken?    |  |

3. Red WA catches the ball in the air and lands on their left foot. Red WA steps forward onto their right foot and lifts their left foot. Whilst looking for the next pass, Red WA hops on their right foot before releasing the ball to pass.

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| What is the Infringement?              |  |
| What sanction/action would you award?  |  |
| Who is the sanction/action awarded to? |  |
| Where is the sanction/action taken?    |  |

4. At a Red team centre pass, Red C steps onto the line bounding the centre circle with their left foot and their right foot wholly inside the centre circle. The umpire then blows the whistle to start play.

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| What is the Infringement?              |  |
| What sanction/action would you award?  |  |
| Who is the sanction/action awarded to? |  |
| Where is the sanction/action taken?    |  |

5. Red GS is taking a shot at goal and is defended by Blue GK who is not obstructing. Blue GD is running into the goal circle. Blue GD loses her balance and knocks into and moves the goalpost at the same time as Red GS has released the shot. The shot is not successful.

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| What is the Infringement?              | . |
| What sanction/action would you award?  |   |
| Who is the sanction/action awarded to? |   |
| Where is the sanction/action taken?    |   |

6. Blue WA calls for injury time. When the umpire asks 'Why?' Blue WA responds, 'I have injured my finger'. Blue WA leaves the court with the Blue Team opting to leave the WA position vacant. Play restarts.

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| What is the Infringement?              | . |
| What sanction/action would you award?  |   |
| Who is the sanction/action awarded to? |   |
| Where is the sanction/action taken?    |   |

7. Blue GS is taking a shot near the edge of the goal circle. In an attempt to distract Blue GS, Red GK places their hand in front of the eyes of Blue GS.

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| What is the Infringement?              |  |
| What sanction/action would you award?  |  |
| Who is the sanction/action awarded to? |  |
| Where is the sanction/action taken?    |  |

8. In Q2, without speaking to the umpires, the Red GA leaves the court and the field of play to change their trainers. Red GA then re-enters the court as the Red C catches the ball inside their attacking goal third.

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| What is the Infringement?              |  |
| What sanction/action would you award?  |  |
| Who is the sanction/action awarded to? |  |
| Where is the sanction/action taken?    |  |

9. The Blue GA is positioned near to the goal line ready to receive an overhead pass. The Red GK and Red GD both take up a position so close to the Blue GA that Blue GA is unable to move without contacting them.

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| What is the Infringement?              |  |
| What sanction/action would you award?  |  |
| Who is the sanction/action awarded to? |  |
| Where is the sanction/action taken?    |  |

10. Blue WA passes the ball to Blue C. Red WD takes up a defending position marking with their arms up but from the correct distance. Just before Blue C attempts to pass the ball, Red WD over-balances and steps forward towards Blue C and lands within 0.9 m (3 ft) of Blue C. Red WD still has their hands up defending.

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| What is the Infringement?              |  |
| What sanction/action would you award?  |  |
| Who is the sanction/action awarded to? |  |
| Where is the sanction/action taken?    |  |

11. Red C enters the Blue attacking goal circle in an attempt to intercept the ball. Red C tips the ball and Red GK catches it.

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| What is the Infringement?              |  |
| What sanction/action would you award?  |  |
| Who is the sanction/action awarded to? |  |
| Where is the sanction/action taken?    |  |

12. Red GS in the goal circle takes a shot at goal. The shot misses and the ball touches the net just before the GS regains possession of the ball.

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| What is the Infringement?              |  |
| What sanction/action would you award?  |  |
| Who is the sanction/action awarded to? |  |
| Where is the sanction/action taken?    |  |

## SECTION 2

**This section contains 8 questions**

Based on the situations given: -

- Identify the Rule/s infringed, using the relevant Rule Name and the relevant Rule Heading (e.g. Out of court and Ball out of court, Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball). Rule numbers are not required.
- Possible Decision/s ie Penalise Contact, Penalise Obstruction, Play Advantage, Hold Time, Send the player from the court, Penalise Footwork etc.
- Your Application/Reasoning ie the steps you would take to deal with the scenario
- For Game Management scenarios, assume it is the first time a Game Management issue has occurred, unless otherwise stated in the question.

**Example:**

At a goal line throw in, Red GK attempts to pass to Red C, who is unmarked outside the goal circle. At the same time, Blue GS contacts the arm of Red GK. Red C catches the ball.

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| Rule/s                | Contact and Interference<br>(1 Mark)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Possible Decision/s   | Penalise Contact or Play Advantage<br>(2 Marks)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Application/Reasoning | <p>The Contact rule has been infringed as Blue GS contacted Red GK. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire could blow the whistle using the relevant hand signal to penalise Contact. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A penalty pass is awarded to a Red team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The penalty pass is taken where Blue GS was standing when they contacted Red GK, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty is taken where the Red GK was standing (1 Mark)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>The umpire may consider playing advantage as the Red team have possession of the ball. The umpire would need to assess the position of all players (particularly Red C) and decide whether the advantage may be possible. (Must consider where other players are for the mark). (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would indicate advantage by calling 'Advantage Contact GS' and signal using the relevant hand signal.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(6 Marks)</p> |

## SECTION 2 QUESTIONS

1. Red GS takes possession of the ball near to the goal post but decides they are not in a good position to shoot. Both Red and Blue Centres are positioned at the top of and outside of the goal circle. Red GS attempts to pass the ball to the Red C but the pass is too low for Red C to catch. As the ball bounces on the court, Blue C kicks it and it rolls away.

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| Rule/s                    | (1 Mark)  |
| Possible Decision/s       | (1 Mark)  |
| Application/<br>Reasoning | (4 Marks) |

2. Blue WA is taking a penalty pass and is standing just outside their attacking goal circle. Blue WA passes the ball to Blue GA who is standing just inside the goal circle but, at the point of exchange, there is insufficient space between the hands of Blue WA and Blue GA for an opponent to be able to deflect or intercept the ball.

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| Rule/s | (1 Mark) |
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| Possible Decision/s    | (1 Mark)  |
| Application/ Reasoning | (4 Marks) |

3. Following a stoppage for an injury to Red WD, the controlling umpire blows the whistle to request the teams to take the court. The Blue Team return to court ready for the start of play but the Red Team are still deliberating what substitutions to make. The umpire insists that the Red Team return to court. After a further 20 second delay, the Red Team finally returns to court with Red GD in possession of the ball standing where the injury occurred in the goal third.

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| Rule/s                 | (1 Mark) |
| Possible Decision/s    | (1 Mark) |
| Application/ Reasoning |          |

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4. Red GK is taking a goal line throw in. Red GK passes the ball to Red GD who catches the ball in the air, but lands awkwardly in the goal third. Red GK calls for injury time to the Red GD.

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| Rule/s                    | (1 Mark) |
| Possible Decision/s       | (1 Mark) |
| Application/<br>Reasoning |          |

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5. During the course of the game, the umpire notices the Red WA is trying to jump over the transverse line ahead of the Blue WD in an attempt to prevent the option of a centre pass going backwards. A variety of infringements have been seen, including contact and breaking, which the umpire has correctly played advantage on, as the ball was going forward. The umpire can see this is starting to have an impact on the Blue WD. At the next Blue centre pass, the Red WA enters the centre third slightly ahead of the whistle for the centre pass. The centre pass is received by the Blue WA in the centre third.

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| Rule/s              | (1 Mark)  |
| Possible Decision/s | (2 Marks) |

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| Application/<br>Reasoning |  |
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6. Blue C has possession of the ball outside their attacking goal circle. As Blue C makes a pass to their GS, Red WD enters the goal circle to attempt to intercept the ball. The pass from Blue C is caught by Blue GS who is positioned under the goal post.

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| Rule/s                    | (1 Mark)  |
| Possible Decision/s       | (2 Marks) |
| Application/<br>Reasoning |           |

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|  | (6 Marks) |

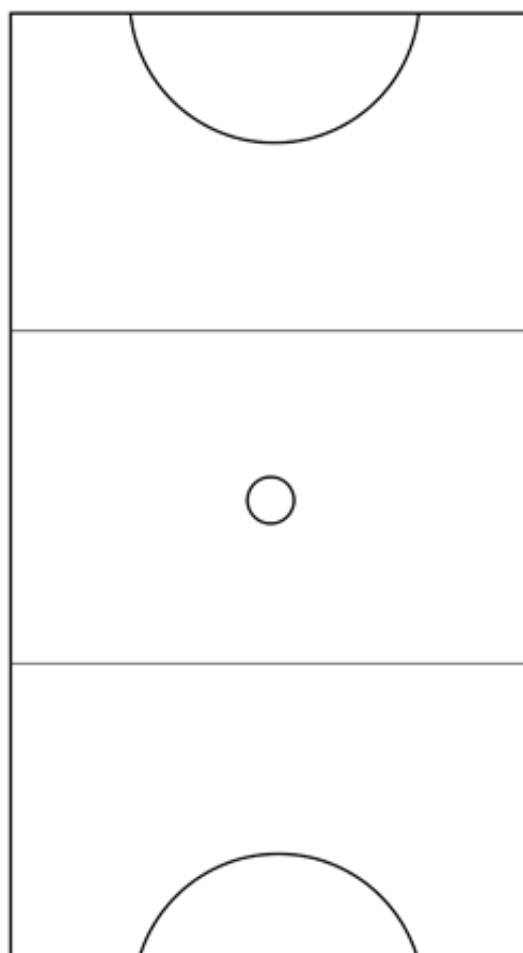
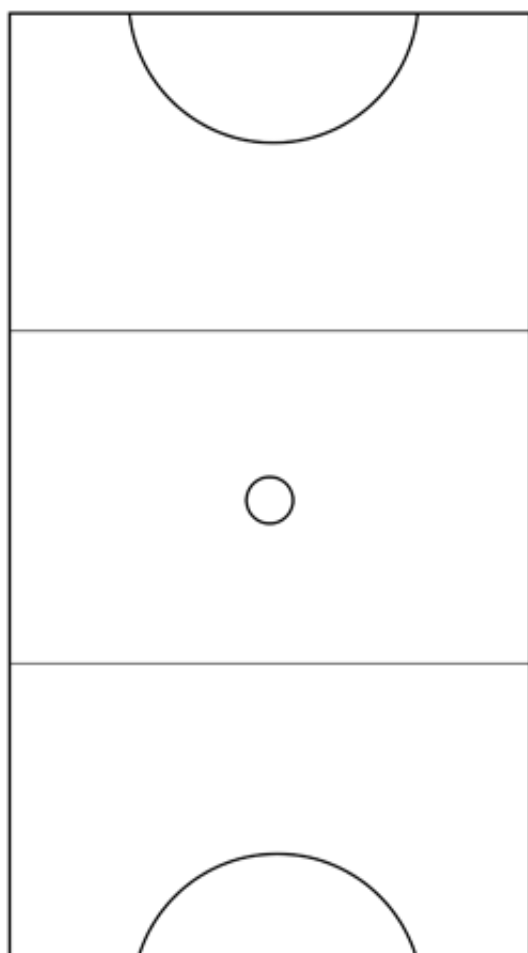
7. After a goal is scored, Blue WA asks the umpire for a tactical change. The umpire blows the whistle to hold time and indicates a tactical change to the official bench. The Blue team primary care person runs onto the court.

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| Rule/s                    | (1 Mark)  |
| Possible Decision/s       | (1 Mark)  |
| Application/<br>Reasoning | (8 Marks) |

8. A penalty pass has been awarded to the Red team, against the Blue GD, who is out of play at the transverse line in the centre third. The Red WD is taking the penalty. The Red GA is in

the circle near to the post. The Red WA is at the circle edge, and the Blue WD intentionally contacts them, causing them to fall.

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| Rule/s                    | (2 Marks) |
| Possible Decision/s       | (2 Marks) |
| Application/<br>Reasoning | (6 Marks) |





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