



‘A’ AND ‘B’ UMPIRE WRITTEN ASSESSMENT
JUNE 2023 ANSWER PAPER
SATURDAY 10TH JUNE at 10.00am GMT

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For England Netball Learners (Region/County)	
Current Netball Europe Umpire Qualification i.e. C or B	

For marker's use only			Moderated
	Number of marks	Level of Pass	
Section 1 (39 marks)			
Section 2 (67 marks)			
		PASS A, B or NYM	PASS A, B or NYM

Information and Instructions

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

This paper comprises Section 1 and Section 2:-

Section 1 has 12 questions

Section 2 has 8 questions

Pass Mark	A Award	B Award
	Section 1 – 35/39 (90%)	Section 1- 29/39 (74%)
	Section 2 – 54/67 (81%)	Section 2- 46/67 (69%)

Learners must pass in both Sections.

General

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.

Please note in both Sections:

1. Learners are not required to quote Rule numbers, but they should name the relevant Rule Heading and, if applicable, the relevant Rule Sub-heading, for example:
 - Playing the ball and Methods of playing the ball
 - Passing Distances and Short pass
 - Offside
 - Offside and Opposing players offside
 - Obstruction of a player in possession of the ball
 - Interference
 - Interference and Inevitable contact
 - Foul play and Unfair play
2. Assume that the teams involved are Red and Blue throughout this paper.
3. 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.
4. This paper is written using the INF Rules of Netball 2020 and does not take into account any local league or country rule adaptations. Learners should only consider what is stated in the INF Rules Book 2020.

SECTION 1

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

Learners are required to write:

- The infringement-the relevant Rule Heading and, if applicable, the relevant Rule Sub-heading (e.g. Out of court and Ball out of court, Obstruction of a player in possession of the ball). Rule numbers are not required.
- The sanction/action awarded ie Penalty Pass, Free Pass, Throw In, Toss Up 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'.

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 Red GS to drop the ball.

What is the Infringement?	Interference <div style="text-align: right;">(1 mark)</div>
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against Blue GD <div style="text-align: right;">(1 mark)</div>
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red team player allowed in the area <div style="text-align: right;">(1 mark)</div>
Where is the sanction/action taken?	In the goal circle where Blue GD was standing when she contacted the ball, unless this disadvantages the non-infringing team (1 mark)

Example 2:

If the answer to a question is No Action – insert 'No Action' only

Blue WA has the ball in the centre third and Red WD attempts to defend from behind and she is 0.9m (3 feet) away from her opponent.

What is the Infringement?	No Action <div style="text-align: right;">(1 mark)</div>
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

SECTION 1 QUESTIONS

1. At a Red team centre pass, Red C steps onto the centre circle line with her right foot and her left foot wholly inside the centre circle. The whistle is then blown by the umpire to start play.

What is the Infringement?	No Action
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

2. From a position outside of the goal circle, Blue C attempts to pass the ball to Blue GS who is standing under the post. Blue GS fails to catch the ball and it is caught by the Red GK who is positioned in the court surround near to the goal post.

What is the Infringement?	Out of Court and Ball Out of Court
What sanction/action would you award?	Throw In
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red Team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Out of court, behind the goal line, in line with where the Red GK caught the ball.

3. Red C enters the Blue attacking goal circle in an attempt to catch the ball. She tips the ball and Red WD catches the ball.

What is the Infringement?	Offside
What sanction/action would you award?	Free Pass
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Inside Blue team goal circle where Red C entered

4. Red GS takes possession of the ball close to the goal post. Blue GK is standing behind Red GS attempting to defend with her hand over the ball. She is not breaking the Obstruction rule. As Red GS prepares to shoot Blue GK brings her hand down onto the ball which causes Red GS to drop the ball.

What is the Infringement?	Interference
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against Blue GK
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red Team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Where Blue GK was standing in the goal circle when she contacted the ball, unless this disadvantages the non-infringing team

5. Red C is running to intercept a loose ball. As she takes possession, her left foot is on the ground and she steps forward onto her right foot. Whilst looking for the next pass she drags her left foot before releasing the ball to pass.

What is the Infringement?	Footwork and Other Foot Movements
What sanction/action would you award?	Free Pass
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Where Red C was standing when she dragged her landing foot (left foot)

6. Blue C has possession of the ball near the edge of the goal circle. Blue GA is positioned very close to her but inside the goal circle. Blue C passes the ball to Blue GA but there is not sufficient space for an opposing player to be able to intercept the ball with a hand as it moves from the hands of Blue C to the hands of Blue GA.

What is the Infringement?	Passing Distances and Short Pass
What sanction/action would you award?	Free Pass
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Outside the goal circle at the point where the Blue C passed the ball

7. Blue C catches the ball in her defending goal third. She makes a pass to Blue GA who jumps from the Blue Team attacking goal third, catches the ball in the air and lands in the centre third.

What is the Infringement?	No Action
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

8. Blue GA is attempting to shoot from a position wholly inside the goal circle. In an attempt to distract Blue GA, Red GD places her hand in front of the eyes of Blue GA.

What is the Infringement?	Foul Play and Unfair Play
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against Red GD and a Caution for Unfair Play (Intimidation)
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Where Red GD was standing when she intimidated Blue GA, unless this disadvantages the non-infringing team

9. Blue WA catches the ball whilst standing in the centre third and looks for a team mate to pass to. No player from her team is able to get free to receive the pass. Blue WA fails to release the ball within 3 seconds.

What is the Infringement?	Playing the Ball and Methods of Playing the Ball
What sanction/action would you award?	Free Pass
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Where Blue WA was standing when she failed to release the ball within 3 seconds.

10. Blue WA has possession of the ball in the centre third. Whilst moving into a position to receive the pass, Blue C is prevented from getting into position by Red WD as she has her arms outstretched. Red WD is within 0.9 m (3 ft) of Blue C.

What is the Infringement?	Obstruction of player not in possession of the ball
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against Red WD
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Where Red WD was standing when she obstructed Blue C, unless this disadvantages the non-infringing team

11. In an attempt to gain a better position, Blue WA leaves the court without being in possession of the ball and runs behind the goal post. She is closely followed by Red C. At a point off court and just behind the goal post, Red C raises her arms to defend Blue WA.

What is the Infringement?	Out of Court and Defending a Player who is Out of Court
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against Red C
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team Player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	On court, near to the goal post, in line with where the Red C was standing when she attempted to defend.

12. Blue WD requests the umpire to hold time for an injury. When the umpire asks 'Why'? Blue WD responds "I have injured my hand". Blue WD leaves the court with the Blue Team opting to leave the WD position vacant. Play restarts without a Blue WD on court.

What is the Infringement?	No Action
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

SECTION 2 QUESTIONS

This section contains 8 questions

Based on the situations given:

- Identify the Rule/s infringed, using the relevant Rule Heading and, if applicable, the relevant Rule Sub-heading (e.g. Out of court and Ball out of court, Obstruction of a player in possession of the ball). Rule numbers are not required.
- Possible Decision/s ie Penalise Contact, 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 1.

Blue C takes possession of the ball in the air. Red WD moves from the position in which she was standing into the landing space of Blue C. Blue C lands on Red WD awkwardly and then falls onto the ground. Red WD offers no apology and walks away from the incident.

Rule/s	Interference and Moving into Player's Space (1 Mark) Foul Play and Dangerous Play (1 Mark) (2 Marks)
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Contact (1 Mark) Penalise Dangerous Play (1 Mark) (2 Marks)
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The Contact rule has been infringed by Red WD. (1 Mark)</p> <p>This is also a dangerous action by Red WD, as she moved into the landing space of Blue C. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle to hold time using the correct hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire will either Warn, Suspend or in a serious case Order the player off for dangerous play and use the correct hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>For Suspension or Ordering Off, no substitution is allowed and the Red WD position must remain vacant. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would award a penalty pass to the Blue team. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The penalty pass is taken where Red WD was standing when the Contact occurred (unless this disadvantages the non-infringing team). (1 Mark)</p> <p>For Suspension or Ordering Off, no player from the Red team is required to stand out of play. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The Umpire restarts play with a whistle and the correct hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(9 Marks)</p>

1. In a closely contested match Red GD contacts Blue GA inside the goal circle. Blue GA stumbles backwards into the court surround.

Rule/s	Interference <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Contact <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>Red GD has infringed the contact rule. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle to penalise Contact using the correct hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A penalty pass is awarded to a Blue team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The penalty pass is taken where Red GD contacted Blue GA (unless this disadvantages the non-infringing team). (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(4 Marks)</p>

2. Blue GD is standing in her defensive goal third and passes the ball to Blue WA who is standing in the centre third. Blue WA jumps to catch the ball and lands on two feet simultaneously. She then steps forward onto her left foot and lifts her right foot. Just before she releases the ball Blue WA steps forward and grounds her right foot.

Rule/s	<p>Footwork and Two feet landing</p> <p>(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	<p>Penalise Footwork</p> <p>(1 Mark)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The footwork rule has been infringed by Blue WA when she grounded her right foot. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle to penalise Footwork using the correct hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A free pass is awarded to a Red team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The free pass is taken where Blue WA was standing when she grounded her right foot. (1 Mark)</p> <p>(4 Marks)</p>

3. Red GS takes possession of the ball just inside the goal circle but decides she is not in a good position to shoot. Both Red and Blue Centres are positioned at the top 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 the ball and it is caught by Blue GD.

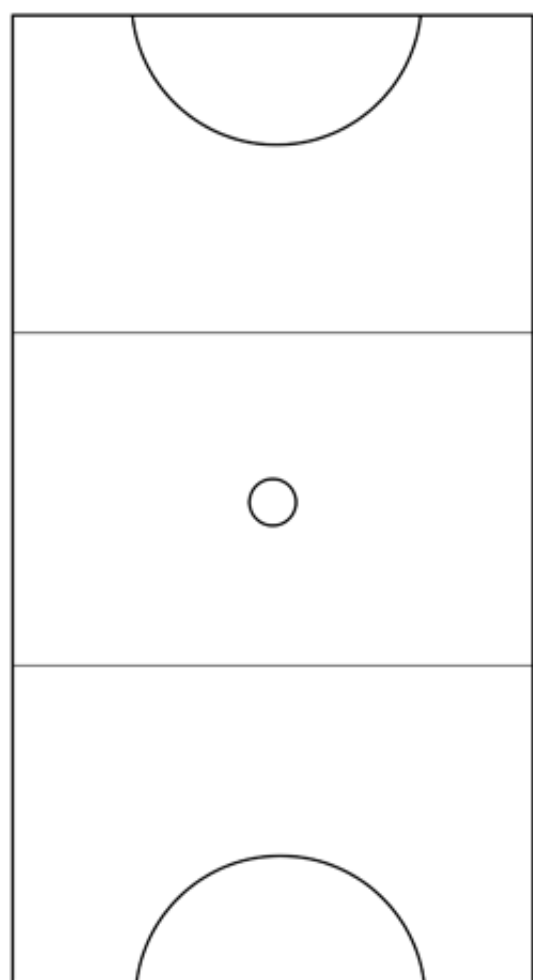
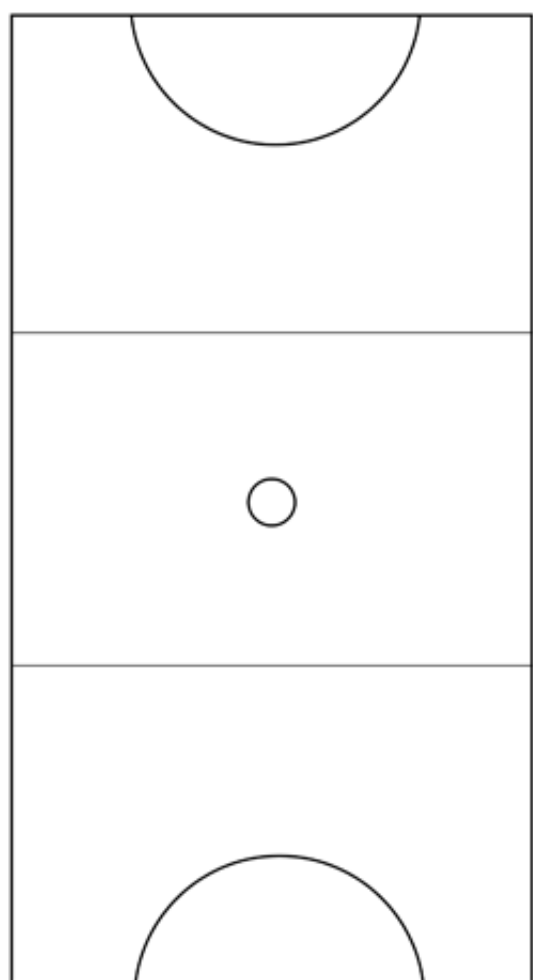
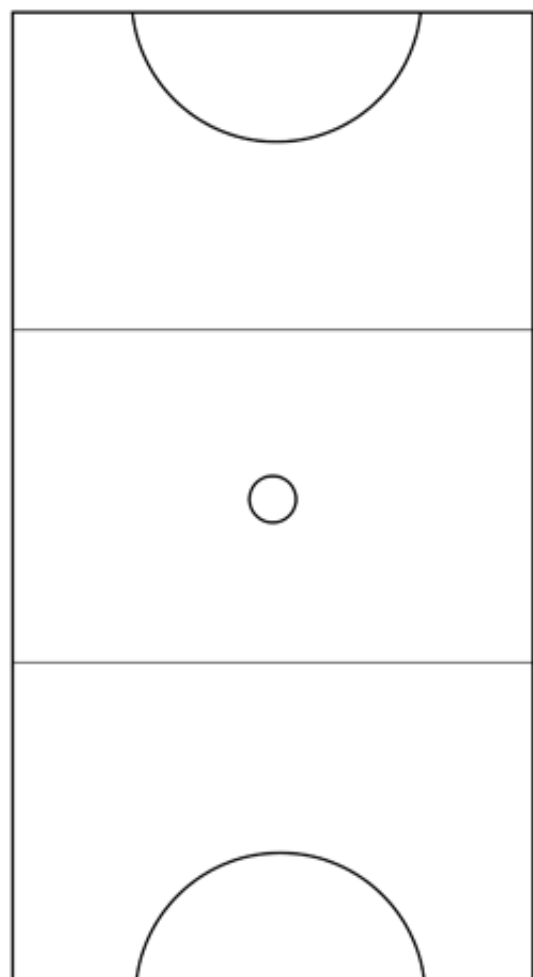
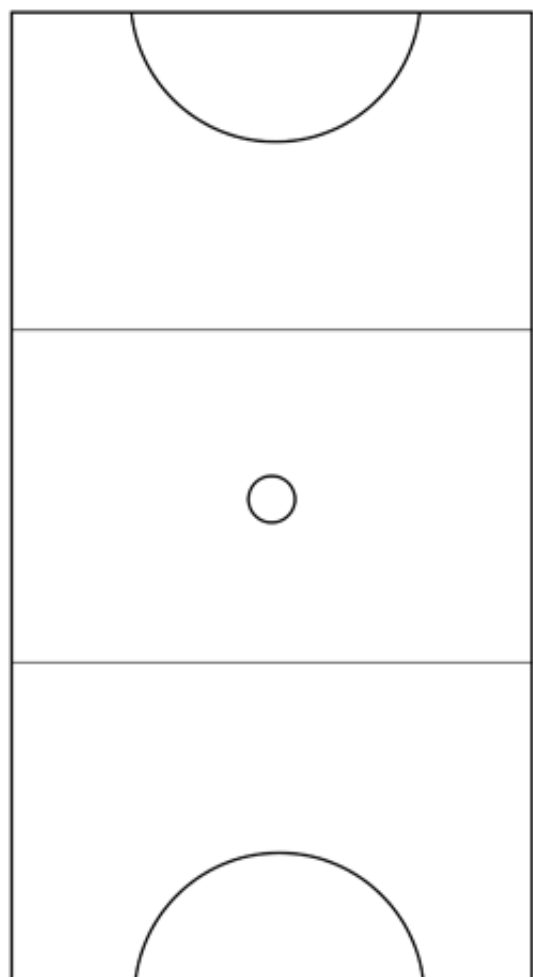
Rule/s	<p>Playing the Ball and Methods of Playing the Ball</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	<p>Penalise Incorrect playing the ball (kicking)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>A player may not kick the ball. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle to penalise incorrect playing the ball using the correct hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A free pass is awarded to a Red team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The free pass is taken where Blue C was standing outside of the goal circle when she kicked the ball. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(4 Marks)</p>

4. Red WA takes possession of the ball in the air and lands in her attacking goal third. Blue GD is out of the circle and marks the Red WA from a position of less than 3 ft (0.9 m) away. Red GS is unmarked under the goal post in a good position to shoot.

Rule/s	Obstruction of player in possession of the ball <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Obstruction or Play Advantage <p style="text-align: right;">(2 Marks)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The Obstruction rule has been infringed as Blue GD is defending Red WA from a distance of less than 0.9 m (3 ft). (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire could blow the whistle using the correct hand signal to penalise Obstruction. (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 GD was standing when she obstructed Red WA (unless this disadvantages the non-infringing team). (1 Mark)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>The umpire may also 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 GS) 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' Obstruction using the correct hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(6 Marks)</p>

8. During quarter 3 of a closely contested match Red GK attempts to defend Blue GS who is holding the ball, from a position of less than 3 ft (0.9 m). The Umpire has previously penalised the Red GK for Obstruction and also used quiet words in an attempt to get Red GK to change her behaviour and increase her defending distance but she has continued to ignore the umpire and her behaviour remains unchanged.

Rule/s	Obstruction of player in possession of the ball, Foul Play and Unfair Play (2 Marks)
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Obstruction and Penalise Foul Play and Unfair Play (2 Marks)
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The Obstruction rule has been infringed by Red GK as she is defending the Blue GS who is in possession of the ball, from a distance less than 3 ft (0.9 m). (1 Mark)</p> <p>Red GK is also persistently infringing. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle to hold time using the correct hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire will issue the Red GK with a Caution for persistent obstruction using the Caution hand signal. (Warning not accepted as a sanction for this scenario). (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire will inform Red GK if she continues to persistently obstruct her opponents, she will receive a warning. (1 Mark).</p> <p>The umpire would award a penalty pass to the Blue Team. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The penalty pass is taken where Red GK was standing when she obstructed Blue GS, (unless this disadvantages the non-infringing team). (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire restarts play with a whistle and the correct hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(8 Marks)</p>



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