



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

Name in Full (Ms/Miss/Mrs/Mr)	
Email Address	
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Member Country	
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?	
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?	
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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	(1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	(2 Marks)
Application/ Reasoning	(6 Marks)

5. Blue C and Red WA are both in the centre third running towards the Blue team attacking goal third to intercept a loose ball. Blue C takes possession of the ball first just inside the Blue team attacking goal third. Blue C sees Blue GS who is unmarked under the post and makes a pass to her. At the same time Red WA over balances and steps into the Blue team attacking goal third.

Rule/s	(1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	(2 Marks)
Application/ Reasoning	(6 Marks)

6. The match has started with the Red team opting to play without a WA, as their seventh player is stuck in traffic. Part way through Q1, the Red team player arrives and runs straight onto court. Blue GD has just intercepted a shot at goal and has possession of the ball in her defending goal circle.

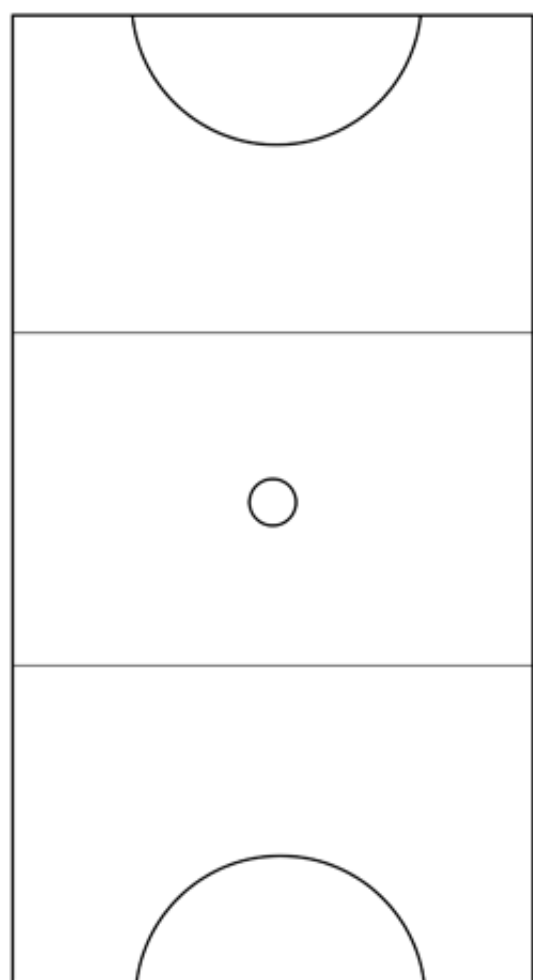
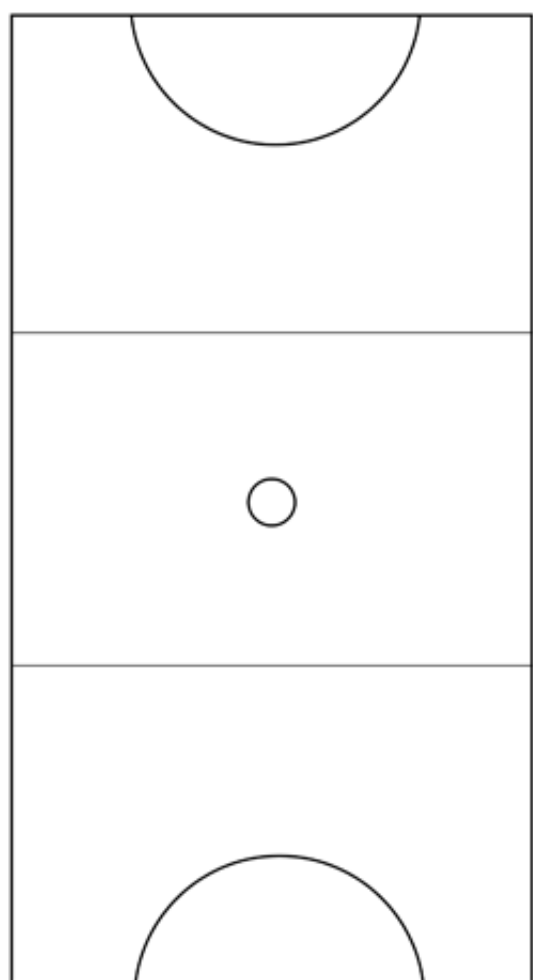
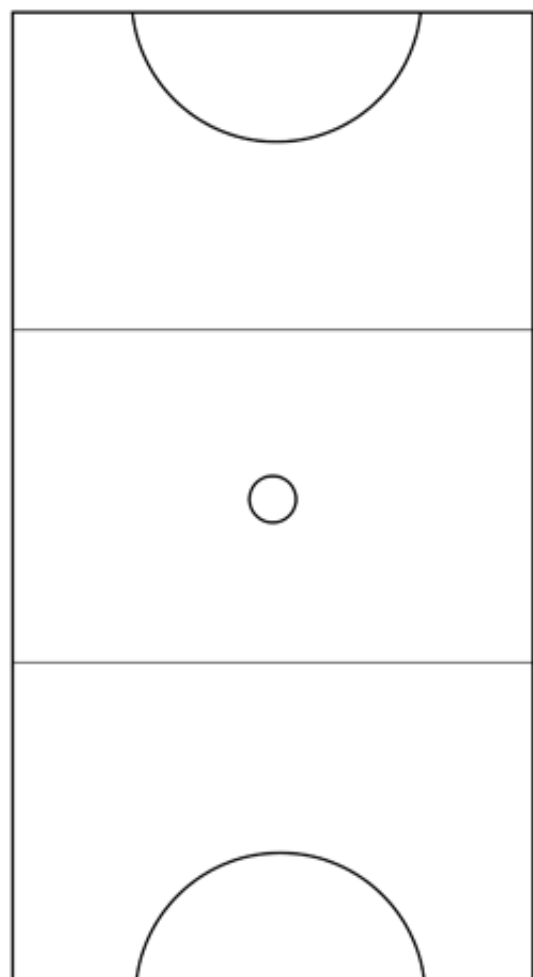
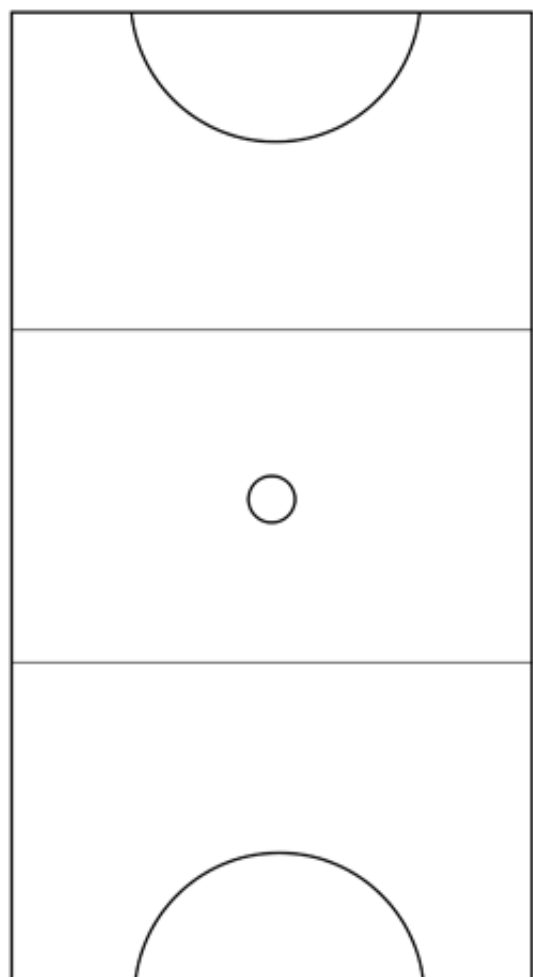
Rule/s	(1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	(1 Mark)
Application/ Reasoning	(7 Marks)

7. Whilst attempting to catch a pass from her C, the ball slips through Blue WAs hands and hits her in the face. The ball is picked up by Red C. Blue WAs nose begins to bleed.

Rule/s	(1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	(1 Mark)
Application/ Reasoning	(8 Marks)

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	(2 Marks)
Possible Decision/s	(2 Marks)
Application/ Reasoning	(8 Marks)



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