

Europe Netball Umpire Pathway



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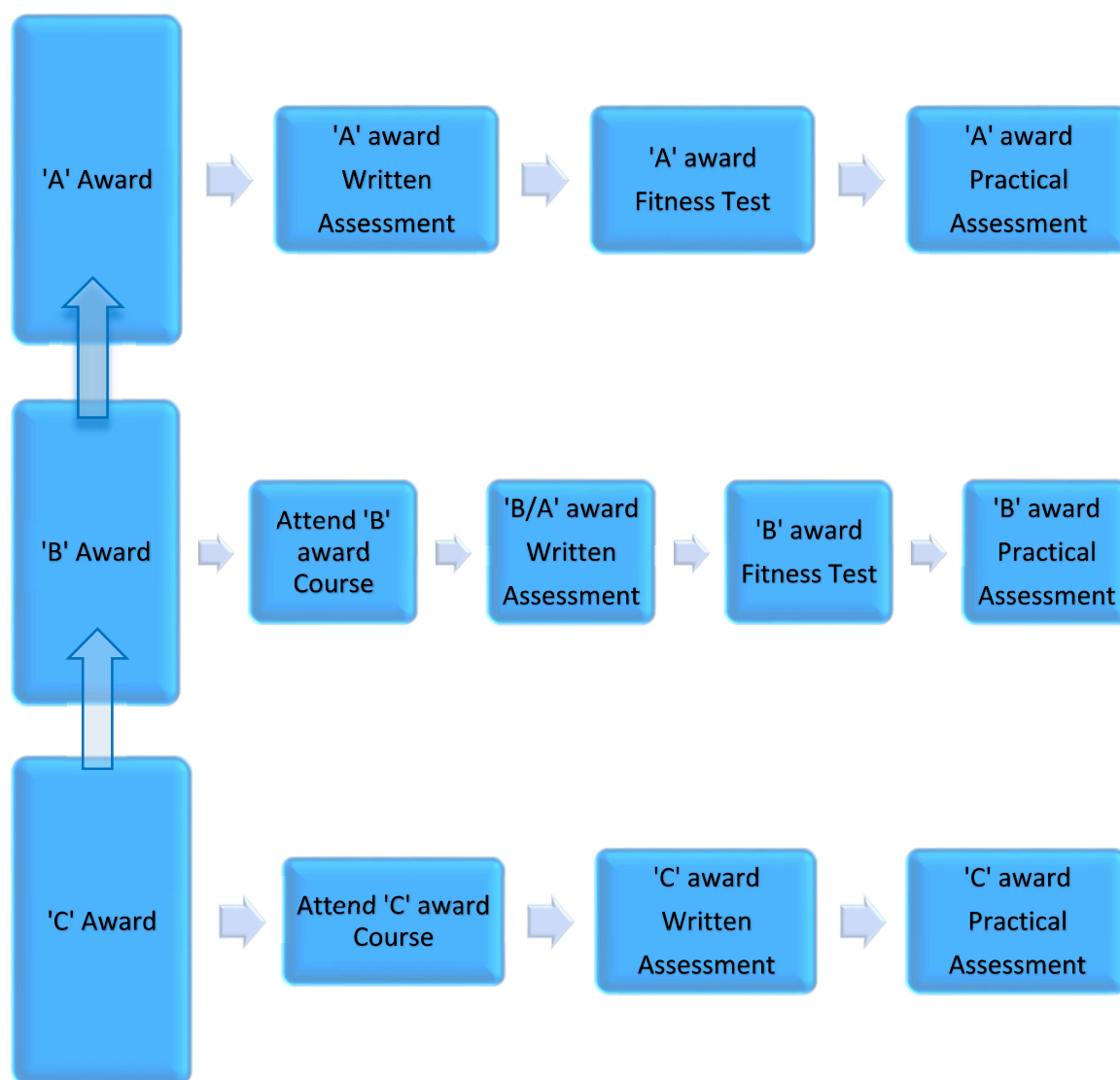
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1. Introduction

This document outlines the Europe Netball Umpire Pathway created by the Europe Netball Officiating Working Group (Europe Netball OWG) and defines the pathway to be followed by all Europe Netball Member Countries for umpire development.

1.1 The Europe Netball Umpire Pathway details the progression for umpires through the Europe Netball levels of 'C', 'B' and 'A' award, which is the highest Europe Netball award before progressing to the World Netball International award (IUA). Whilst it is not part of the Europe Netball Umpire Pathway, Europe Netball recommends that all learners attend an introductory umpiring course before attending a 'C' award course. Suggested course objectives are included in Appendix C.



Whilst not requirements of the Europe Netball Umpire Pathway, Europe Netball recommends that:

- A Fitness Test at the appropriate level is included as part of the 'B' award and 'A' award Practical Assessment
- 'B' award umpires working towards the 'A' award attend an 'A' award course before undertaking the 'A' award Written Assessment or the 'A' award Practical Assessment

1.2 Talent Identification

An assessor who, when conducting an Umpire award assessment, identifies a learner umpire as having the potential to progress along the Europe Netball Umpire Pathway within a shorter timeframe than that set out in the Administration of the Europe Netball Umpire Assessor Award, may recommend to the learner umpire's Member Country Assessment Organiser that the learner umpire has the potential to be allowed to progress more quickly along the Pathway.

1.3 Application for Dispensation

If a learner umpire considers that there are extenuating circumstances, such as injury or illness, which mean that the learner umpire cannot complete (or has not completed) the relevant Award within the specified timeframe, the learner umpire can apply through their Member Country Assessment Organiser for dispensation. The Member Country Assessment Organiser will forward the Application to Europe Netball for a decision and advise the learner umpire accordingly, on receipt of Europe Netball's decision.

A template of the Application form can be found on the Europe Netball website and a Member Country specific Application form can be found on each Member Country's website.

2. Young Umpires

- 2.1 The Europe Netball Officiating Young Umpires Guidelines included in Appendix A define the requirements with which Europe Netball Member Countries must comply to support their young umpires through each pathway level and specifies the minimum age for taking each level of umpire assessment for introductory, 'C', 'B' and 'A' umpiring awards.

3. Umpire Training Courses

- 3.1 Member Countries may apply to Europe Netball to provide tutors for their umpire training courses or they may develop their own courses and use their own qualified tutors who meet the criteria for Europe Netball tutors. The recommended course objectives are included in Appendix C. Member Country umpire course administrators must ensure that candidates meet the minimum age requirements specified in the Europe Netball Officiating Young Umpires Guidelines included in Appendix A.

3.2 Introductory umpiring course

An introductory umpiring course is recommended as the introduction to and a suitable first course before the Europe Netball Umpire Pathway. It is optional and can be developed by Member Countries.

3.3 'C', 'B' and 'A' courses

The Europe Netball Umpire Pathway requires learner umpires to attend a relevant course at 'C' and 'B' levels, before applying for a written or practical assessment. These courses may be face to face or delivered virtually as tutor led sessions or CPD workshops. Learner umpires must maintain a record of course dates attended as this is a pre-requisite when applying for any written or practical assessment. Europe Netball recommends that Member Countries either develop an 'A' award course for their learner umpires to attend or hold regular (minimum of every 2 years) 'A' award conferences.

If Member Countries develop courses, then these must comply with the course objectives of 'C', 'B' and 'A' courses as defined by Europe Netball in Appendix C and must include:

- Interactive content
- Practical-based exercises (virtual or face to face) to develop umpiring skills and techniques
- Advice on taking both the written and practical assessments

3.4 Member Countries should maintain records of their learners' course attendance, so that applications for assessment can be checked.

4. Practical Assessment

4.1 Member Country Umpire assessment administrators must ensure that candidates meet the minimum age requirements for assessment at each level of umpire award as specified in the Europe Netball Officiating Young Umpires Guidelines included in Appendix A.

4.2 Learner umpires must maintain a log of the matches they umpire, which should be varied and appropriate for the award they are working towards. When applying for a practical assessment, the learner umpire must provide their match log and course attendance record to the Member Country Assessment Organiser. A Sample Umpire Match Log is available in Appendix B.

4.3 Member Countries may specify a minimum number of matches and the type of matches which a learner has to umpire for each award level.

4.4 Europe Netball Member Countries are required to use the Europe Netball practical assessment criteria when assessing their umpires using appropriately qualified assessors, as defined by Europe Netball.

- 4.5 The Europe Netball criteria for practical assessment for Europe Netball 'C', 'B' and 'A' awards is based on the assessment criteria defined by World Netball. These criteria can be found in the Europe Netball Umpire Assessors Handbook on the Europe Netball website.

5. Written assessment

- 5.1 Member Country umpire written assessment administrators must ensure that candidates meet the minimum age requirements for assessment at each level of umpire award as specified in the Europe Netball Officiating Young Umpires Guidelines included in Appendix A.
- 5.2 Europe Netball is responsible for the preparation and administration of the 'C' and 'B/A' written papers. Member Countries must apply through the Europe Netball application process and pay the appropriate fee for each learner, unless Europe Netball has agreed with a Member Country that learners can pay the fee directly to Europe Netball. The written assessment application process and fees can be found on the Europe Netball website and on each Member Country's website.

6. Fitness tests

- 6.1 When applying for the Europe Netball 'B' or 'A' award practical assessment, umpires must provide evidence of a fitness test conducted within the specified time period, together with their application to their Member Country Assessment Organiser.
The fitness test is described on www.thebleeptest.com

7. Assessors

- 7.1 Europe Netball has defined the requirements for being recognised as a qualified assessor. These can be found in the Assessor Pathway on the Europe Netball website.
- 7.2 Member Countries which do not have a Europe Netball-endorsed and approved system in place must apply to Europe Netball for the provision of assessor training, either online or face-to-face in a Member Country. Guidance on how to apply can be found on the Europe Netball website.

8. Tutors

- 8.1 Europe Netball has defined the requirements for being recognised as a qualified tutor. These can be found in the Tutor Pathway on the Europe Netball website.
- 8.2 Member Countries which do not have a Europe Netball-endorsed and approved system in place must apply to Europe Netball for the provision of tutor training, either online or face-to-face in a Member Country. Guidance on how to apply can be found on the Europe Netball website.

9. Technical Officials

- 9.1 Technical Officials are the scorers and timekeepers who sit at the official bench and provide support to umpires. Europe Netball has defined the requirements for being recognised as a Technical Official within a Member Country. These can be found in the Technical Officials Pathway on the Europe Netball website.
- 9.2 Member Countries which do not have a Europe Netball-endorsed and approved system in place must apply to Europe Netball for the provision of Technical Officials training, either online or face-to-face in a Member Country. Guidance on how to apply can be found on the Europe Netball website.
- 9.3 Technical Officials who qualify within a Member Country may choose to progress to the World Netball Technical Official qualification and become eligible for international level matches.

10. Europe Netball Fees

- 10.1 Europe Netball has a fees schedule (see Europe Netball Website - fees schedule) chargeable to Member Countries when requesting Europe Netball courses, assessments, tutors and training for assessors and tutors.
- 10.2 Europe Netball charges each learner for the Europe Netball 'C' and 'B/A' written examinations.

11. Additional information

- 11.1 The following information is available on the Europe Netball website – <https://netballeurope.com>
- Contact details for Member Countries which wish to request an assessor or tutor or an online or face-to-face course
 - Who is who in Europe Netball OWG- a list of contacts
 - Europe Netball Code of Conduct for the Officiating Workforce and Umpires
 - Europe Netball Guidelines for Safeguarding and Protecting Children