

'A' AND 'B' UMPIRE WRITTEN ASSESSMENT

SAMPLE PAPER 1 QUESTION PAPER

June 2024

Information and Instructions

Time: 2 hrs

This paper comprises Section 1 and Section 2:-

Section 1 has 12 questions

Section 2 has 8 questions

Pass Mark

A Award

Section 1 – 35/39 (90%)

Section 2 – 51/64 (80%)

B Award

Section 1- 29/39 (74%)

Section 2- 43/64 (67%)

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.
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-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 ie 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'.

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.

What is the Infringement?	Contact and Interference (Rule 17.1 c.) <div style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</div>
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against the 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 goal circle where the Blue GD was standing when she 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 (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 the Red WD attempts to defend from behind and they are 0.9m (3 feet) away from their opponent.

What is the Infringement?	No Action (Rule 16.1) <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	

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SECTION 1 QUESTIONS

- 1 Blue WA has possession of the ball near the edge of the goal circle. Blue GS is positioned very close to Blue WA inside the goal circle. Blue WA passes the ball to Blue GS but there is not sufficient space for an opposing player to be able to deflect or intercept the ball as it moves from Blue WA's hands to the Blue GS. hands.

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 outside of the goal circle, Red WA attempts to pass the ball to the Red GA who is standing under the goal post. Red GA fails to catch the ball and it is caught by the Blue GD 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 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.

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

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 WA catches the ball in the air and lands on their left foot. Red WA steps forward onto their right foot. Whilst looking for the next pass, Red WA drags their 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 GK is taking a Throw In on the goal line. Blue GK takes up a position 20 cm (8 in) away from the goal line and passes the ball to a player on their team.

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

- 7 In an attempt to catch the ball Red WD enters the Blue attacking goal circle. Red WD tips the ball and Red C catches it.

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 GD intercepts a pass in the air but lands awkwardly holding their knee. Blue GK asks the umpire to hold time as the Blue GD is injured. The Blue GD is substituted. Play restarts with the Blue GK remaining 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?	

- 9 Red GD catches the ball in her defending goal third. Red GD makes a pass to Red GA who jumps from the Red team attacking goal third, catches the ball in the air and lands wholly 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?	

- 10 Blue WA has possession of the ball in the centre third. Whilst moving into a position to receive the pass, Blue C is being marked by Red WD who has their arm outstretched to prevent Blue C from getting into position.

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 GS leaves the court and goes behind the goal post. From a position on court, Red GK attempts to stop Blue GS from re-entering the court. Blue GS pushes past Red GK as Blue GS enters the court.

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 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.

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 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, 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:

Rule/s	Contact and Interference (Rule 17.1) (1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Contact or Play Advantage (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>

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

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

- 2 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.

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

- 3 Blue C has possession of the ball outside of the goal circle. Red GD is standing in front of Blue GS marking closely. Red GD keeps their arms outstretched to prevent Blue GS moving to receive the pass from her C.

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

- 4 Red WA is taking a side line throw in. Red WA passes the ball to Red C who catches the ball in the air but lands awkwardly in the centre third. Red WA calls for time for injury to the Red C.

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

- 5 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.

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

- 6 Blue C and Red WA who are both in the centre third are 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 Blue GS. At the same time, Red WA over-balances and steps into the Blue team attacking goal third.

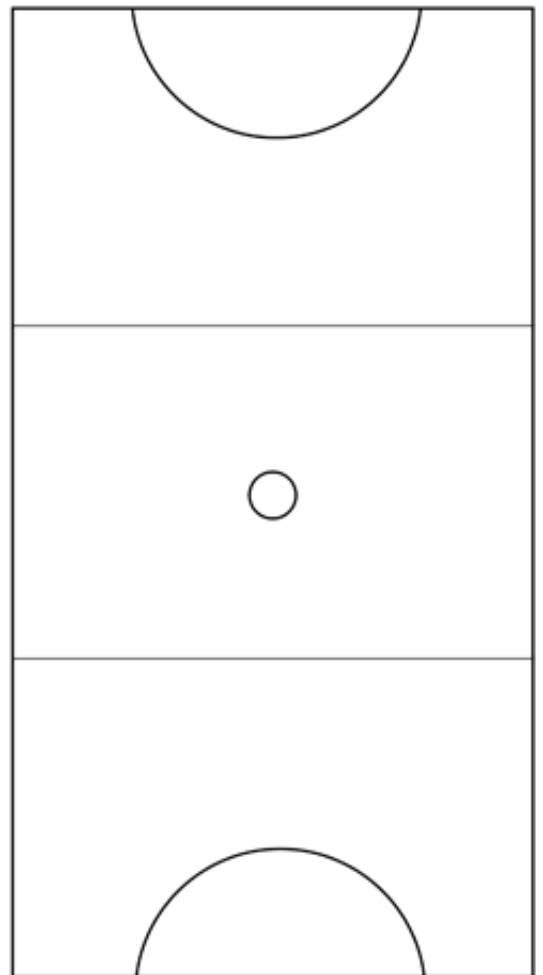
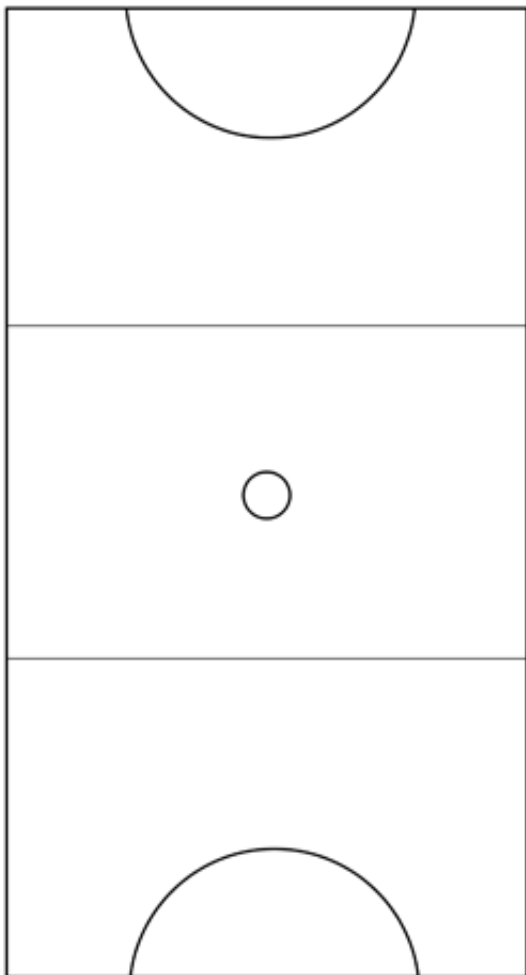
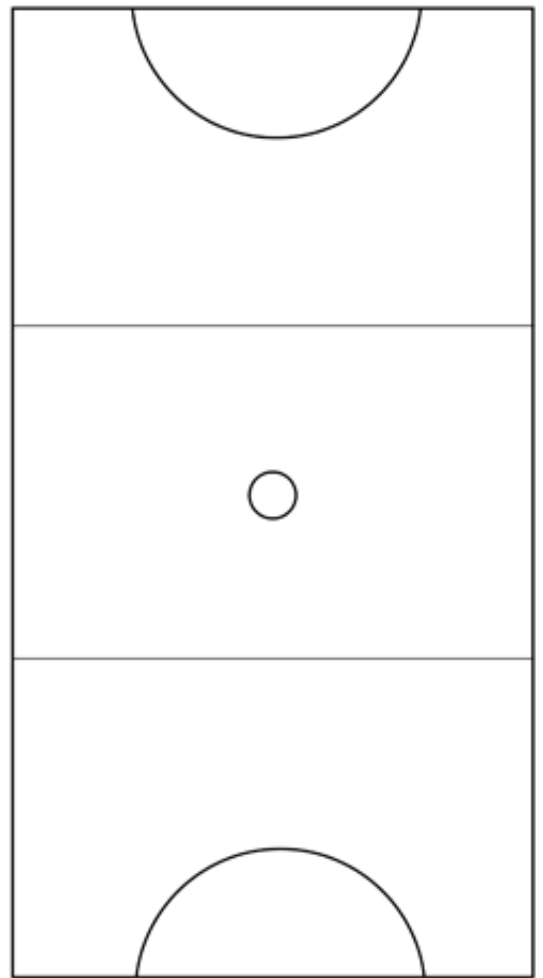
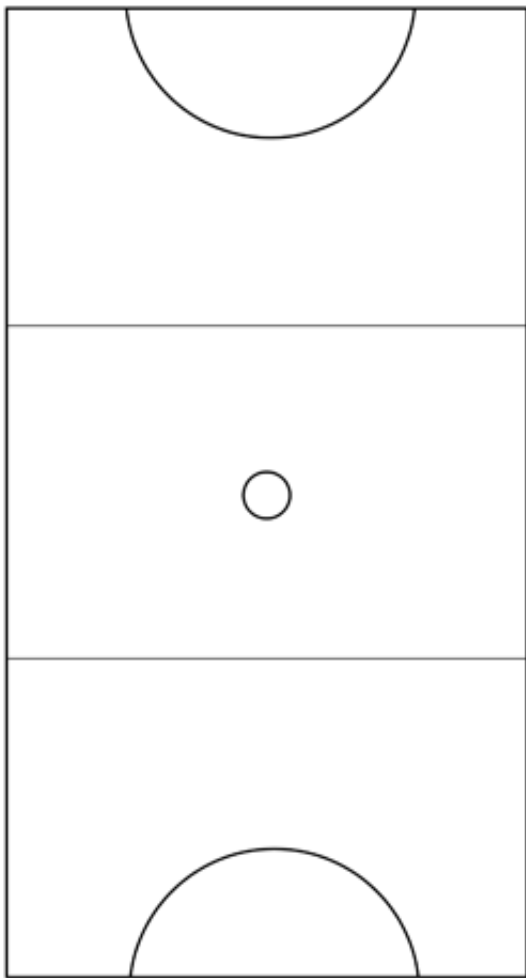
Rule/s	(1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	(2 Marks)
Application/ Reasoning	(6 Marks)

- 7 The Red team Coach has been critical of a number of decisions made by the umpires. The bench side umpire has already asked the Red team coach to stop making comments. The Blue WA is in possession of the ball in the centre third and the bench side umpire correctly penalises contact against Red WD. The Red team coach shouts to her player that the umpire does not know what she is doing.

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

- 8 Blue GA is in possession of the ball outside of their attacking goal circle. Blue GA makes a pass to Blue GS who jumps to catch the pass. Whilst in the air, Red GK moves from the position in which they were standing and into the landing space of Blue GS. Blue GS lands on Red GK and falls onto the ground.

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



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