

# 'A' AND 'B' UMPIRE WRITTEN ASSESSMENT

## PRACTICE PAPER ONE - BLENDED B AWARD COURSE

### 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 – 33/37 (89%)	Section 1- 27/37 (73%)
	Section 2 – 46/57 (81%)	Section 2- 39/57 (68%)

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

**There are 4 questions in this Section 1 with 1 No Action question – the actual assessment has 12 questions, 3 of which are 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 the Red GS to drop the ball.

What is the Infringement?	Interference (1 mark)
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against the Blue GD (1 mark)
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red team player allowed in the area (1 mark)
Where is the sanction/action taken?	In goal circle where the 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 the Red WD attempts to defend from behind and she is 0.9m (3 feet) away from her opponent.

What is the Infringement?	No Action (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. 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.

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. In an attempt to gain a better position Blue GS leaves the court and runs behind the goal post. In an attempt to defend, Red GK follows the Blue GS.

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 GK
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue Team Player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	On court, where the Red GK left the court

3. Red C takes possession of the ball in the air and lands on Blue WD. Blue WD was in this position before Red C jumped to take possession of the ball.

What is the Infringement?	Interference and Moving into Player's Space
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?	At the point at where Blue WD was standing when she was contacted by Red C, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage

4. Blue GA takes possession of the ball close to the goal post. Red GK is standing behind Blue GA attempting to defend with her hand over the ball. She is not breaking the obstruction rule. As Blue GA prepares to shoot she pushes the ball up into the hand of Red GK.

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

## SECTION 2 QUESTIONS

**There are 3 questions in this Section 2 – the actual assessment has 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. The Red WD moves from the position in which she was standing into the landing space of the Blue C. The Blue C lands on the Red WD awkwardly and then falls onto the ground. The 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) <div style="text-align: right;">(2 Marks)</div>
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Contact (1 Mark) Penalise Dangerous Play (1 Mark) <div style="text-align: right;">(2 Marks)</div>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>This is a deliberate dangerous action by the Red WD as she moved into the landing space of the Blue C. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle, penalise contact using the correct hand signal and award a penalty against the Red WD to be taken by a Blue team player allowed in the area where the contact occurred. (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>The Umpire restarts play with a whistle and the correct hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <div style="text-align: right;">(5 Marks)</div>

- 1 Blue GD is taking a free pass from within her defending goal third. She passes the ball to Blue C who is standing in the centre but she misses the ball. The ball rolls across the centre third and into the Blue team attacking goal third. The ball is picked up by Blue GS close to the transverse line.

Rule/s	Passing Distances and Over a Third <div>(1 Mark)</div>
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Over a Third <div>(1 Mark)</div>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The over a third rule has been infringed as the ball has travelled untouched over the two transverse lines. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle and using the correct hand signal award a free pass to the Red Team to be taken in the Blue teams attacking goal third, by the transverse line where the ball first entered the goal third incorrectly. (1 Mark)</p> <div>(2 Marks)</div>

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

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- 3 Blue GA is in possession of the ball outside of her attacking goal circle. She makes a pass to Blue GS who jumps to catch the pass. Whilst in the air Red GK moves from the position in which she was standing and deliberately steps into the landing space of Blue GS. Blue GS lands on Red GK and falls onto the ground.

Rule/s	Interference and, Foul Play and Dangerous (2 Marks)
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Contact and Penalise Deliberate Dangerous Play. (2 Marks)
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The Contact rule has been infringed by Red GK. (1 Mark)</p> <p>Red GK has also deliberately taken the landing space of a player infringing the dangerous play (deliberate) rule. (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 Suspend the player or in a serious case Order the player off for deliberate dangerous play and use the correct hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>No substitution is allowed and the Red GK position must remain vacant. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would award a penalty pass to the Blue team to be taken by any Blue team player allowed in the area where Red GK was standing (unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage). (1 Mark)</p> <p>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>(8 Marks)</p>