



‘A’ AND ‘B’ UMPIRE WRITTEN ASSESSMENT
FEBRUARY 2022 (Revised March 2022)
SATURDAY 12TH FEBRUARY at 10.00am GMT

Name in Full (Ms/Miss/Mrs/Mr)	
Email Address	
Assessment Venue	
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 (58 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 – 46/58 (79%)	Section 2- 39/58 (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.

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 the 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 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 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 <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. 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?	

2. At a centre pass, Blue C steps into the centre circle on her left foot, steps forward onto her right foot outside of the circle. Fractionally before the Umpire blows the whistle the Blue C lifts her left foot.

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

3. In an attempt to take possession of the ball Blue C trips and uses the ball to balance on the ground. Blue C's feet are grounded in the Goal Third but the ball she is leaning on is positioned on the ground inside the Goal Circle.

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

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

5. 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?	

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

7. From a position just outside of the goal circle, Blue WA attempts to pass the ball to Blue GA who is standing under the post. Blue GA fails to catch the ball and it is caught by the Red 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?	

8. Red WA passes the ball to Red C. Blue WD takes up a defending position marking with her arms up but from the correct distance. Just before Red C attempts to pass the ball Blue WD over balances and steps forward toward Red C and lands within 0.9 m (3 ft) of Red C. Blue WD still has her hands up defending.

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 GA catches the ball in the air and lands on her left foot. She steps forward onto her right foot and lifts her left foot. Whilst looking for the next pass she hops on her right 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?	

10. Red GK is taking a goal line throw in. She attempts to pass the ball to her WD but the ball passes over the WD's head, bounces in the goal third and is caught by the Red WA close to the Transverse Line 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?	

11. Blue GS jumps and catches the ball in the air. She lands with her front foot inside the goal circle and her back foot in the goal third. She lifts her back foot and shoots for goal.

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 holds time for an injury. When the umpire asks 'Why'? Blue WD responds "I have injured my ankle". Blue WD leaves the court with the Blue Team opting to leave the WD position vacant. Play restarts.

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. 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) (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 the 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>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 to be taken by any Blue team player allowed in the area where Red WD was standing (unless this disadvantages the contact occurred). (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 style="text-align: right;">(8 Marks)</p>

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

Rule/s	(1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	(1 Mark)
Application/ Reasoning	(3 Marks)

2. Whilst standing in her defending goal third Blue GD is passed the ball. She bats the ball and runs forward into centre third. She bounces the ball and then catches it.

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

3. 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 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	(4 Marks)

4. Red GK is standing in her defensive goal third and passes the ball to Red C who is standing in the centre third. Red C 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 Red C steps forward and grounds her right foot.

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

5. 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	(4 Marks)

6. Blue GA catches the ball outside of the goal circle. The umpire blows the whistle to penalise Blue WA for contact against Red WD just inside Blue team attacking goal third. Blue GA throws the ball towards where the penalty will be taken but the Blue WA picks it up and refuses to give it to the Red GK who has moved into position to take the penalty.

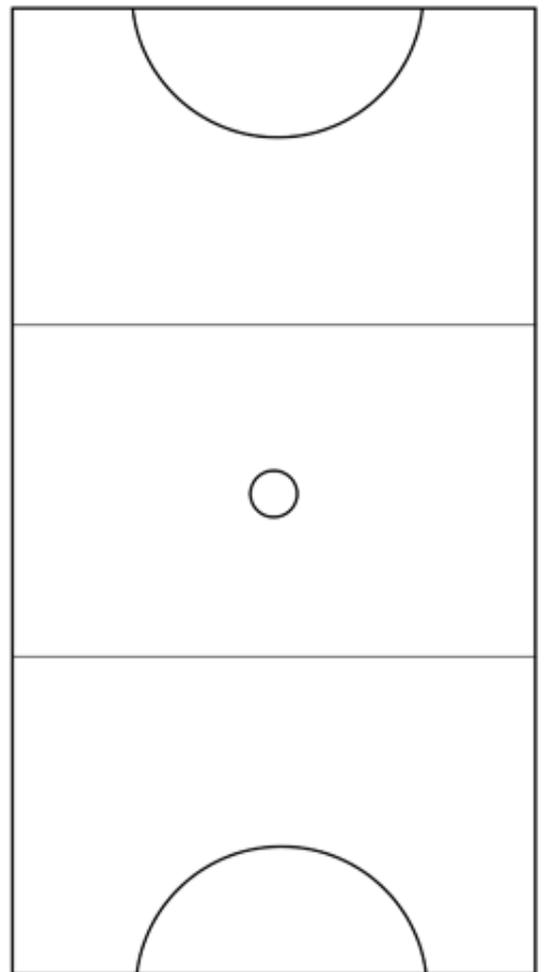
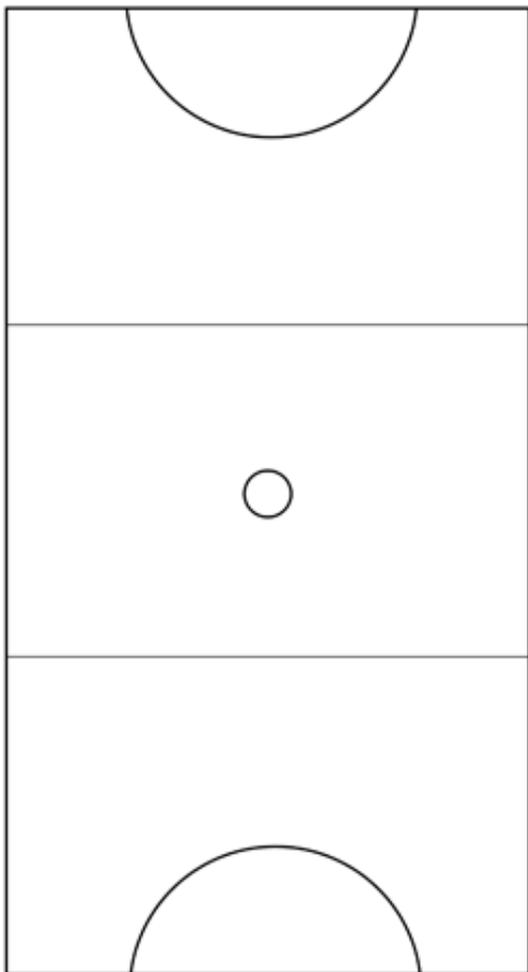
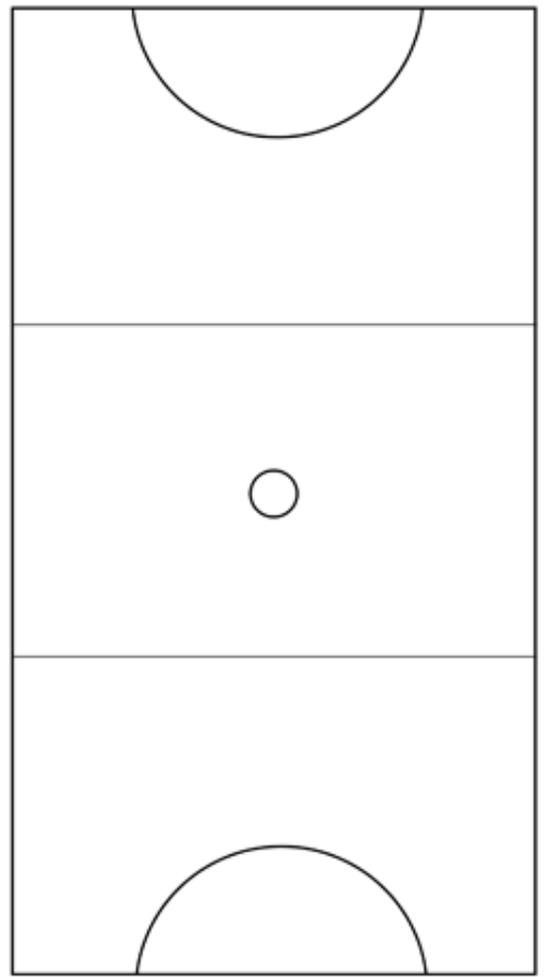
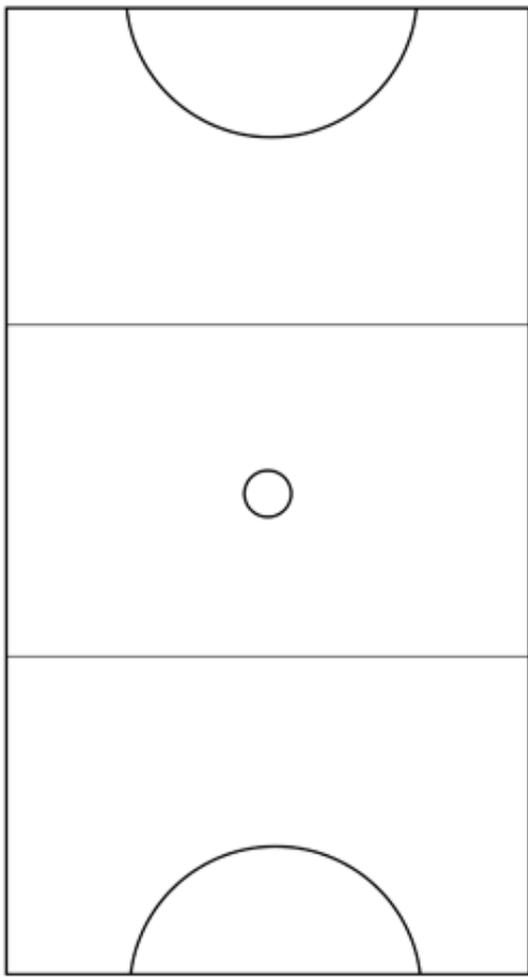
Rule/s	(1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	(1 Mark)
Application/ Reasoning	(6 Marks)

7. Following a stoppage for an injury to Red WD, the controlling umpire blows the whistle to alert the teams that injury time is over. The Blue Team return to court ready for the start of play but the Red Team are still deliberating what substitutions to make. The umpire insists that the Red Team return to court. After a further short delay, the Red Team finally returns to court with Red GD in possession of the ball standing where the injury occurred in the goal third.

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

8. During Q3 Blue GK is taking a goal line throw in when the umpire notices Blue WD is bleeding from a scratch on her arm.

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



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