



How can I get a netball umpiring qualification?

A guide to the INTO Officiating and C Award Umpiring Qualifications

For any further guidance outside of this document on courses / workshops, please contact either:

Local league: Kingston League – kdninfo@gmail.com
County Officiating Lead SCNAofficiating@outlook.com
England Netball qualifications@englandnetball.co.uk

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Good qualities of an umpire

A good umpire will always arrive early to a match, be dressed appropriately, and be organised with a whistle, scorecard and timer.

Attributes of a good umpire:

Communication- liaise with co-umpire, confirm who is scoring, timing etc., organise scorers to stand together. Manage stoppages. Establish on court captains, pre match checks, match ball. Have a good voice and a loud whistle.

Positioning and Movement- good fitness to keep up with play and maintain it for the full duration of the match. Have a good idea of where they need to be in relation to play. Change of pace as necessary. A good umpire does not walk and arrives at the goal line as the ball arrives in the circle.

Terminology- be clear and concise with setting penalties. Use correct terminology for the infringement. E.g.. contact GD, penalty pass red. Indicate where the penalty is to be set.

Good Rule Knowledge- read the rule book regularly.

Be consistent, impartial, and fair. Empathise with the players.

A good umpire has all these qualities and is there to facilitate the game of netball. It is not about catching players out but keeping players in the game and supporting them to remain on court and play within the rules of the game. Regular communication with players on court is necessary to facilitate this. Have a quiet word, talk to captains in the intervals and talk to the players during the match. Most of all you are there to officiate to the best of your ability and support the teams to enjoy the experience of netball and of course enjoy umpiring yourself. Without you, the game cannot be played.

NB: Minimum age for these courses is 13 years, to take a C award final practical, the minimum age is 14 years.

You must be a fully paid member of EN.

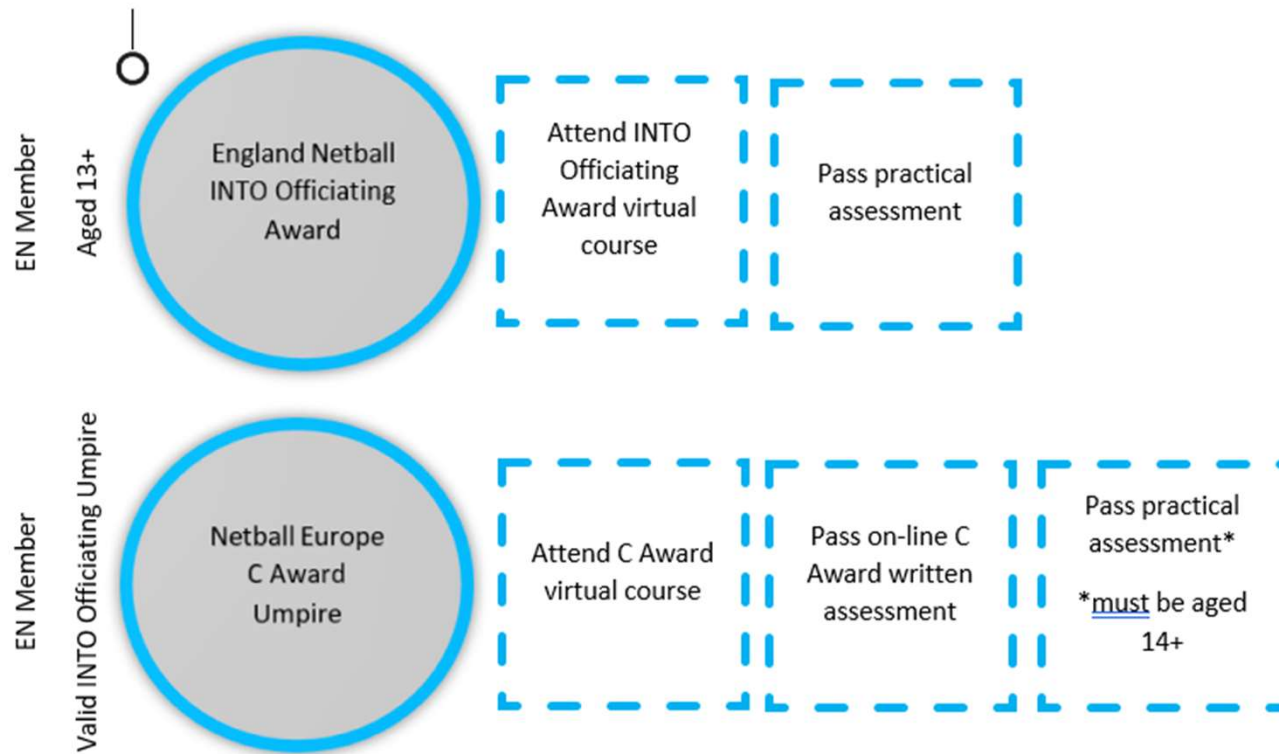
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A simple guide to the England Netball officiating pathway



England Netball Officiating Pathway



How can I complete my INTO Officiating Course?



Step	Action	Contact	Location	Time	Cost
1	Attend and online Into Officiating Course	England Netball Into Officiating Course	Virtual	2 x 2 hours	£40.00
2	Practise *	Self-arrangement with an active mentor (eg an active umpire who is C award qualified or above. They might be someone from your club who can support you can give you feedback on your umpiring)	As booked	As much as possible	No costs
3	Assessment**	Leagues Umpire Liaison - leaguesumpireliaison@yahoo.com Application form - https://www.surreynetball.co.uk/uploads/6/7/9/2/6792245/into_officiating_award_practical_assessment_application_form_2021%5B16497%5D.pdf	Confirmed when booked	Approx. 2 hours - with 15 minutes for the assessment	£15.00

Not yet achieved 'Working Towards' status in KDNL but you may umpire for many of the Surrey Junior League matches, social leagues etc

* Practise should be at training matches with a club, a junior league or Back to Netball leagues, see list for local leagues and junior league contacts

** Assessment at the moment is usually conducted at a central venue in Croydon. Once you have passed your Into Officiating Course it will show up on Engage as a qualification. A practical workshop which includes blowing the whistle, terminology, positioning and movement, footwork, contact/contest, hand signals for goal scored and centre passes is done at the same time as the assessment session. If the learner is ready can be assessed on the same night. If not, they will be asked to go away and practice more.

How can I complete my C Award Officiating Course?



Step	Action	Contact	Location	Time	Cost
4	Attend C Award Officiating Course *	England Netball C Award Umpire Course	Virtual	2 x 1.5 hours	£45.00
5	Practise** - a log book needs to be completed after each match officiated.	Self-arrangement, use an active C award or above mentor	As booked	As much as possible	No cost
6	Written test, usually up to 6 months after the C award course. Learners will receive email confirmation of passing from Netball Europe	Self-arrangement through EN or Leagues Umpire Liaison	Online		£10.00
At this stage once you have completed all of the above steps, you meet the requirements of the league to be able to umpire in the lower divisions of KDNL (in 2023/24 this is Divisions 8-12 (rule 4.4))					
7	Pre application assessment ***	Leagues Umpire Liaison - leaguesumpireliaison@yahoo.com	As arranged	Match plus feedback	No cost
8	Assessment application	Leagues Umpire Liaison - leaguesumpireliaison@yahoo.com	Confirmed when booked	30 - 40 minutes in a league match ****	

* Pre-requisite is completion and pass of the INTO Officiating Award.

**Please refer to local leagues for details of what divisions you can umpire in. A mentor in this instance can be a C award or above level umpire who is willing to mentor you and provide support for your umpiring development

*** When you are ready to do your assessment you will be given an official mentor full mentoring match with an Assessor / Mentor prior to applying for an official assessment test. At the end of this you will be advised if you are ready to take the practical assessment.

**** You will be required to umpire the complete match if it is longer that 40 minutes.