

Moderator's Report:

110 candidates sat the July theory exam and of these, 63 were successful in passing it. This gives a pass rate of 57%. Congratulations to those candidates who were successful and we acknowledge the top candidates accordingly: Natasha Sparks (Dunedin) gained the top mark of 49.5/50 which is a fabulous result. Amber Russell (Manawatu) gained 49/50 and Grace Grocott (Christchurch), Acacia Kupe (Manawatu) and Robin O'Neill (Waitakere) all gained 48.5/50. The results gained by these five candidates support the thinking of the markers and moderator that this was a fair and straight forward examination.

It is of considerable concern to us that 47 candidates (43%) failed this exam and it is very important to consider this. Our intention is not to 'point fingers' at anyone, more importantly, to identify barriers and then work proactively to reduce them so that we continue to build knowledgeable and capable umpires. Therefore we would encourage tutors, candidates and Centres to consider the following questions when reviewing these results and in the future:

1. Does the candidate have enough practical experience and been exposed to a wide range of scenarios?
2. Is the candidate committed to putting in the work required to achieve the necessary level to be successful?
3. Is the tutor aware of the learning needs of the candidate(s) they are working with?
4. Does the tutor have the in-depth current knowledge to assist the candidates?
5. Do the candidates have special circumstances that need addressing relating to learning styles, 1:1 support with language, reading or writing barriers?

A common error in this exam was that candidates did not answer questions in full, and in doing so, omitted important aspects which led to them losing unnecessary marks.

On the cover page of this exam it clearly stated that specific terminology is required. However many candidates either did not read this or did not understand the reason for it. It is important in a practical application that umpires penalise specifically. Eg Incorrect Throw In – what does that mean? Was it taken in the wrong third? Was their foot on the line? Were there players not on court?

We wish all candidates the best of luck for the remainder of their season.

My personal thanks go to Alison Cormack and Ann Bourne for their tireless efforts that are put into the marking process.

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Section 1 has 10 questions. Each question is worth 1 (one) mark.

Section 1	Answer	Rule Reference	Comments
1 (i) (ii)	Toss for Centre Pass or Goal end Advise Umpires and Scorers of result of toss	3.5.1	<i>Many candidates forgot advise the scorers</i>
2 (i) (ii)	Umpire A Umpire B	3.1.6 (iii) 3.1.6 (i)	
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4 (i) (ii)	Yes Yes	6.1.2 6.1.1 (ii)	
5 (i)-(iii)	Any three of: Captain, Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager, Primary Caregiver	3	
6 (i) (ii)	Either 5 or 10 minutes Any two of: weather, court, equipment	2.1 2.3 / 3.4.1 / 7.3 (i)	<i>A number of candidates were unaware of the 5 OR 10 minute provision for half time interval. This is possibly as they were thinking about local Centre games.</i>
7 (i) (ii)	50 ft or 15.25m 3ft or 0.9m	1.1.1 1.1.4	
8 (i) (ii)	No Yes	7.1 (iv)	
9 (i)-(iii)	Any three of a range – including: Stepping, Held ball, Offside, Breaking, Tip, bat, catch, Over a Third, Replayed ball, Short Pass, Delaying play etc. (note this list is not exhaustive)	Too many to reference	
10 (i)	Captain	3.5.2	
(ii)	Interval, After the game	3.5.2	

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Section 2 has 5 questions. Each question is worth 2 (two) marks.

Interesting to note that only 2 candidates received full marks. This AGAIN reinforces the need for candidates to learn about protocols and discipline as they progress in their umpiring.

Section 2	Answer	Protocol / Rule Reference	Comments
1 (i)	Restart game. Penalise 'not behind' (Free Pass Black in Centre Third) or 'delaying' (Free or Penalty Pass)	11.3	Also accepted reference to being not in the correct playing area for start of play. Few candidates recognised the need to restart the game before dealing with infringement.
(ii)	Restart game. Penalise Black C for not being in correct playing area for start of play. Free pass White in the Goal Third. (Also accepted delaying play)	11.2	Few candidates recognised the need to restart the game before dealing with infringement.
2 (i)	Beside Score Bench or other designated area	20.2.2	Needed both
(ii)	Move one on court player so play may continue	20.2.3	
3 (i)	Mid court	Protocol 9.1	Only <u>midcourt</u> is accepted in protocols but many candidates were unaware of this
(ii)	Scorers	Protocol 9.2	
4 (i)	Prior to the start of game	Protocol 2 Rule 3.1.2	
(ii)	Any two of: uniform, jewellery, adornments, length of fingernails	Protocol 2.4 Rule 3.1.2 (ii)	
5 (i)	Take ball and hand to Centre (if the Centre is on court) or places on ground in the Centre Circle. The umpire then moves to the sideline	Protocol 3.1	

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Section 3 has 13 questions. Each question is worth 2 or 3 marks.

Section 3	Answer	Comments	Rule Reference
1	I: Not waiting for all players to be on court before taking a Throw In White GD A: Throw In Black where White GD took the Throw In R: A player must ensure all players are on court before taking the Throw In		18.4.2 (i)
2	I: No infringement A: Let play continue. Count goal.		18.5.7
3	I: Stepping Black C A: Free Pass White where Black C hops		14.3 (ii)
4	I: Contact White GS A: Apply advantage. Let play continue R: To penalise would put the non-offending team at a disadvantage as the ball was cleanly released.	<i>Many candidates did not recognise that advantage was to be applied.</i>	17.1 3.1.6 (viii)
5	I: Tip, bat, catch White C A: Free Pass Black where White C gained possession	<i>Tip, bat, catch is a DIFFERENT infringement to replayed ball.</i>	13.1 (ii)
6 (i)	Umpire Action: Allow time for Black to take Penalty Pass or Shot where White GD contacted		15.1 (v) / 2.4
(ii)	Umpire Action: Penalty Pass or Shot White where Black GK intimidated / waved her arms		16.5
(iii)	Umpire Action: Discount goal. Free Pass White where Black GA shot for goal.		18.2.2
7	I: Playing the ball from out of court White GS A: Throw In Black from where White GS jumped from out of court (<i>before re-entering and making contact with the ground on court</i>)		10.4
8	I: Over a third Black A: Free Pass White in Black's Goal Third near the Transverse Line R: Ball must be caught or touched by any player in each third of the court	<i>A wide range of answers demonstrates that many candidates don't have good</i>	13.6.2 (i)

		<i>understanding. Ie When the Centre Pass is caught by the opposition no infringement has occurred – therefore advantage be applied.</i>	
9	I: Contact White GS A: Penalty Pass Black where White GS placed hands on the ball		17.2 (iv)
10	I: Throw In from behind an offside area White GK A: Throw In Black behind the Centre Third sideline where White GK stepped before releasing the ball	<i>Answers poorly worded. A player cannot be offside off the court.</i>	18.4.2 (vi)
11	I: Simultaneous Possession White C / Black GK AND Offside White C A: Toss Up White C / Black GK in the Goal Third which is a common playing area	<i>Many candidates only listed one infringement, even though some acknowledged two in their action</i>	18.5.1 (i) 18.5.3 9.1.1
12	I: No infringement A: Let play continue		15.1 (i)
13	I: Offside Black WD A: Apply advantage / let play continue. Count goal if successful		9.1.1 3.1.6 (viii)