



Netball New Zealand Umpire Events Panels have provided the following key points of their observations at NZ Age Group Championships in 2010.

NZ Under 17 Championships

STRENGTHS	AREAS TO DEVELOP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All umpires responded positively to feedback and displayed clear desire to learn and improve ▪ The overall preparedness as only two retired injured ▪ Sound rule knowledge ▪ Willingness to allow players to use skills ▪ Improvement across all areas of rule application each day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A need for each umpire to work on their own individual pre-match routine (separate from the physical warm up) that may include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - developing key words to assist with keeping focused - revisiting rules around protocols for injury stoppage - personal task for the game ie penalty setting ,sharp whistle ▪ Training activities outside of the game to assist with skills /drills that work on key techniques of ▪ Timing transition s/l to g/l being relative to play ▪ Position in line with/ mirror play/ choose a goal line position that enables best view of play ▪ Vision viewing the set up clearly; seeing the first grounded foot in order to determine .09; who shortened the distance ? Did the player have possession of the ball? Was the player in the air? Forward and sweeping vision to the goal circle to see the set up early .Depth of vision from the goal line to circle edge to identify players under pressure ▪ Learning to recognise key play makers in the set up as play transitions from one phase to another. Identify “triggers” or “clues” in play ▪ Developing training drill to assist with viewing /assessing .9 from a variety of static set ups and on the run.

NZ Under 19/21 Championships

STRENGTHS	AREAS TO DEVELOP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Protocols / Communication Umpires worked very well together throughout the Championships & presented themselves beautifully Very good management of most Stoppages ▪ Minor Infringements Wide variety ruled well ▪ Contest / Contact Understanding of what Contest v Contact is developing with greater confidence ▪ Advantage Some excellent Advantage applied, can be enhanced further with greater application of forward vision ▪ PVT Although Position, Vision & Timing was not always consistently applied, a big effort to improve was very evident throughout week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Position In line with or slightly ahead of player with ball a must for consistency. While ball in air – have courage to move, adjust, look & see what & where players are going or doing on court ▪ Vision Angle body keeping ball carrier in sight taking ball and with use of eyes. Look wide, Look long, Look often and through players, avoid watching ball or chasing it ▪ Timing Let game dictate; know your reason why you are going somewhere ▪ Contact Be able to recognize and differentiate aggressive intent v strong challenges that do or do not affect players or wearing down ▪ Game Management / Setting Penalties Good spontaneous & accurate communication Should be complimented with clear hand acknowledgement