



To All Umpire Panel Members – Regional NZ, Regional and Centre.

Thank you for making yourself available for the Umpire Panels in your Regions.

The development of umpires in NZ could not happen without the hard work you all put in to coaching, supporting and assessing umpires.

Every year the New Zealand Umpire Panel (NZUP) members conduct at least two workshops in each region to assist in upskilling Regional panel members. It is important, and a requirement of appointment, that you attend these. The Regional Panels are responsible for training Centre Panels. Check with your local NZUP member, umpire co-ordinator or Regional Manager if you are not sure when these will be held.

The Key Objectives for NZUP for 2011 are:

- ***Improve the standard of current B umpires and increase the number of A umpires***
- ***Upskill all Panels to ensure umpires in regions have opportunity to be coached to high standard***
- ***Improved Feedback/report writing***
When is a written report needed
When is verbal enough
When can umpire's "own" diary be used?

Other opportunities to upskill are offered throughout the year. These include:

- appointment to event panels and training during the event
- observing Lion Foundation Round Robin games with NZUP when played in your region
- workshops pre national events i.e. U17, U19/21
- NZTD programme
- NetballSmart Fitness workshops

Panel members should also find their own ways to increase their knowledge of the game so they can assist umpires

- attend team trainings to gain understanding of skills of players
- attend coaching workshops to learn more about the game and its tactics.

The transition of umpires from one level on the pathway to another can be made easier if Panel members in each panel communicate with one another with the best interest of the umpire in mind.

The Umpiring Excellence Manual is a guide to who coaches who.

If there appear to be too many umpires at a certain level for that Panel to manage discuss any concerns with your NZUP person and ensure all umpires in your region are given the opportunity to progress at their own pace, some faster than others. Be pro active in finding umpires ready to be assessed.

If you have any questions about the work of panels feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards

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