



NZage group

U17 NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each team entered provided one umpire who was approved by the NZUP in the region.

The standard of umpires this year was higher than 2010, a necessary improvement and one which gave competent umpires the opportunity to umpire at this event.

While the purpose of the event is for umpires to control the games and be developed further there is an expectation that assessments will be carried out also. Several umpires seemed disappointed at not being assessed.

Where umpires were considered ready the assessments were completed. Several other umpires will have benefited from the week of games and extra coaching which should have them ready for assessment in their regions very soon.

It was obvious the level of fitness of umpires was greatly improved from last year.

The **Event Umpires Panel** was:

Dianne McTigue – Convenor, Debbie Shoebridge, Jan Gallop, Maree Smith, Elaine Curtis, Nicki Clark, Wendy Sinclair, Janette Brown (Oceania) as a Panel Observer.

The umpires were ranked into bandings as follows:

M Elkington	A Bailey	S Clift
L Endicott Davies	O Caldwell	T Dixon
R Jeans	C Field	H Farr
J Lea	E Lawer	T Glass
K Metekingi	P Leatherby	A Hall
T Scott	P Kavaeo(Cook Islands)	G Kennedy
A Trainor	Sarah Masterton	A Muir
VL Walker	Alicia Odering	C Matthews
	B Slade	A Newton
	L Sprangers	L Paul
	P Savage	J Saturu (Fiji)
	S Smith	C Seymour

Individual written reports were not prepared for umpires. Umpires were advised to ask if they wished to get more feedback than they had already received from the panel.

The panel noted the following:

- Umpires were very receptive to coaching
- Well prepared in terms of fitness and well being
- Umpires should prepare for all weather conditions i.e. sun visors may be necessary at outdoor venues

- Protocols were mostly well done.
- Contact ruled correctly –i.e. right person, when in correct position to make decision.
- Position and timing improved throughout the week.
- Vision improved for most. Work is needed on forward vision.

Areas to Develop

- End game on time with a whistle, then allow Penalty. Need to indicate end of time first.
- .9 in goal circle has to be consistent with rest of court, and close to post consistent with rest of goal circle
- Wide/deeper vision at turnover , especially into co umpires end may lead to enhanced application of advantage
- Develop understanding of contact v contest



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