Netball Europe B Award Officiating Pathway

Netball Europe B Umpire Award (B Award)

Prerequisites

- Affiliated to England Netball
- Netball Europe C Umpire Award
- 14 years old and above*

Please note that there is a Talent Identification Pathway associated with this Award with further details available from the Netball Europe Assessors Booklet or your County/Regional Umpiring Secretary

*Learners are required to be 16 years old before they can take the Final Practical Assessment for the B Award

Booking onto a Course

- Find a course - https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/netball-finder/category/officiating/
- Book your place
- Send fee to the Course Organiser (set locally) England Netball recommends £65 per Learner

The Course

- Your umpiring course will be delivered by a registered England Netball Officiating Tutor(s)
- The course will last a maximum of 6 hours in one session or could be delivered over two 3 hour workshops
- The course will consist of a combination of classroom based and practical activities providing a specifically designed learning experience to prepare you for the next stage of the Officiating Pathway
- You will receive an official England Netball B Award course resource
- Course Attendance Certificate is valid for 2 years and you will need to complete your written assessment within this time

Practical Experience

England Netball recommends that following course attendance Learners continue to gain practical umpiring experience to support their next stage of the Officiating Pathway
You will continue to use your Log Book to record the matches you have umpired and this will be required when you attend your Practical Pre-Assessment at a later stage of the Officiating Pathway
*Tip - It is recommended that you engage with a Mentor to help you through this stage of the Pathway. Some counties offer a mentoring scheme – contact your Regional Umpiring secretary for further information

Written Assessment - Booking

(You must apply for and complete your B Award Written Assessment within 2 years of attending your B Award Course)

- Contact your Regional Umpiring Secretary to discuss that you wish to take your B Award Written Assessment
- You then send the A/B Award Written Assessment Application form to England Netball with the required fee of £45 (BACs or Cheque)
- Your Regional Umpiring Secretary will provide you with further details of the Invigilator, time, date and venue of your Written Assessment

Written Assessment

- The A and B Awards use the same Written Assessment so it is possible for you to pass the B Award Written Assessment with an A Award pass
- Further information on this is shown in the outcomes in the next stage of the Officiating Pathway
- This assessment is conducted on 3 different weekends throughout the year normally the 2nd weekend in February, May and November
- This assessment is conducted in a central venue and is organised regionally
- The A/B Award Written Assessment lasts for 90 minutes
- The paper will consist of two sections:
  - Section 1 will contain 12 questions on the Rules and protocols and what sanctions you would award
  - Section 2 will have 8 questions requiring longer answers which will demand a conclusion, close-procedures or a rule situation/scenario
- You will either be assessed as a Pass at A Award level, a Pass at B Award Level or Not Yet Met Criteria

Not Yet Met Criteria

- If you score 21 marks or below in Section 1 and/or 17 marks or below in Section 2 of the Written Assessment you will be assessed to have not yet met the required criteria
- You will be required to re-join the Officiating Pathway at the Written Assessment – Booking stage
- Learners may take as many attempts as they require to pass the A/B Written Assessment however this is limited to the period of 2 years from the date that they attended the B Award Course

Pass at B Award Level

- If you score between 22 and 26 marks in Section 1 and between 18 and 24 marks in Section 2 of the Written Assessment you will have passed at B level in the Written Assessment stage of the B Award
- A B level pass on the Written Assessment is valid for 2 years from the date it was achieved
- You will now be eligible to apply for the B Award Practical Pre-Assessment
- If you do not progress and complete the Practical stages of the B Award Pathway within the allocated 2 years you will be required to retake the B Award course as a valid course attendance certificate is required to take the Written Assessment

Pass at A Award Level

- If you score 27 marks or above in Section 1 and 25 marks or above in Section 2 you will have passed at A level in the Written Assessment stage of the B Award
- An A Award level pass on the Written Assessment is valid for 4 years from the date it was achieved and there is no requirement to retake the Written Assessment if you progress to the A Award section of the Officiating Pathway provided the Written Assessment is valid.
- You will now be eligible to apply for the B Award Practical Pre-Assessment.
- If you do not progress to and complete the A Award section of the Officiating Pathway within the allocated 4 years you will be required to retake the Written Assessment
- If you do not wish to progress to the A Award, you have 4 years to complete the Practical Assessments of the B Award Pathway

B Award Practical Pre-Assessment - Booking

(You must apply for and complete your Final Practical Assessment within 2 Years of passing your Written Assessment if you passed the Written Assessment with a B level Pass or within 4 years if you passed with an A level Pass)

- Contact your Regional Umpiring Secretary to discuss that you wish to be assessed for your B Award Practical Pre-Assessment and send the B Award Practical Pre-assessment Application form
- Your Regional Umpiring Secretary will provide you with further details of the Practical Pre-Assessment including details of your Assessor, time, date and venue of your match

B Award Practical Pre-Assessment

- You will have one Assessor and will be assessed on a competitive match for a minimum 4x15 minutes
- You are required to show the Assessor your Log book
- The Assessor will grade you on a number of competencies
- You will either be assessed as a Pass which will mean a score of within 1 mark of the final pass criteria (21 marks) with only 1 significant area to work on or Not Yet Met Criteria
- If you are assessed to have passed you will be eligible to apply for the B Award Final Practical Assessment and your Assessor will be required to sign your Final Practical Assessment application form
- Your Assessor will provide you with a written report which will highlight all of the positives in your umpiring and also the areas of development
- If you are assessed Not Yet Met Criteria your Assessor will provide you with a written report which will highlight all of the positives in your umpiring and also the areas for development that will allow you to pass the Practical Assessment in the future
- England Netball recommends that Learners wait 3 months before applying for a second attempt at the B Award Practical Pre-Assessment. This will allow the Learner adequate time to put into practice what they have been told by the Assessor
- You will be required to meet the Assessors' travel expenses and will pay this directly to the Assessor
- England Netball recommends a travel expense rate of 40p a mile

B Award Final Practical Assessment - Booking

(You must apply for your B Award Final Practical Assessment within 1 month of passing your Practical Pre-Assessment)

- Contact your Regional Umpiring Secretary to discuss that you wish to be assessed for your B Award Final Practical Assessment
- You will then need to send the following to your Regional Umpiring Secretary:
  - Your endorsed application form including date and Log book
  - Your application fee of £65 (either BACs or Cheque)
- Your Regional Umpiring Secretary will provide you with further details of the requirements to undertake a fitness test within 6 weeks prior to the date of your Final Practical Assessment
- Your Final Practical Assessment will take place no later than 4 months following the submission of your application and payment of the fee (unless there are extenuating circumstance)

Fitness Test

- You will need to participate in a Fitness Test prior to attending your Final Practical Assessment
- The test used will be the 20 metre Multistage Fitness Test (Bleep Test)
- The required level will be 6.1 and above
- The Fitness Test must be conducted within 6 weeks prior to the Final Practical Assessment
- Further details on the organisation of the test can be obtained from your Regional Umpiring Secretary

B Award Final Practical Assessment

- You will have two Assessors and will be assessed on a competitive match for a minimum 4x15 minutes
- The Assessors will grade you on a number of competencies
- Following your Practical Assessment you will attend a post-match debrief with the Assessors. They will tell you the outcome of your assessment and provide you with your areas of strength and the areas for development
- Your Assessor will provide you with a written report which will highlight all of the positives in your umpiring and also the areas of development
- This will last up to 60 minutes
- You will either be assessed as a Pass which will mean a score of 21 marks or less or Not Yet Met Criteria
- You must achieve a minimum of grade 2 in three sections:
  - Section 3 - Game Management and Protocols
  - Section 7 - Minor Infringements
  - Section 8 Communication and Sanctions
- A minimum of grade 3 in the remaining five sections

Not Yet Met Criteria

- If you do not meet the criteria for the B Award Final Practical Assessment you will need to wait **3** calendar months before re-joining the Officiating Pathway at the Practical Pre-Assessment stage
- Your Assessors will provide you with all of the relevant information you will require to be successful in the future in a written report

Pass

- If you are assessed to have Passed you will be awarded with the B Award
- Your Regional Umpiring Secretary will send you a Pass Card and B Award Badge and you will be added to the England Netball Umpires List
- There is no expiry date to this award but umpires must maintain the expected standards which include:
  - Applying the rules fairly and consistently
  - Good positioning and timing which will include keeping slightly ahead of play on the sideline, arriving on the goal line at the same time as the ball enters the goal circle and returning back to the centre third to blow the centre pass without delaying the play
  - Commitment to on-going umpire development, this may include:
    - Attending new rules sessions
    - Regional Umpiring Workshops
- Umpires awarded with the B Award will be eligible to umpire at Regional League level and may be invited to England Netball National events
- Those umpires wishing to progress to the Netball Europe A Award should download an A Award Match Log Book to record their matches