



TOOLS OF THE TRADE

ACTIVITY OBJECTIVE

To introduce umpires to the **Tools of the Trade** required to assist in effectively fulfilling their umpiring duties through a fun and engaging classroom based activity.

AREA REQUIRED

Your choice of indoor or outdoor playing area.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

1 x Tools of the Trade worksheet per umpire

1 x Rule Book per umpire

1 x Pen or pencil per umpire

1 x Finger grip whistle (demonstration)

1 x Ring or band for Centre Pass (demonstration)

1 x Uniform examples

10 MINUTES DURATION

WHAT TO DO

- Prior to the session, photocopy enough of the **Tools of the Trade** worksheets so there is one per umpire.
- On the day, provide each umpire with a copy of the **Tools of the Trade** worksheet to complete.
- Once everyone has had an opportunity to complete their worksheet, discuss as a group and pass around the various **Tools of the Trade** items.
- Use the **Ask the Umpires** questions to promote further discussion around the topic and reinforce the most important aspects of the learning by referencing the **Umpire Coaching Tips**.

UMPIRE COACHING TIPS

- **Whistle:** one of the most important methods of communication during a game. Make sure yours has a good quality finger-grip and always carry a spare.
- **Clothing and Footwear:** ensure your clothes are clean, neat, and distinct from the teams' playing uniforms. You should also be wearing suitable footwear — no thongs or sandals!
- **Rule Book:** as an umpire, you must know the Official Rules of Netball well. The Rule Book should always be your first point of reference.
- **Ring/band for Centre Passes:** umpires must keep track of all Centre Passes. It is important to develop an easy way to keep track of the Centre Passes and one that you feel comfortable with.
- **Water Bottle/Towel:** umpires should always stay well hydrated to ensure their best performance on court.

ASK THE UMPIRES

- Why is it important to know and understand the rules of netball?
- What other ways could you keep track of the Centre Pass?
- Why is good presentation important?
- Are there any other Tools of the Trade you think are important?

GETTING STARTED



Thinking about an umpire, what 'tools' do you think they need to fulfil their role effectively?

Quick Quiz

Refer to the instructions within the Starter Guide

1. Which of the following stops the game, the umpire's whistle, or the timekeeper's signal (for example, hooter)?
A. The Umpire's Whistle.
2. Which half of the court should be controlled by the umpire winning the toss for goal end?
A. The side of the court with the scorer and timer.
3. Describe the only occasion in which an umpire may give a decision in the other umpire's area of control?
A. If an act of foul play is not seen by the controlling umpire and a sanction has not been already awarded.
4. Who must signal the direction of each Centre Pass and when must this happen?
A. Both umpires and immediately after each goal is scored.
5. Which umpire is responsible for penalising infringements by the Centre taking the Centre Pass while the player is within the Centre Circle?
A. The Umpire who is controlling the Centre Pass.
6. Which umpire is responsible for making decisions related to infringements by the player throwing in?
A. The Umpire responsible for that Sideline or Goal Line.
7. Which umpire is responsible for making decisions related to infringements by an opponent on court defending the player taking a throw in?
A. The umpire responsible for that Sideline or Goal Line.
8. What would the umpire's ruling be if the ball strikes the umpire during play or if the umpire interferes with the movements of the players and neither team is affected?
A. Play continues.
9. Can an umpire criticize or coach any team- while a match is in progress?
A. No.