

## GREEN BAND INITIATIVE

### Overview

#### Protecting our young umpires | Fostering respect in netball

The Green Band initiative is part of Netball NSW's ongoing commitment to creating a safe, supportive, and respectful environment for all members of our netball community, especially our young umpires. The program empowers umpires under the age of 18, by providing them with green bands to enhance visibility and promote empathy and respect from players, coaches, and spectators.

#### Why the Green Band initiative?

- Safeguards umpires under 18 years old and raises awareness of Child Safe Standards.
- Promotes respect and empathy toward young officials.
- Encourages positive sideline behaviour, ensuring a welcoming environment for all.

By clearly identifying young umpires, we can better protect them from negative sideline behaviour and support their growth as officials.

#### How it works:

- Umpires under 18 years old wear a green band during matches.
- Umpire Supervisors and Court Supervisors oversee sideline behaviour and provide support.
- The program works in tandem with Netball Australia's Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.

For any questions or additional resources, please contact our Communities Team at [communities@netballnsw.com](mailto:communities@netballnsw.com). Digital resources for association and club websites, newsletters and EDMs can be found in the Beyond the Court Page on the Netball NSW website.

**Together, we can band together to make a difference  
and foster a respectful netball community.**