



Netball Europe C Award Officiating Pathway (C Award)

Pre-requisites

- Affiliated to England Netball
- 13 years old and above*
- Into Officiating Award (recommended but not mandatory)

* Please note that Learners are required to be 14 years old before they can take the Final Practical Assessment for the Netball Europe C Award

This course is designed for Learners that have good prior knowledge of the Rules of Netball which includes practical experience

Booking onto a Course

- Find a course - <https://www.englishnetball.co.uk/netball-finder/category/officiating/>
- Book your place
- Send fee to the Course Organiser (set locally) England Netball recommends £45 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 stages of the Officiating Pathway
- You will receive an official England Netball C Award course resource pack including a Rules Book and a finger whistle
- 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 in 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 County or Regional Umpiring secretary for further information

Written Assessment – Booking

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

- Contact your County Umpiring Secretary to discuss that you wish to take your C Award Written Assessment
- You will then need to send the following to your County Umpiring Secretary
 - Your C Award Written Assessment Application Form
 - Your application fee £10 (BACs or Cheque)
- Your County Umpiring Secretary will provide you with further details of the invigilator, time, date and venue of your Written Assessment

Written Assessment

- The C Award Written Assessment lasts for 30 minutes
- The paper will consist of two sections:
 - Section 1 will contain 20 questions on Rules knowledge that require a simple yes or no answer
 - Section 2 will consist of 5 questions that will require longer answers
- You will either be assessed as a Pass or Not Yet Met Criteria

Not Yet Met Criteria

- If you score 16 marks or below in Section 1 and/or 6 marks or below in Section 2 of the Written Assessment you will be assessed to have not yet met the required criteria
- You may take a different Written Assessment on the same day if the invigilator has one available and timing is convenient
- If you pass this Written Assessment you will be assessed to have passed and you will be able to proceed to the C Award Practical Pre-Assessment
- If you do not gain the required marks on the 2nd Written Assessment you must wait 3 calendar months until you can attempt the Written Assessment for the 3rd time
- You will need to apply to your County Umpiring Secretary and pay the required fee of £10
- You will only be permitted to attempt the C Award Written Assessment on 4 occasions in total
- If you do not gain the required marks on the 4th occasion you will need to re-attend a C Award Course

Pass

- If you score 17 marks or above in Section 1 and 7 marks or above in Section 2 of the Written Assessment you will be assessed to have passed the written section of the C Award
- This Written Assessment is valid for 2 years from the date it was achieved
- You will now be eligible to apply for the C Award Practical Pre-Assessment

C Award Practical Pre-Assessment – Booking

(You must apply for and complete your Final Practical Assessment within 2 years of passing your C Award Written Assessment)

- Contact your County Umpiring Secretary to discuss that you wish to be assessed for your C Award Practical Pre-Assessment and send the C Award Practical Pre-Assessment Application form
- Your County 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

C Award Practical Pre-Assessment

- You will have one Assessor and will be assessed on a good standard school, junior or club match for a minimum of 30 minutes to a maximum of 40 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 (24 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 C Award Final Practical Assessment and the 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 of development that will allow you to pass the Practical Assessment in the future
- England Netball recommends that Learners wait 1 month before applying for a second attempt at the C 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 Assessor's travel expenses and will pay this directly to the Assessor
- England Netball recommends a travel expense rate of 40p per mile

C Award Final Practical Assessment – Booking

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

- Contact your County Umpiring Secretary to discuss that you wish to be assessed for your C Award Final Practical Assessment
- You will then need to send the following to your County Umpiring Secretary
 - Your endorsed application form and Log book
 - Your application fee of £45 (either BACs or Cheque)
- Your County 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 and the fee
- Your County Umpiring Secretary will provide you with further details of your Final Practical Assessment including details of your Assessor, time, date and venue of your match
- Your Final Practical Assessment will take place no later than 3 months following the submission of your application and payment (unless there are extenuating circumstances)

Fitness Test

- Please note that Netball Europe have removed the requirement to undertake a Fitness Test as part of the accreditation process for the C Award
- Your fitness will be assessed as part of the Final Practical Assessment and is covered within your Game Management score
- Umpires at all levels are required to move effectively in response to play
- It is generally accepted that umpires will move in line or slightly ahead of play, arrive at the goal line at the same time as the ball arrives and return to the centre third following a goal being scored as not to delay the restart of play
- This should be sustained for four quarters of the match.
- Please note that leagues, Counties and Regions may still use fitness tests and required levels to appoint umpires to their various levels of competition

C Award Final Practical Assessment

- You will have two Assessors and will be assessed on a good standard school, junior or club match for a minimum of 30 minutes to a maximum of 40 minutes
- The Assessors will grade you on a number of competencies
- Following your Final 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 45 minutes
- You will either be assessed as a Pass which will mean a score of 24 marks or less or Not Yet Met Criteria

Not Yet Met Criteria

- If you do not meet the criteria for the C 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 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 C Award
- Your County Umpiring Secretary will send you a Pass Card and C 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 on most occasions as the ball enters the goal circle and returning back to centre third to blow for the centre pass without delaying play
 - Commitment to on-going umpire development this may include attending new rules sessions or County Umpiring Workshops
- Umpires awarded with the C Award will be eligible to umpire at County and Junior Regional League level
- You then may progress on to the Netball Europe B Award