

'A' AND 'B' UMPIRE WRITTEN ASSESSMENT

SAMPLE PAPER 3 QUESTION PAPER

JUNE 2024

Information and Instructions

Time: 2 hrs

This paper comprises Section 1 and Section 2:-

Section 1 has 12 questions

Section 2 has 8 questions

Pass Mark

A Award

Section 1 – 35/39 (90%)

Section 2 – 47/60 (78%)

B Award

Section 1- 29/39 (74%)

Section 2- 40/60 (67%)

Learners must pass in both Sections.

General

1. Learners are requested to use blue or black ink.
2. Tippex or similar materials should not be used.
3. Learners should not waste time on any question that they find difficult to answer and should return to that question at a later stage.
4. Please note in both Sections-
 - a. Learners are **not** required to quote Rule numbers, but they should name the relevant Rule Name and the relevant Rule Heading, for example:
 - Playing the ball and Prohibited Actions
 - Passing Distances and Short pass
 - Offside and Requirements
 - Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball
 - Contact and Interference
 - Foul Play and Unfair play
 - b. Assume that the teams involved are Red and Blue throughout this paper.
 - c. Answer all questions in the space provided. If there is not sufficient space, then continue on a separate piece of paper, which should be clearly marked with the Section number, the question number and the learner's name.
 - d. This paper is written using the **World Netball Rules of Netball 2024** and does not take into account any local league or country rule adaptations. Learners should only consider what is stated in the World Netball Rules Book 2024.

SECTION 1

This Section contains 12 questions. There are only 3 No Action Questions.

Learners are required to write:-

- The infringement-the relevant Rule Name and the relevant Rule Heading (e.g. Out of court and Ball out of court, Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball). Rule numbers are not required.
- The sanction/action awarded ie Penalty Pass, Free Pass, Throw In etc. For a penalty pass, learners must name the player (team and position) against whom the sanction is awarded.
- To whom the Sanction is awarded
- Where the Sanction is taken from-note it is not sufficient to just answer 'Where the infringement occurred'.

Example 1:

Red GS has possession of the ball in the goal circle and is about to shoot for goal. Just before the shot, Blue GD hits the ball and this causes the Red GS to drop the ball.

What is the Infringement?	Contact and Interference (Rule 17.12 c.) <div style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</div>
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against the Blue GD <div style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</div>
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red team player allowed in the area <div style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</div>
Where is the sanction/action taken?	In goal circle where the Blue GD was standing when she contacted the ball, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty will be taken where the Red GS was standing <div style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</div>

Example 2:

If the answer to a question is No Action – insert 'No Action' only

Blue WA has the ball in the Centre Third and the Red WD attempts to defend from behind and she is 0.9m (3 feet) away from her opponent.

What is the Infringement?	No Action <div style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</div>
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	

Where is the sanction/action taken?	
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SECTION 1 QUESTIONS

1. At a centre pass, Red C steps into the centre circle on their left foot, steps forward onto their right foot outside of the circle. Fractionally before the Umpire blows the whistle, the Red C lifts their left foot.

What is the Infringement?	
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

2. Blue WA has possession of the ball near the edge of the goal circle. Blue GA is positioned very close to them inside the goal circle. Blue WA passes the ball to Blue GA but there is not sufficient space for an opposing player to be able to deflect or intercept the ball as it moves from Blue WA's hands to the hands of Blue GA.

What is the Infringement?	
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

3. In an attempt to take possession of the ball, Red WA trips and uses the ball to balance on the ground. Red WA's feet are grounded in the Goal Third but the ball they are leaning on is positioned on the ground inside the Goal Circle.

What is the Infringement?	
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

4. Red GS takes possession of the ball close to the goal post. Blue GK is standing behind Red GS attempting to defend with their hand over the ball. They are not breaking the Obstruction rule. As Red GS prepares to shoot, Blue GK brings their hand down onto the ball which causes Red GS to drop the ball.

What is the Infringement?	
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

5. From a position just outside of the goal circle, Blue WA attempts to pass the ball to Blue GA who is standing under the post. Blue GA fails to catch the ball and it is caught by the Red GD who is positioned in the court surround near to the goal post.

What is the Infringement?	
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

6. Red C catches the ball in their defending goal third. They make a pass to Red GA who jumps from the Red Team attacking goal third, catches the ball in the air and lands in the centre third.

What is the Infringement?	
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

7. Red WD enters the Blue attacking goal circle in an attempt to catch the ball. They tip the ball and Red C catches the ball.

What is the Infringement?	
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

8. Blue WD requests the umpire holds time for an injury. When the umpire asks 'Why'? Blue WD responds "I have injured my ankle". Blue WD leaves the court with the Blue Team opting to leave the WD position vacant. Play restarts.

What is the Infringement?	
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

9. Red WA passes the ball to Red C. Blue WD takes up a defending position marking with their arms up but from the correct distance. Just before Red C attempts to pass the ball, Blue WD over-balances and steps forward toward Red C and lands within 0.9 m (3 ft) of Red C. Blue WD still has their hands up defending.

What is the Infringement?	
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

10. Red WA catches the ball in the air and lands on their left foot. They step forward onto their right foot and lifts their left foot. Whilst looking for the next pass, they hop on their right foot before releasing the ball to pass.

What is the Infringement?	
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

11. Red GK is taking a goal line throw in. They attempt to pass the ball to the Red WD but the ball passes over the WD's head, bounces in the goal third and is caught by the Red WA close to the Transverse Line in the centre third.

What is the Infringement?	
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

12. Red GS jumps and catches the ball in the air. They land with their front foot inside the goal circle and their back foot in the goal third. They lift their back foot and shoots for goal.

What is the Infringement?	
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

SECTION 2 QUESTIONS

This section contains 8 questions

Based on the situations given:-

- Identify the Rule/s infringed, using the relevant Rule Name and the relevant Rule Heading (e.g. Out of court and Ball out of court, Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball). Rule numbers are not required.
- Possible Decision/s ie Penalise Contact, Obstruction, Play Advantage, Hold Time, Send the player from the court, Penalise Footwork etc.
- Your Application/Reasoning ie the steps you would take to deal with the scenario
- For Game Management scenarios, assume it is the first time a Game Management issue has occurred, unless otherwise stated in the question.

Example:

At a goal line throw in, Red GK attempts to pass to Red C, who is unmarked outside the goal circle. At the same time, Blue GS contacts the arm of Red GK. Red C catches the ball.

Rule/s	Contact and Interference (Rule 17.1) (1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Contact or Play Advantage (2 Marks)
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The Contact rule has been infringed as Blue GS contacted Red GK. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire could blow the whistle using the relevant hand signal to penalise Contact. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A penalty pass is awarded to a Red team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The penalty pass is taken where Blue GS was standing when they contacted Red GK, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty is taken where the Red GK was standing (1 Mark)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>The umpire may consider playing advantage as the Red team have possession of the ball. The umpire would need to assess the position of all players (particularly Red C) and decide whether the advantage may be possible. (Must consider where other players are for the mark). (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would indicate advantage by calling 'Advantage Contact GS' and signal using the relevant hand signal.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(6 Marks)</p>

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1. In a closely contested match, Red GD contacts Blue GA inside the goal circle. Blue GA stumbles backwards into the court surround.

Rule/s	(1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	(1 Mark)
Application/ Reasoning	(4 Marks)

2. Blue C and Red WA who are both in the centre third are running towards the Blue team attacking goal third to intercept a loose ball. Blue C takes possession of the ball first just inside the Blue team attacking goal third. Blue C sees Blue GS who is unmarked under the post and makes a pass for them. At the same time, Red WA over-balances and steps into the Blue team attacking goal third.

Rule/s	(1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	(2 Marks)
Application/ Reasoning	(6 Marks)

3. Whilst standing in their defending goal third, Red GD is passed the ball. The Red GD bats the ball and runs forward into centre third. They bounce the ball and then catch it.

Rule/s	(1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	(1 Mark)
Application/ Reasoning	(4 Marks)

4. Blue GD is standing in their defensive goal third and passes the ball to Blue WA who is standing in the centre third. Blue WA jumps to catch the ball and lands on two feet simultaneously. They then step forward onto their left foot and lifts their right foot. Just before they release the ball, Blue WA steps forward and grounds their right foot.

Rule/s	(1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	(1 Mark)
Application/ Reasoning	(4 Marks)

5. Blue WA takes possession of the ball in the air and lands in their attacking goal third. Red GD is out of the circle and marks the Blue WA from a position of less than 3 ft (0.9 m) away. Blue GS is unmarked under the goal post in a good position to shoot.

Rule/s	(1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	(2 Marks)
Application/ Reasoning	(6 Marks)

6. Blue GA catches the ball outside of the goal circle. The umpire blows the whistle to penalise Blue WA for contact against Red WD just inside Blue team attacking goal third, near the transverse line. Blue GA throws the ball towards where the penalty will be taken but the Blue WA picks it up and refuses to give it to the Red GK who has moved into position to take the penalty.

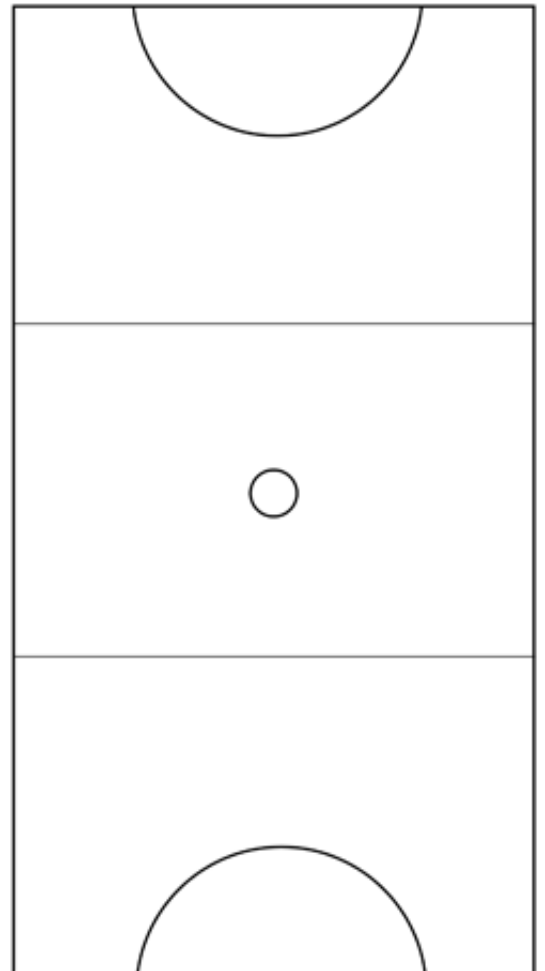
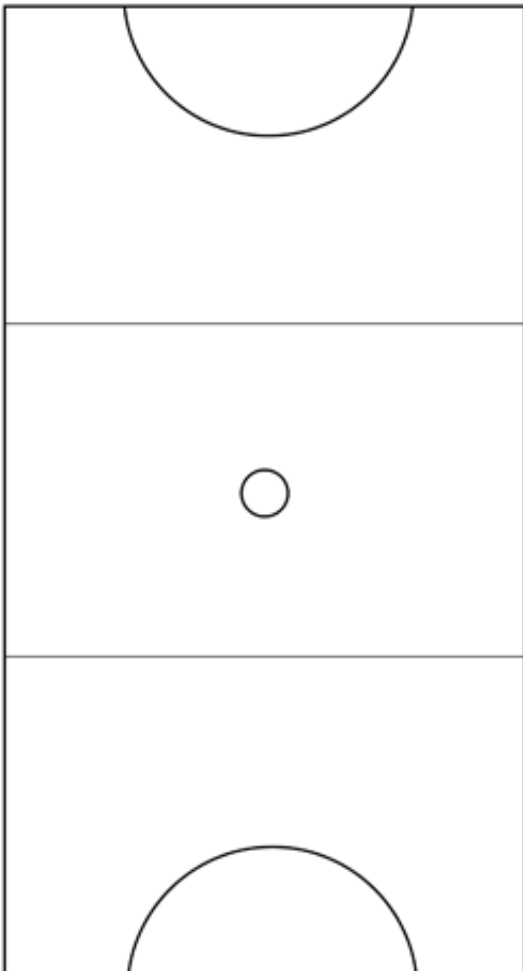
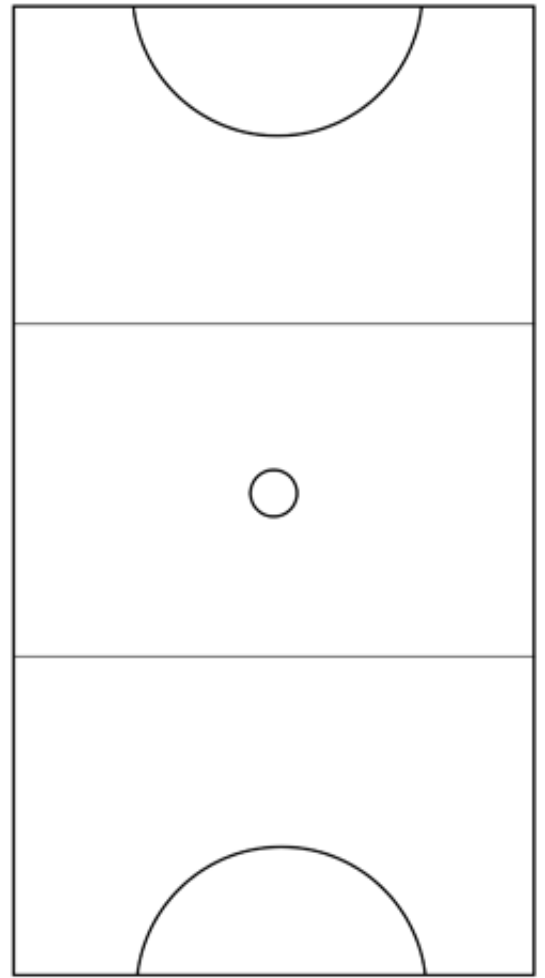
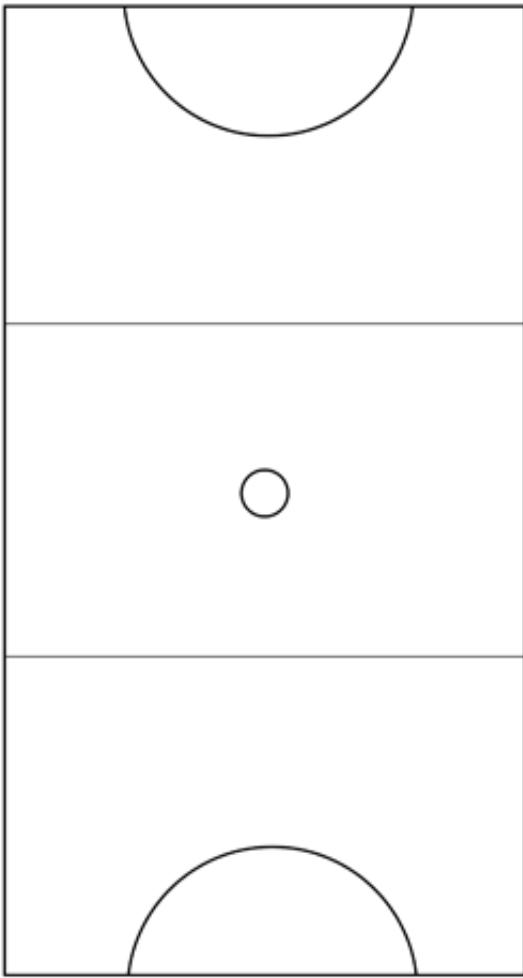
Rule/s	(1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	(1 Mark)
Application/ Reasoning	(5 Marks)

7. Following a stoppage for an injury to Blue WD, the controlling umpire requests the teams to take the court. The Red Team return to court ready for the start of play but the Blue Team are still deliberating what substitutions to make. The umpire insists that the Blue Team return to court. After a further 20 second delay, the Blue Team finally returns to court with Blue GD in possession of the ball standing where the injury occurred in the goal third.

Rule/s	(1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	(1 Mark)
Application/ Reasoning	(5 Marks)

8. During Q2 Red GK is taking a goal line throw in when the umpire notices Red WD is actively bleeding from a cut on their arm.

Rule/s	(1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	(1 Mark)
Application/ Reasoning	(8 Marks)



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