



B/A WRITTEN ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Introduction

The Europe Netball B/A Written Assessment is organised three times a year, at a set time of day, on the second Saturday of February, June, and October. The dates for the assessment are set by the Europe Netball Officiating Working Group. This assessment is a written examination that is sat at predetermined venues in each member country with a nominated invigilator present. The written assessment takes two hours, but candidates may leave after an hour and a half if they have answered all the questions. There is a fee of £40 for each candidate, payable to Europe Netball. The member country may add an additional fee if they wish, and this may vary across member countries.

The written assessment is comprised of two sections that test an umpire's understanding and application of the current edition of the World Netball Rules book and candidates should be aware that this does not take into account any local league or country rule adaptations.

Europe Netball uses the same written assessment paper to assess umpires on the B and A award pathways. The percentage pass mark required for each level of award is different, with an A award pass requiring more marks than a B award pass. However, it is possible for a C award umpire on the B award pathway to achieve an A pass.

A C award learner with a B award level pass mark will be required to apply for a practical assessment within two years of the date they sat their written assessment. Where a C award learner passes with an A award level pass, they will have two years from the date of the sitting to successfully pass their B award practical assessment and then will have a further two years validity on the same written assessment in which to apply for their A award practical assessment.



Process for Applying

Each candidate must be a qualified Europe Netball C Award umpire having completed a B Award course within the previous 2 years (unless exempted as talent identified) or a qualified Europe Netball B Award umpire.

All umpires wishing to complete the Europe Netball B/A Paper must apply to their member country. Any requests for reasonable adjustments due to extenuating circumstances must be made to the member country on application. The member country will refer to Europe Netball for a decision.

Candidates should liaise with their member country regarding details of the assessment venue, invigilator and payment information. Europe Netball will invoice the member country after the closing date and before the date of the written assessment.

The cut-off date is four weeks before the assessment, but some member countries may ask their applicants to apply earlier.

Candidates may defer their application once, with a £20 administration fee payable to Europe Netball. Europe Netball will invoice the member country. Any subsequent request for a deferral will normally be refused and the candidate will have to apply again and make full payment.

If a candidate who has already successfully passed the written assessment chooses to retake it during the validity period of that prior written assessment, the result of the later one will replace the result of the earlier written assessment and the result of the earlier one will cease to have effect and will become null and void.

Procedure Following Application

The question paper will be sent by Royal Mail recorded delivery, if in the UK, or by email to other member countries, to be scanned and printed one week prior to the date of the assessment. All papers are sent to named invigilators, if in the UK, or to member country contacts.

After the assessment, the invigilators will return the papers to Europe Netball for marking within 2 working days, by Royal Mail special delivery, or outside UK by scanning documents and emailing them to the B/A Written Administrator.

After marking, individual results are returned to candidates by email, normally by the middle of the following month.

Results are also sent to member country contacts and to Europe Netball.

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