



'A' AND 'B' UMPIRE WRITTEN ASSESSMENT SAMPLE PAPER 4 QUESTION AND ANSWER PAPER

(Rule numbers are included in the answers for
information only)

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Information and Instructions

Time allowed: 2 hrs

This paper comprises Section 1 and Section 2:

Section 1 has 12 questions

Section 2 has 8 questions

Pass Mark	A Award	B Award
	Section 1 – 35/39 (90%)	Section 1- 29/39 (74%)
	Section 2 – 51/64 (79%)	Section 2- 43/64 (67%)

Learners must pass in both Sections.

General

- Learners are requested to use blue or black ink.
- Tippex or similar materials should not be used.
- Learners should not waste time on any question that they find difficult to answer and should return to that question at a later stage.
- Please note in both Sections-
 - 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
 - Assume that the teams involved are Red and Blue throughout this paper.
 - 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.
 - 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.

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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 17.1 (1 Mark)
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against the Blue GD (1 Mark)
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red team player allowed in the area (1 Mark)
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 (1 Mark)

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 they are 0.9m (3 feet) away from their opponent.

What is the Infringement?	No Action Rule 16.1 (1 Mark)
What sanction/action would you award?	

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Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

SECTION 1 QUESTIONS

1. Red GK is taking a Throw In on the side line. Red GK takes up a position 20 cm (8 in) away from the side line and passes the ball to a player on their team.

What is the Infringement?	Sanctions and Actions and Conditions for Throw-in Rule 6.11
What sanction/action would you award?	Throw In
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Out of court, behind the side line, in line with where Red GK was standing when they passed the ball

2. Blue WA is positioned on court and outside the goal circle, close to the goal line. Blue WA is being marked by Red WD. As Blue GA receives a pass inside the goal circle, Blue WA gets free of their defender, runs off court, behind the goal post and re-enters the court in the goal third in the area outside the goal circle.

What is the Infringement?	No Action Rule 15.7
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

3. Blue GS takes possession of the ball close to the goal post. Red GD is standing behind Blue GS attempting to defend with their hand over the ball. Red GD is not breaking the obstruction rule. As Blue GS prepares to shoot, Blue GS pushes the ball up into the hand of Red GD.

What is the Infringement?	Contact and Interference Rule 17.1
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against Blue GS
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red team player allowed in the goal circle
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Where Blue GS was standing in the goal circle when they contacted Red GD with the ball, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty will be taken where the Red GD was standing

4. At a centre pass, Red C steps into the centre circle and the whistle is blown. Red C passes the ball to Red WA, who catches the ball in the air and lands simultaneously with one foot in the goal third and one foot in the centre third.

What is the Infringement?	Centre Pass and Controlling the Centre Pass Rule 8.16
What sanction/action would you award?	Free Pass
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team Player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Where Red WA was in contact with the ground in the goal third by the transverse line

5. In the last few seconds of a quarter Red GS catches the ball in the air. Red GS lands simultaneously with their front foot inside the goal circle and their back foot in the goal third. Red GS lifts their back foot and shoots for goal.

What is the Infringement?	Scoring a goal and Taking a shot Rule 9.6
What sanction/action would you award?	Free Pass
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Outside the goal circle where Red GS' back foot made physical contact with the ground outside the goal circle

6. Red WA is running to intercept a loose ball. As Red WA takes possession, their left foot is on the ground and they step forward onto their right foot. Whilst looking for the next pass, Red WA drags their left foot before releasing the ball to pass.

What is the Infringement?	Footwork and Other Foot Movements Rule 13.3
What sanction/action would you award?	Free Pass
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Where Red WA was standing when they dragged their landing foot (left foot)

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

What is the Infringement?	Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball Rule 16.1
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against Blue GA
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Where Blue GA was standing when she obstructed Red C, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty will be taken where the Red C was standing

8. Blue GS is taking a shot near the edge of the goal circle. In an attempt to distract Blue GS, Red GK places their hand in front of the eyes of Blue GS.

What is the Infringement?	Foul Play and Unfair Play Rule 19.6
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against Red GK which is advanced (Intimidation)
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Up to half a third from where the Red GK was standing when they intimidated Blue GS to near the goal post

9. Red C enters the Blue attacking goal circle in an attempt to intercept the ball. Red C tips the ball and Red GK catches it.

What is the Infringement?	Offside and Requirements Rule 14.1
What sanction/action would you award?	Free Pass
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Inside the goal circle where Red C entered the Blue attacking goal circle

10. Red GD asks the umpire to hold time. When the umpire asks 'why'? Red GD says 'my GK is injured'. The umpire holds time and Red GK is substituted. Red GD remains on court.

What is the Infringement?	No Action Rule 10.9
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

11. In an attempt to gain a better playing position, Blue GS leaves the court and runs behind the goal post closely followed by Red GK. Red GK then raises their arms to defend.

What is the Infringement?	Out of Court and Defending from Out of Court Rule 15.10
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against Red GK
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team Player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	On court, near to where the Red GK was standing out of court when they attempted to defend

12. Red GA is being closely marked in the goal circle by Blue GD. Red C passes the ball high to Red GA. In an attempt to catch the ball, Red GA tips the ball in an uncontrolled manner in the air 3 times and then takes possession.

What is the Infringement?	No Action Rule 11.1
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

SECTION 2

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>

SECTION 2 QUESTIONS

1. Blue GD takes possession of the ball in their goal circle. Blue GD passes the ball to Blue C who catches the ball in the air. Blue C lands on their left foot in their defensive goal third close to the transverse line and steps forward into the centre third on their right foot. Just before Blue C passes the ball, they lift their left foot and pass the ball to Blue GS, who catches it standing in the Blue team’s attacking goal third.

Rule/s	<p>Passing Distances and Over a Third</p> <p>Rule 12.4</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	<p>Penalise Over a Third</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The over a third rule has been infringed as the ball has travelled untouched over the two transverse lines. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle to penalise Over a Third using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A free pass is awarded to a Red team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The free pass is taken in the Blue team’s attacking goal third, by the transverse line where the ball first entered the goal third incorrectly. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">(4 Marks)</p>

2. Red GS attempts to shoot for goal but the ball passes over the goal ring and is caught by Blue GK. As Blue GK attempts to pass the ball to their WA, Red GS knocks the ball out of the hands of Blue GK.

Rule/s	Contact and Interference Rule 17.1 <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Contact <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>Red GS has infringed the contact rule as they have knocked the ball out of Blue GK's hands. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle to penalise Contact using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A penalty pass is awarded to a Blue team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The penalty pass is taken where Red GS was standing when they contacted Blue GK, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty is taken where the Blue GK was standing. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(4 Marks)</p>

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

Rule/s	Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball Rule 16.1 <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Obstruction or Play Advantage <p style="text-align: right;">(2 Marks)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The Obstruction rule has been infringed as Blue GD is defending Red C from a distance of less than 0.9 m (3 ft). (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire could blow the whistle to penalise Obstruction using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A penalty pass is awarded to the Red team to be taken by any player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The penalty pass is where Blue GD was standing when they obstructed Red C, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty is taken where the Red C was standing. (1 Mark)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>The umpire may also 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 GS) 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 Obstruction GD’ using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(5 Marks)</p>

4. Red WA is taking a penalty pass in the goal third close to the transverse line. Red WA passes the ball to Red C, who catches the ball in the air but lands awkwardly just outside the goal circle. Red C immediately asks the umpire to hold time for an injury to their knee.

Rule/s	<p>Stoppages and Injury/Illness of a player or Blood</p> <p>Rule 10.9</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	<p>Hold Time</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The umpire blows the whistle to hold time using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire asks the Red C the reason for the stoppage and the Red C states the reason. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire advises that Red C needs to leave the court within 30 seconds for treatment (1 Mark).</p> <p>During the stoppage substitutions and team changes are allowed by both teams within the time allowed for the stoppage. (1 Mark)</p> <p>If no substitution is made for the injured Red C, one player from the Red team must move to play as Centre, to allow play to continue. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire will restart play with the Red team in possession of the ball where the ball was when play was stopped. The umpire blows the whistle to restart play using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(6 Marks)</p>

5. Blue C has possession of the ball outside their attacking goal circle. As Blue C makes a pass to their GS, Red WD enters the goal circle to attempt to intercept the ball. The pass from Blue C is caught by Blue GS, who is positioned under the goal post.

Rule/s	<p>Offside</p> <p>Rule 14.1</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	<p>Penalise Offside or Play Advantage</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(2 Marks)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The Offside rule has been infringed as Red WD has entered the Blue team goal circle. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire could blow the whistle to penalise offside using the correct hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A free pass is awarded to the Blue team, to be taken by any Blue team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The free pass is taken where Red WD entered the Blue team's goal circle. (1 Mark)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>The umpire may consider playing advantage as the Blue team have possession of the ball. The umpire would need to assess the position of all players (particularly Blue GS) 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 Offside WD' and signal using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(6 Marks)</p>

6. The match has started with the Red team opting to play without a WA, as their seventh player is stuck in traffic. Part way through Q1, the Red team player arrives and runs straight onto court. Blue GD has just intercepted a shot at goal and has possession of the ball in their defending goal circle.

Rule/s	<p>Team and Late Players Rule 3.8</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	<p>Penalise Late Players</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The Late Players rule has been infringed as the Red Team player has entered the court whilst the match is in progress. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle to hold time using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>Red WA is sent from the court until the correct time for entry. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would award possession to the Blue team, to be taken in the goal circle where Blue GD was standing (can accept where the ball was when play was stopped as the position for the sanction). (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire restarts play with a whistle and the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(5 Marks)</p>

7. Whilst attempting to catch a pass from their C, the ball slips through Blue WA's hands and hits them in the face. The ball is picked up by Red C. Blue WA's nose begins to bleed.

Rule/s	<p>Stoppages and Injury/Illness of a player or Blood</p> <p>Rule 10.12</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	<p>Hold Time</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The umpire blows the whistle to hold time using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire advises Blue WA to leave the court within 30 seconds for treatment and have any blood-stained clothing cleaned or replaced. (1 Mark)</p> <p>Substitutions and team changes are allowed by both teams. (1 Mark)</p> <p>If there is blood on the ball, it must be swapped and any blood on the court must be cleaned before play restarts. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpires need to check if any other player has blood on them. If they do, they must leave the court and clean or remove any blood-stained clothing. They are permitted to return to court before play restarts. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The player for whom play stopped (Blue WA) must remain off court when play restarts. (1 mark)</p> <p>If no substitution is made for the player (Blue WA) who was bleeding, then play will resume with the position left vacant. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The Umpire will restart play with a whistle and using the relevant hand signal, with the Red team in possession where the ball was when play was stopped. (1 Mark).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(5 Marks)</p>

8. In the closing minutes of a match with scores tied, Red C takes possession of the ball in the air and lands just outside their attacking goal circle. Blue C then moves to a position next to and very close to Red C and thrusts their arms out to defend the pass. At the same time, Red C attempts to pass to Red GA, who is standing near to the goal post. As the ball is released, Blue C tips the ball and it ends up going out of court near the corner of the goal line.

Rule/s	Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball Foul Play and Unfair Play Rules 16.1 and 19.3 (2 Marks)
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Obstruction and Penalise Foul Play and Unfair Play (2 Marks)
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The Obstruction rule has been infringed by Blue C as they are defending Red C who is in possession of the ball, from a distance less than 3 ft (0.9 m). (1 Mark)</p> <p>Blue C is also Intentionally infringing (Intentional Obstruction). (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle to penalise the Blue C. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire will award a penalty pass to the Red team and advance the penalty up to half a third, to just near the goal post. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The penalty pass is taken at the new position, near the goal post and the Blue C stands out of play just outside the goal circle where the infringement happened, as they are not allowed to go into the goal circle. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(5 Marks)</p>



