

'A' AND 'B' UMPIRE WRITTEN ASSESSMENT

SAMPLE PAPER 4 QUESTION PAPER

JUNE 2024

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

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 17.1) (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?	
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?	
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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?	
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>

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

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

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

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

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

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.

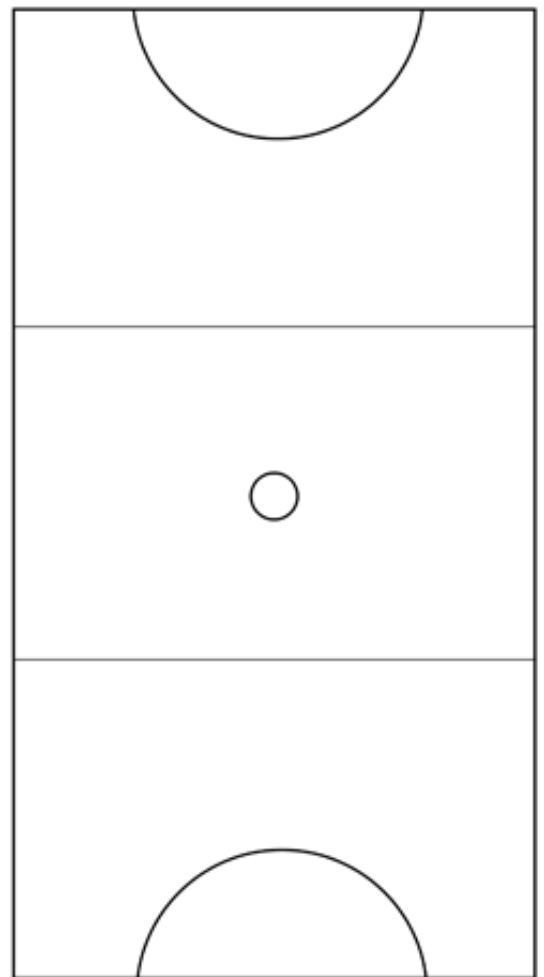
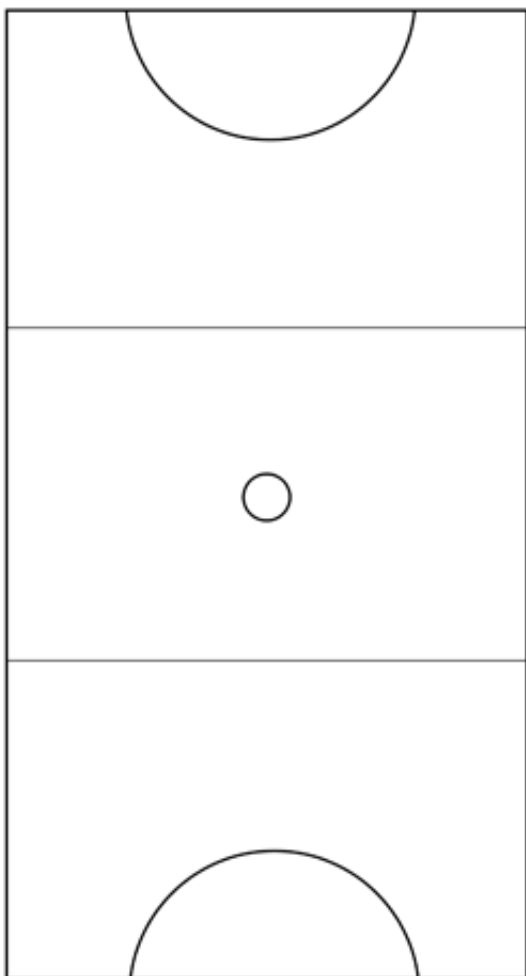
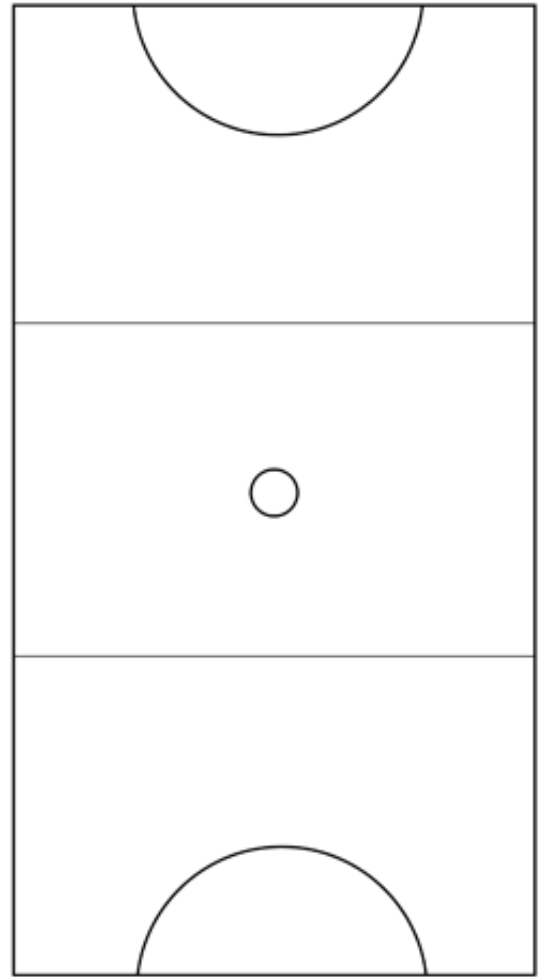
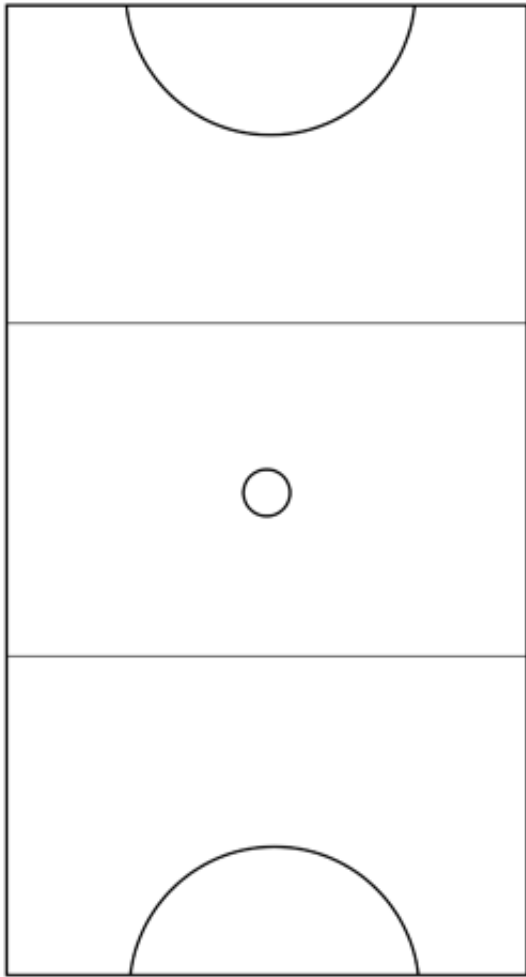
Rule/s	(1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	(1 Mark)
Application/ Reasoning	(5 Marks)

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

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 her 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	(2 Marks)
Possible Decision/s	(2 Marks)
Application/ Reasoning	(5 Marks)



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