

Parkville Umpire Progression Steps

Beginner Umpires

Start your umpiring journey!

- Friendly, supportive environment to learn the basics
- Focus on building confidence, whistle use, and basic positioning
- Umpire Coordinators provide regular feedback
- Great for beginner umpires starting their development



Quick Tip!

Umpires are encouraged to bring their own notebook to collect written feedback from mentors

Riverside

15's & 17's

Riverside provides a new opportunity to Development umpires to further progress with fresh mentors and fresh feedback. Unbadged Development Umpires can umpire:
15&Under Divisions 6-9
17&Under Divisions 4 & 5
Our mentors at Riverside will provide the opportunity to be badged once they believe you are consistently able to meet the criteria

Confident Umpires

Refine your craft in a more competitive environment!

- Opportunity to gain or progress further towards being badged
- Exposure to senior netball with higher intensity and physicality
- Focus on advanced decision-making and game control
- Continued support through mentoring and feedback

Tuesday

Premier Open

Tuesday Premier Open is our competition that connects VNL development teams with Community Netball. This is our highest level of competition with Divisions 1 & 2 playing 60-minute games (15-minute quarters). Our Badged umpires are offered this opportunity to further develop and aim towards being tested for their B Badge on Divisions 1 & 2 - this requires a lot of commitment by you to achieve this.

Saturday Juniors

Beginning on 11&Under allows a Beginner Umpire to have a structured game to be able to apply basic Netball Rules and use simple hand Signals. Umpires would progress through to 13&Under, 15&Under and possibly 17&Under before advancing to the next step.

Development umpires

Step up your skills in a faster-paced competition!

- Work towards obtaining your first umpiring badge (C Badge)
- Regular mentoring and assessments provided
- Develop stronger game management and advanced positioning
- Opportunity to umpire older age groups and more competitive matches

Mon & Thurs Opens

High 15's & 17's

Progressing to the higher divisions of 15's and 17's provides ample opportunity for high-level competition and raised stakes in the game.

Open competitions provide exposure to older, more mature players on court and various on-court situations. This helps develop confidence and resilience whilst also still having support.

Badged Umpires

Officiate at the highest domestic level in our pathway!

- Suitable for confident, badged umpires (C & B Badge)
- Opportunity to work towards & achieve your B Badge accreditation
- Fast, high-quality senior matches
- Ongoing development and talent identification opportunities
- Preparation for higher pathway selections and panel opportunities

Pathways

- VNL Squad selection
- State Titles
- Association Championships (opportunity available from C Badge level)
- Netball Australia Pathways
- Netball Victoria Workshops
- Mentoring opportunities