

# ROLE OF THE UMPIRE

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The umpires are the main officials at each game; therefore, they are responsible for a number of events and should be aware of the following JNA guidelines:

## Scorecards

1. Clubs now have the JN scorecards which their scorer completes with the following information:

- Names of players include substitutes
- Final score
- Serious injuries
- Wrong colour and/or insufficient kit
- The names of the umpires, captains and scorers should be clearly written
- Player of the match for each team - circled

**It is the responsibility of the umpire to check that the information is correct at the end of the match.**

2. There are two people who need the completed scorecards:

- Jan Morley (Results Secretary)
- Amie Le Beuvant (Competition Lead)

If neither of them are at the courts, the scorecards are to be put in the JN black box in the foyer.

3. Any team turning out with less than five players at the starting time of the game will be automatically scratched and the points awarded to the opposing team. The scorecards should be filled in for both teams with the names of the players in attendance.
4. Should both teams turn out with four or less players, the match will automatically be declared null and void.
5. Amie and Jan need to be informed if a game is not played for any reason as soon as possible.
6. Players must wear club colours and bibs as declared to JN.
7. A player should not wear gloves unless they have a letter from their doctor.
8. Coaching from the sidelines is permitted from the team bench. Team officials may not move up and down the sidelines or along the goal lines outside the court during play.

## Discipline

Discipline is also an important role of the umpire and below is the extract from JN disciplinary procedures.

**The JNA is empowered to discipline a player, an official, a team or team follower whose actions prior to, during or after a match are considered to bring the game into disrepute.**

Disciplinary action may be taken in any of the following circumstances:

- Use of foul or abusive language by players, team followers or officials prior to, during or after a match
- Use of intimidating or aggressive behaviour by players, team followers or officials prior to, during or after a match
- Consumption of alcohol by players, team followers or officials prior to, during or after a match at the courts
- Use of illegal drugs
- Any other behaviour deemed not to be in the spirit of the game

It should be noted that:

- Players include the substitutes on the bench
- Officials include umpires, team coaches, managers and primary carers
- Umpires need to note that EN Netball Rules have a;  
Game Management section rule 18 p58-63  
Foul Play section rule 19 p64-66

Please read – they are there for your protection and to ensure you enjoy your umpiring!

In the event of any disciplinary action taken the umpires should inform the President of JN as soon after the match as possible. Umpires should inform the captains of their actions. Captains are permitted to send their thoughts in writing to the President.