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# WELCOME



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As a member of the Forest Netball Club, you will be exposed to umpiring at some stage and in some form during the 2023 season.

Let's make it easier for you by helping you to understand what is required from a player, parent, coach, manager, spectator and umpire.



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Just a little question  
for you?

How many people does it take to complete  
a netball game?



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And the answer is:

16

You can't play a competition game without  
2 umpires !!!!



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# It is the umpire's responsibility to:

- Control the match according to the rules
- Apply the rules fairly
- Communicate clearly
- Provide a safe environment for all involved
- Maintain a calm and decisive control



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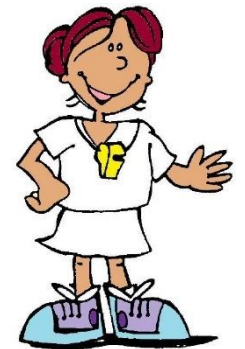
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Always remember they are an integral part of the game and should be treated with the respect they deserve.

We are all human and make mistakes.





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# PARENTS

Please remember when your daughter plays, the umpires are just young girls who probably have about the same experience as your daughters.

Please give them the respect, courtesy and a fair go you would hope other parents give your daughters.

They are all doing their best.





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# Before The Game

Date

Time

Court





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# Before The Game

- Arrive at least 15 minutes before the game.
  - Know your court.
- Introduce yourself to your co-Umpire



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# Appearance / Equipment



Club uniform with distinctive top or whites

Sandshoes

Own whistle

Rule Book/App

Hair Elastic

Water





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# At the Court



Meet the other umpire  
Captains decide first centre  
Umpires decide sides  
Check fingernails / jewellery  
Check the court





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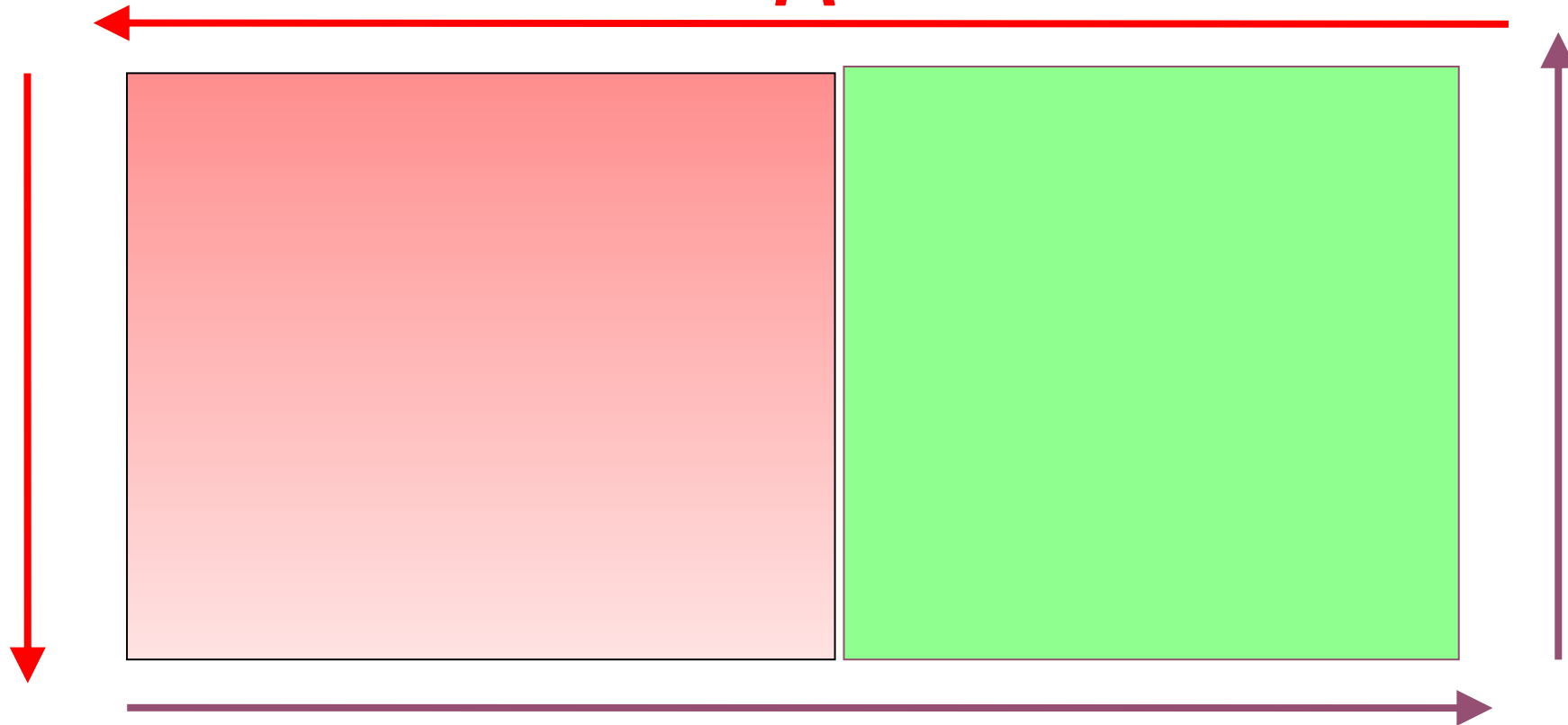
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**A**

# Areas of Control



**B**



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## MANNER

- Earn respect by attitude
  - Voice
    - Sharp whistle
    - Concentration
    - Gentle authority





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# WHEN TO BLOW THE WHISTLE

- To start and end quarters
- When an infringement occurs
- When ball is released in a toss up
- To stop and restart play for illness or injury or emergency



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# TERMINOLOGY

**Infringement (mistake, error, break rules)**

**Results in**

**Penalty/ Sanction or Actions**



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# TERMINOLOGY

Two types of infringements

## **MINOR & MAJOR**

Minor = one person involved/do it to yourself

Sanction = Free Pass

Major = two or more people involved

Sanction = Penalty Pass





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# POSITIONING AND VISION

- Be in best position to see the player with the ball, but at the same time, see the areas “***away***” from the ball and anticipate the direction of play
- Don't be ***too far*** ahead or behind play
- Each time ball is released, umpire should be ***moving quickly to re-position***
- Umpire should always ***look wide and see through***



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# BEING AN UMPIRE

## *Characteristics*

**Knows & understands rules**

**Consistency**

**Confidence**



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# INJURY / ILLNESS

Only the injured player can call time themselves.

The umpire is to blow the whistle to stop the game.

The injured player has 30 seconds to leave the court.

Both teams can make position changes.

The injured player can come back on after a goal is scored and can only come back on into the vacant position.

Changes can be made so they can take their original position in the quarter/half time breaks.



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# INJURY / ILLNESS

Any other player or the umpire can call time when blood is involved. The player must be removed from the court within 30 seconds and cannot take part until all blood is removed or covered up.

This includes the ball, court and uniform.

If the injury is too severe where the player cannot be moved from the court they are to be left until the physio or a medical person arrives.

If necessary to keep playing, move the game to another court and let the officials know of the move.



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# APPROACHING UMPIRES

Only the captain of the team can approach the umpire during the intervals.

If they are too young the coach can assist. No parents or siblings are to approach the umpires at any time.

In return the umpires need to make themselves available during the breaks.

It is suggested they stand together in the middle of the court during the breaks.



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# 3 WAYS TO COMMUNICATE

## **Whistle**

- ✓ Loud
- ✓ Short
- ✓ Sharp

## **Hand signals**

- ✓ Re-creation of action

## **Voice**

- ✓ Loud enough to be heard by all players



WHEN IS A GOAL SCORED?



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# Weekly Roster

- Current weekly roster is based on umpire your own.
- It is calculated as fairly as possible, taking into account different skills levels and confidence.
- On average each player will receive 2 duties throughout the entire season.
- This can vary depending on the number of teams, age groups and timeslots.
- The roster is prepared in advance.





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# Weekly Roster

- The first round will be available as soon as the court allocations are received from MWNA.
- Rounds 2 to 7 will be provided one week prior to Round 2.
- Rounds 8 to 14 will be provided one week prior to Round 8.
- A coach cannot swap an umpire if they are unhappy with their allocation without the approval of the Umpires Convenor.



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# Weekly Roster

- If (TID) appears after a person's name, it indicates they are a participant in the Talent Identified Program.
  - As part of their development and learning the TID participants need to umpire various levels of games. These allocations are part of a long-term plan and they cannot be changed without the authorization of the Umpires Convenor.



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# Forest Umpiring Roster

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	Round	D1 - Date	Time	Grade	Team 1	V	Team 2	Venue	UMPIRE	UMPIRES TEAM	UMPIRES GRADE	
2	9	19-Jun-21	8.50 AM	10A	Forest 22	v	Collaroy 31	9	SKYE NICHOLAS	12B	16	
3	9	19-Jun-21	8.50 AM	10C	Beacon Hill 24	v	Forest 23	16	AMELIA SWINBOURNE	12B	16	
4	9	19-Jun-21	8.50 AM	10E	Forest 24	v	Queenscliff 41	22	JESSICA SADLER	12F	17	
5	9	19-Jun-21	8.50 AM	10F	Newport 12	v	Forest 25	28	AMELIA SCHINDLER	12F	17	
6	9	19-Jun-21	8.50 AM	13E	Forest 14	v	Wakehurst 22	2	CHLOE ROACH	15B	8	
7	9	19-Jun-21	8.50 AM	STANDBY					NATALIE YANG	15D	9	
8	9	19-Jun-21	10.15 AM	11G	Forest 21	v	Queenscliff 36	39	BRIDGITTE RASMUSSEN	13E	14	
9	9	19-Jun-21	10.15 AM	12A	Forest 15	v	Bye					
10	9	19-Jun-21	10.15 AM	12B	Allambie 14	v	Forest 16	8	ALICE KNEALE	14B	10	
11	9	19-Jun-21	10.15 AM	12F	Forest 17	v	NYC20	37	FREYA LUGG	14B	10	
12	9	19-Jun-21	10.15 AM	13A	Forest 12	v	NYC13	11	CHELSEA ASBURY (TID)	15D	9	
13	9	19-Jun-21	10.15 AM	13C	Forest 13	v	CCSports 26	19	LAUREN BRAN	15B	8	
14	9	19-Jun-21	10.15 AM	STANDBY					OLIVIA MCGRATH	14B	10	



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# Allocations

Grade	Umpire
12YR	10YR
13YR	11YR
14YR	12YR
15YR	13YR
SENIOR / CADETS	14YR
SENIOR TEAMS / CADETS	Senior teams one grade below



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# Allocations

Playing Time	Umpire
10:25AM	9:00AM
11:50AM	10:25AM
1:15PM	11:50AM
2:35PM	1:15PM
3:50PM	2:35PM
2:35PM	3:50PM



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# Allocations

## Coaches & Managers/Parents

- Please note that all junior umpires will be umpiring prior to their game.
- If they are a part of the TID program they will be umpiring nearly every week.
- Please let me know as soon as you are aware of any players being on holidays/away so that I can work the roster around these absences.



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# Allocations

## Coaches & Managers/Parents

- All umpires will not be able to warm up prior to their game.
- Their umpiring duty is to be used as their warm-up and it would be appreciated if they are not pressured to finish their umpiring duty as quickly as possible.
- The umpire must concentrate on the game until the very end and not be worried or thinking about rushing off to warm up for their game.



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# Notification/Distribution

The roster is communicated directly to all Coaches and Managers.

It is the responsibility of the Coaches and Managers to communicate this to the player rostered on for umpiring duties.

To assist with this communication a reminder will be sent on the week prior.

The roster is published on the Forest Club Website and can be downloaded as a PDF version.





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# Do I have to umpire?

As a 12YR Player – YES IT IS COMPULSORY.

This is so that you get a perspective of the game from all angles.

What its like to be an umpire as well as a player.

From 13YR's up you can choose to swap with another player in your team or pay someone from the Forest paid umpires list published on the website.

***Note – 12YR's cannot swap without the assistance of the Convener and are not allowed to use paid umpires to complete their duties.***



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# Do I have to umpire?

## Note:

- If you swap with someone else, they must first be a registered player (for insurance purposes) and must have the same level of competency at umpiring.
- You **MUST** inform the Forest Umpires Convener of the change ASAP so the official roster can be updated.



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# Can I umpire NetSet Go (Netta)?

NSG games are not standard competition rules and require more of a teaching/coaching perspective rather than an enforcement of the rules.

Umpires must be mature, preferably a parent, the coach or manager of the team.

If a club umpire is used they must be at least 15yr's of age or older to have the maturity required to assist the players.



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# Umpires Responsibilities

- If you are not in the appropriate dress (sports shoes, club uniform or whites, have your own whistle and hair band/scrunchie) you will not be allowed to complete your duty and will receive penalties.
- With umpire your own go directly to the court. Check in no longer required.
- Make sure you arrive at the court at least 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the game.



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# Umpires Responsibilities

- Failure to arrive on time will result in penalties awarded to the player allocated.
- Standby umpires are to sit at the top of the stairs outside the hall. They must also arrive 15 minutes before the game and stay until the end of the game in case an umpire is injured and needs to be replaced.



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# MENTORING/SUPPORT

- A Forest representative is in attendance at every timeslot.
- If the umpires experience any difficulties they can request that a representative attend the court for assistance.



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# SUPPORT / REPORTING GAME ISSUES

- Ask for an adult or a senior player (not a junior player or younger sibling) to go up to the control desk and ask for the club representative to be paged.
- In most instances it will be the Forest Umpires Convener that will attend. We may observe from a distance initially to assess the situation and then take action if required.
- This club representative will escalate the issue to MWNA if required.



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# PENALTIES

Failure to complete umpiring or stand by duties will result in the club rostered for that game having to fulfil two umpiring penalties.

All penalties are to be cleared by three (3) playing days after penalty incurred but at the end of the season all penalties **MUST** be cleared by Game 14 (i.e. game 12 two (2) days, Game 13 one (1) day and game 14 that day to clear.

If penalties are not cleared in the due time each outstanding penalty will incur a \$50 fine and the loss of two (2) competition points.





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# PENALTIES

A penalty incurred by a senior may only be cleared by a senior player or badged umpire (junior umpires may not be paid by senior teams to complete their penalties), but a junior penalty can be cleared by any player capable of umpiring.

A penalty incurred in a morning time may only be cleared in a morning time. A penalty incurred in an afternoon time may only be cleared in an afternoon time.



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# PENALTIES

- Forest will inform each Coach and Manager on or before Monday.
- Coaches and Managers must immediately communicate this to the appropriate person.
- Any disputes must be submitted to the Forest Umpires Convener within 24 hours.



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# DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY AND MENTORING PROGRAMS

- Any players from 13yrs plus will be invited to participate in the TID (Talent Identified Umpiring Program).
- Where resources allow a number of players have been identified and invited into the program.
- The club Umpires Convener and/or Mentors will attend their games and provide mentoring.



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# DEVELOPMENT AND MENTORING PROGRAMS

- Once a certain standard is achieved at club level the Umpires Convener will recommend to be progressed into the MWNA TID program.

TID – Talent Identified Development



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## UMPIRING PATHWAYS – TIER DEVELOPMENT (TID)

- 1) Club TID (Talent Identified Development) Program
- 2) MWNA – Tier 3 Umpire Development
- 3) MWNA – Tier 2 Umpire Development
- 4) MWNA – Tier 1 Umpire Development



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# UMPIRING PATHWAYS – TIER DEVELOPMENT (TID)

## Club TID Program

- Targeted at players 13yrs and up.
- Expressions of interest taken before the season starts (attendance confirmed based on numbers and available mentors, may be split over the 2 halves of the season)
- Players wanting to continue and improve their umpiring skills
- Run through Winter and possibly Spring Competitions.



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# UMPIRING PATHWAYS – TIER DEVELOPMENT (TID)

## Club TID Program

Once a certain level and consistency is achieved the Club Convener will recommend further development with MWNA and ask MWNA for assessment.

Key areas:

- Completed Foundation Course
- Completed and passed Online Exam
- Having control of the game
- Seeing and calling basic infringements
- Consistently
- Knowing where to position
- Correct Terminology / Use of hand signals
- Use of the advantage rule



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# UMPIRING PATHWAYS – TIER DEVELOPMENT (TID)

## Tier 3 Umpire Development Program

- Targeted at junior umpires who have been mentored within their club and are deemed to be on the road to, or close to, being eligible to test for a national badge.
- Assessment will be made at the end of the season for inclusion into the program in the following season.
- Must be committed to umpire every Saturday and possibly Spring Competition.
- Outcome – achieve National C Badge





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# UMPIRING PATHWAYS – TIER DEVELOPMENT (TID)

## Tier 2 Umpire Development Program

- Targeted at National C Umpires.
- Assessment will be made at any time during the season for inclusion into the program.
- Must be committed to umpire every Saturday and possibly Spring Competition.
- Outcome – achieve National B Badge



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# PAID UMPIRES & MENTOR PROGRAM

Forest Netball Club has introduced a Paid Umpire & Mentor Program for 2023.

## **Paid Mentor Program**

### **Who's eligible?**

#### 14YR players

- A minimum one year (as a 13YR player) participation in TID program
- Completed and passed the Netball Australia Umpires Online exam and Umpires Foundation Course

#### 15YR players

- A minimum one year (as a 13YR or 14YR player) participation in the TID program
- Completed and passed the Netball Australia Umpires Online exam and Umpires Foundation Course





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# PAID UMPIRES & MENTOR PROGRAM

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## **Paid Mentor Program**

### **Payment Guidelines**

Per Game / Saturday Competition - \$20

Gala Day (full day) - \$50

Teaching/Junior Development Sessions - \$20

- Any payments must be authorized by Michelle Collins as the Club Umpires Convenor.
- No payments will be made unless that authorization is given.





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# PAID UMPIRES REQUIREMENTS

- Paid umpires must have one or all of the following credentials:

## 13YR, 14YR & 15YR

- Have been umpiring for at least one year in TID Program (does not include Net Set Go)
- Mentored at a club level
- Completed the Foundation Course
- Completed and passed the online Exam
- Be approved by Umpires Convenor to be competent





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# PAID UMPIRES REQUIREMENTS

- Paid umpires must have one or all of the following credentials:

## CADET & SENIOR

- This age group is believed to have enough confidence and experience included in the paid umpiring program
- Be approved by Umpires Convenor to be competent
- C Badge or higher – automatic inclusion





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# PAID UMPIRES REQUIREMENTS

## MWNA Payment Guidelines/Per Game

Not badged - \$15

TID - \$20

National C - \$30

National B - \$40

National A - \$45

## Non-Paid Volunteering/Development

12YR - continue to umpire 10YR

13YR, 14YR – continue to umpire 11YR and 13YR





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# PAID UMPIRES REQUIRMENTS

- A maximum of 2 paid umpiring games per day.
- Any paid umpiring must be authorised by Michelle Collins as the Club Umpires Convenor to ensure the replacement paid umpire is of the right calibre and skill for the game.
- No payments will be made unless that authorisation is given.



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# GAME CANCELLATION



What happens if the game is cancelled because the teams has forfeited or MWNNA cancel because of wet weather conditions?

Forfeit – In the event that the game is a forfeit, inform the Forest Secretary and Forest Umpires Convenor.

Rain – if a game is cancelled due to the weather your duty is complete. The umpires rostered on for the following week will do both half games.





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**Thanks for attending**