**Essex Metropolitan Netball Association**

**Information about umpiring awards**

**T**he following summarises the current administration of the Into Officiating, C, B and A Awards. Further details are available in the Into Officiating Pathway, the C Award Pathway and the B Award Pathway documents in the Officiating section of our website. Learners must progress through the awards in sequence, they cannot “leapfrog” an award.

NB All applicants for IO, C, B or A Award assessments must be full members of England Netball. Essex Met has a “non-playing” club-Essex Met Club, which potential applicants who are not affiliated to an Essex Met playing club can join. Please contact our Treasurer Maggie Fuller for details.

**Into Officiating Award** (Minimum age for Practical assessment 13)

1. Attend online Into Officiating course (2 sessions): valid for 2 years Cost £40
2. Logbook of games/practice games umpired
3. Pass Practical assessment Cost £15

**C Award** (Minimum age for Practical assessment 14)

1. Attend online C Award course (2 sessions): valid for 2 years Cost £45 (includes the Written paper, which is otherwise £10)
2. Pass online Written Assessment-30 minutes: pass valid for 2 years
3. Logbook of games umpired
4. Application Form to be endorsed by County Officiating Lead, England Netball assessor or County accredited mentor
5. Practical Assessment Cost £45

**B Award** (Minimum age for Practical assessment 16)

1. Attend B Award course (2 online sessions, 1 practical session): valid for 2 years Cost £60
2. Pass Written Assessment-120 minutes (February, June & October): pass valid for 2 years (4 years if A Award Pass level reached) Cost £50
3. Logbook of games umpired
4. Application Form to be endorsed by Regional Officiating Lead, England Netball assessor or County accredited mentor
5. Pass fitness test (bleep test) within 6 weeks of practical assessment date: minimum 6.1
6. Practical Assessment Cost £65

**A Award** (Minimum age for Practical assessment 18)

1. Pass Written Assessment-120 minutes (February, June & October): pass valid for 4 years Cost £50
2. Logbook of games umpired
3. Application Form to be endorsed by Regional Officiating Lead, England Netball assessor or Regional accredited mentor
4. Pass fitness test (bleep test) within 6 weeks of test date: minimum 7.1
5. Practical Assessment Cost £100

**Practical umpiring opportunities**

To assist learners (particularly those who are working towards their Into Officiating or C Award) to gain practical experience, the following umpiring opportunities are available:-

1. Clubs’ training nights: please contact the relevant Club Secretary (details of training night/venue and contact details are available on our website) <http://www.essexmet.co.uk/Essexnetball/?page_id=656>)
2. County Academies (U13/U15) at Redbridge (indoors) on Mondays from 6pm-8pm from October to March: please contact Michelle Cox ([michelledeborahcox@hotmail.com](mailto:michelledeborahcox@hotmail.com)) or Tracy Howe ([m2how@hotmail.com](mailto:m2how@hotmail.com))
3. England Netball programmes

-Back to Netball at Forest School and at Noak Hill on Tuesdays from 7pm and at Redbridge (indoors) on Wednesdays from 9.30am

-Netball Now at Redbridge on Tuesdays from 7.30pm

Please contact Philippa Hicks ([Philippa.Hicks@englandnetball.co.uk](mailto:Philippa.Hicks@englandnetball.co.uk))

1. Redbridge Midweek Leagues (Mondays & Wednesdays at 7.30pm & 8.15pm)-Winter & Summer: please contact Steph Herbert ([stephanie@rslonline.co.uk](mailto:stephanie@rslonline.co.uk), 020 8498 1021/1049)
2. Essex Met Junior League at Redbridge from September to April (approx) (League Rules require that learner umpires must be accompanied by their mentor): please ask your mentor to contact Kaye Cornwall (07961 157221/ [kayecornwall@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kayecornwall@yahoo.co.uk))
3. Essex Met League at Redbridge from September to April (League Rules require that learner umpires must be accompanied by their mentor-for Over 18s only): please ask your mentor to contact me to arrange

All learners working towards their Into Officiating or C Awards should be accompanied by their mentor or supervised by a qualified coach/umpire. U18 learners should umpire age-appropriate games/sessions.

**General**

1. All learners, at all levels, are encouraged to join the County/Regional mentoring programme(s) after an evaluation (for Into Officiating) or after passing their Written paper (for C, B and A): please contact me for details
2. B/A Award Written Assessment: I strongly recommend that you attend a preparatory course-please contact me for details
3. Sample/Training papers for the C & B/A Award are available on the England Netball website
4. Learners who require any special consideration for Assessments due to a physical condition/reading problem etc, please let me know and I can arrange any relevant special arrangements with England Netball/Netball Europe
5. Assessments for Into Officiating and C Awards will be organised by Essex Metropolitan (for learners affiliated to Essex Metropolitan), for B Award by London & South East and for A Award by England Netball.

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