



## Umpiring Newsletter – October 2016

Welcome to a new season with perhaps a few challenging moments ahead of us whilst we bed in the new rules. If you're unsure of any of the rules do not hesitate to contact Liz McIntyre the Warwickshire County Umpires telephone number 02465349681 email LizMc47@google.com or Denise Barlow Chair Umpires Section of Coventry & Warwickshire Netball Association 02476453963, 07813700891.

In applying the new rules let's use our common sense, we always have!

Here are a couple of queries:

- A query raised about hair being tied up, see England rule 5.1.1.(iv)d. If you think the hair is causing a problem for another player then ensure it is tied up sufficiently to avoid that situation. It is not necessary to have hair tied in a bun.
- Cooperating with the other umpire, this has always been the case, it is now explicit in the rule book. Remember you're the 3<sup>rd</sup> team on court.
- It's helpful for the umpire to call the centre pass after a goal has been scored, it avoids delay by the centres.
- When the ball goes out of court don't leave it to the players to decide whose throw in it should be. The umpire should call out of court, throw in to which team and indicate the direction of the pass.
- Coventry & Warwickshire Netball Association umpires are currently not required to know who the team captains' are on or off the court. Should we need to change this because of difficulties with players then it can be changed.

Here is a thorny problem we have at both senior and junior competitions, the wearing of adornments. There should be no question about this:

- The wearing of any adornment other than a wedding ring which has been taped is **NOT** allowed. It is not up to anyone to decide if it is possible, see England rule 5.1.1.(iv)a. Umpires are responsible for ensuring that if someone is wearing a headband that may be hiding adornments in the ear that those adornments are removed. If the player refuses or cannot remove the item then they take no further part in the game.

I hope you all have a good season. I would remind you if there is anyone out there that wants to further their career in umpiring please feel free to contact me.

Score pads and whistles, I have supply should anyone need

Once again if you are unsure of any rule please feel free to contact me and we can share our experiences.

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