



SSNA – Modified/Netta Netball

An opportunity for young players to learn about netball by playing in a non-competitive environment

Coach & Umpire should be flexible, easy going people with a desire to help children enjoy & learn

1. Adopt the role of teacher-umpire rather than rule enforcer
2. Use simple language and explain decisions
3. Umpire according to the skill level of players
4. Adopt an encouraging manner to ensure the game is free flowing
5. Use common-sense to ensure 'spirit of the game' is not lost by overcalling the game
6. Umpires may find they spend the majority of the game *on the court* with the players

SSNA Rules of Modified/Netta Netball

1. Size 4 ball – to develop catching/throwing skills
2. Players are allowed 6 seconds between catching and throwing the ball
3. Footwork – always encourage correct footwork – minimum shuffling, but not shuffling forward. Umpire may demonstrate correct footwork procedure if necessary.
4. Defending/Obstruction – players must be 4 feet from player with the ball. No defending on shot for goal. Umpire blows whistle for infringement and then encourages player to defend again from correct position – 4 feet. No standing out of play.
5. Contact to be penalised but the infringer is not stood out of play. Umpire will blow whistle for infringement and after a brief explanation allow play to continue
6. A player who is offside and not involved in play is not to be penalised, simply reminded where they should stand
7. A throw-in is to be retaken if player's foot is on the line. Umpire to briefly explain and correct the player's stance.

AS AN UMPIRE YOU ARE THERE TO ENCOURAGE ALL PLAYERS, ENSURING THEY ALWAYS ENJOY THEIR GAME AND ASSIST WITH THEIR LEARNING. Umpire may find they spend the majority of the game on the court with the players.

Club Umpire Convenors Please Note – in the best interest of our young, developing players the SSNA Umpiring Committee recommends allocating umpires who are capable of modifying the rules to umpire Netta games. Please do not use beginner umpires. Thank you.