**JNA UMPIRE ROLE**

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

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 J.N.A. guidelines:

* Clubs now have the J.N.A. scorecards which their scorer completes with the following information:

Names of players **(only include substitutes if they play)**

Final score

Player of the match for each team - circled

Injuries

Wrong colour and/or insufficient kit

Umpires’, Captains’ and Scorers’ names clearly written

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

There are 2 people who need the completed cards:

**Danny Simon** (Assist Registration Sec) and **Liz Olim (Monday) / Chrissy or Lauren Mills (Tuesday)**

If neither of them are at the courts the result and the cards put in the J.N.A. box in the foyer.

* Any team turning out with less than 5 players at the starting time of the game will be automatically scratched and the points awarded to the opposing team. The cards should be filled in for both teams with the names of the players in attendance.
* Should both teams turn out with 4 or less players, the match will automatically be declared null and void.
* Danny and Caren need to be informed if a game is not played for any of these reasons as soon as possible.
* Umpires do not have to wear white but should not identify with either clubs’ kit colour. White is still the preferred colour. Umpires should be suitably attired and with the correct footwear for the job they are undertaking
* Players must wear Club colours and bibs as declared to J.N.A.
* A player should not wear gloves unless she has a letter from her doctor.
* Coaching from the side lines is permitted from the team bench. Team officials may not move up and down the side lines or along the goal lines outside the court during play.

Discipline is also an important role of the umpire and below is the extract from the J.N.A.’s disciplinary procedures.

*The J.N.A. 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
* 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 Discipline Section. Please read – it is 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 the J.N.A. 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.

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