

## C Award Netball

1. Attend C Award course - This course is designed for Learners that have good prior knowledge of the Rules of Netball which includes practical experience. The course will consist of a combination of classroom based and practical activities
  - You will receive an official England Netball C Award course resource pack including a Rules Book
  - Course Attendance Certificate is valid for 2 years and you will need to complete your written assessment within this time. Following the course, you will be required to gain practical umpiring experience which you should record in your **Log Book**.
2. Pass written assessment – Paper consists of two sections – to be completed within 30 minutes. You must pass both sections and section 2 will require you to have read and have knowledge of the rules.
3. Pass pre practical assessment – (You must apply for and complete your Final Practical Assessment within 2 years of passing your C Award Written Assessment). You will have one Assessor who will watch you umpire a good standard match for a minimum of 30 minutes to a maximum of 40 minutes. At this stage you should show the Assessor your Log Book. If you are assessed to have passed you will be eligible to apply for the C Award Final Practical Assessment and the Assessor will be required to **sign your Final Practical Assessment application form**. Your Assessor will provide you with a written report which will highlight all of the positives in your umpiring and also the areas of development. If you are assessed 'Not Yet Met Criteria' your Assessor will provide you with a written report which will highlight all of the positives in your umpiring and also the areas of development that will allow you to pass the Practical Assessment in the future. England Netball recommends that Learners wait **1 month** before applying for a second attempt at the C Award Practical Pre-Assessment. This will allow the Learner adequate time to put into practice what they have been told by the Assessor.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You will be required to meet the Assessors travel expenses and will pay this directly to the Assessor at the time of your Pre-assessment. (England Netball recommends a travel expense rate of 40p per mile).
4. Pass final practical assessment - (You must apply for your C Award Final Practical Assessment within 1 month of passing your Practical Pre-Assessment). To book your final assessment you will need to contact your County Umpiring Secretary and provide them with your **Final Practical Assessment application form** following which they will set up your final assessment. Your Final Practical Assessment will take place no later than 3 months following the submission of your application and payment (unless there are extenuating circumstances)
5. C Award Final Practical Assessment - You will have two Assessors and will be assessed on a good standard match for a minimum of 30 minutes to a maximum of 40 minutes. The Assessors will grade you on a number of competencies. Following your Final Practical Assessment you will attend a post-match debrief with the Assessors. They will tell you the outcome of your assessment and provide you with your areas of strength and the areas for development. Your Assessor will provide you with a written report which will highlight all of the positives in your umpiring and also the areas of development. This will last up to 45 minutes. You will either be assessed as a Pass which will mean a score of 24 marks or less or Not Yet Met Criteria.
6. Pass - If you are assessed to have passed you will be awarded with the C Award. Your County Umpiring Secretary will award you with a Pass Card and C Award badge and you will

be added to the England Netball Umpires List. There is no expiry date to this Award but umpires must maintain the expected standards which include:

- Applying the rules fairly and consistently
- Good positioning and timing which will include keeping slightly ahead of play on the sideline, arriving on the goal line on most occasions as the ball enters the goal circle and returning back to centre third to blow for the centre pass without delaying play
- Commitment to on-going umpire development this may include attending new rules sessions or County Umpiring Workshops.
- A commitment to helping the development of netball within Shropshire County by offering your services for free for the players at our Shropshire 'Trials' events (Shropshire umpires only).

Umpires awarded with the C Award will be eligible to umpire at County and Junior Regional League level.

You then may progress on to the Netball Europe B Award.