

# NATIONAL BENCH OFFICIAL UPDATING REQUIREMENTS

Bench officials are required to complete a series of tasks over a four-year period following their successful attainment of either the Netball Australia State or National Bench Officials Accreditation.

Netball Australia recommends that all bench officials who attain their accreditation continue to upgrade their knowledge, skills and competencies.

The updating program aims to raise the overall quality of bench officials within netball by ensuring they are provided with ongoing education and development opportunities covering areas such as:

- Keeping abreast of the latest information on developments within netball.
- Rules knowledge and current interpretations.
- Having access to the most up-to-date procedures and protocols related to bench officiating.

Netball Australia requires a bench official to reach the specified number of points of updating activity to remain accredited at the relevant accreditation level.

Accreditation	Update Requirements
State	Attain the National Bench Official Accreditation within four years of the achievement date. OR Achieve 20 hours of updating activity over a four-year period.
National	Achieve 40 hours of updating activity over a four-year period.

## Updating Activities

- 50% of the required updating hours should be completed through practical bench officiating.
- Practical bench officiating can be undertaken at any level and may occur on a regular basis (weekly, fortnightly) or in specific situations such as camps, carnivals etc.
- The remaining updating must come from professional development activities as per the update criteria specified for each accreditation level as indicated in the following tables.

## NETBALL AUSTRALIA - STATE BENCH OFFICIAL UPDATE CRITERIA

Netball Australia State Bench Official Accreditation is valid for four (4) years. The period starts when a Netball Australia certificate of accreditation is issued.

**Points to be completed: 20 (Minimum practical component: 10 hours) 1 point = 1 hour**

Updating Requirements	
Event	Points
Practical bench officiating	15 points
Complete the Rules of Netball Theory Exam - 70% or higher	5 points
Attend Member Organisation approved bench official workshop	5 points
Attend Member Organisation approved bench officials conference	10 points
Attend Member Organisation approved bench officials camp	20 points
Complete Netball Australia online education course (non-accredited)	5 points per course
Complete the Netball Australia online Foundation Umpire Course	5 points
Complete the ASC Introductory Officiating General Principles online course	5 points
Attain Netball Australia National Bench Official Accreditation	Meets total requirements

## NETBALL AUSTRALIA - NATIONAL BENCH OFFICIAL UPDATE CRITERIA

Netball Australia National Bench Official Accreditation is valid for four (4) years. The period starts when a Netball Australia certificate of accreditation is issued.

**Points to be completed: 40 (Minimum practical component: 10 hours) 1 point = 1 hour**

Updating Requirements	
Event	Points
Practical bench officiating, which may include appointment as a Bench Manager for State League, ANL, SSN or International Test Match	25 points 1 point = 1 hour
Complete the Rules of Netball Theory Exam - 70% or higher	5 points
Facilitate a Member Organisation based workshop/conference/camp	15 points
Complete Netball Australia online education course (non-accredited)	5 points per course
Complete the Netball Australia online Foundation Umpire Course	5 points
Complete the ASC Introductory Officiating General Principles online course	5 points
Attend Member Organisation approved bench official workshop	5 points
Attend Member Organisation approved bench officials conference	10 points
Attend Member Organisation approved bench officials camp	20 points