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The Office of Recreation and Sport in association with Netball SA are continuing the highly successful Coloured Shirt Program in 2015. The initiative asks new or inexperienced officials wear a coloured shirt that makes them easily recognisable to players and spectators. The primary objective is for people to identify these officials as “learners” and understand that they may make mistakes and that harassment of these umpires will not be tolerated.

The secondary objective of this initiative is to provide mentoring and support to the beginner umpire to ensure the umpiring techniques they learn will provide a solid foundation for their continuing development for years to come. A mentor within your Association will support the umpires in the program however this mentor will need to be endorsed by Netball SA. By offering support and training, the mentor will work with participants toward achieving their National C Badge. Ideally this badge will be achieved within the first two years of the program.

This program is now in its ninth year and has seen many of the Umpire participants from Metropolitan and Country Associations go on to achieve their National C Badge. Other success stories from the program include umpires participating in the Adelaide Metropolitan Netball Division Umpiring Pools and officiate in Country Association Final series.

There are several pre-requisites for umpire participants and mentors wishing to be involved in this program.

Pre-requisites for Umpire Participants:

- Have less than two years umpiring experience
- Be unbadged
- Be a current member of Netball SA
- Be willing to align their umpire development with the Netball Australia pathway by sitting the Section 1 theory exam online and completing a Level 1 Umpires Course online
- Complete the “Play by the Rules” Online Training

Umpiring accreditation prerequisites for the mentor are:

- National C Badge (at minimum)
- Current Level 1 and section 1 theory pass (70% or more)
- Current member of Netball SA

The mentor must also be prepared to report appropriately to Netball SA and must be endorsed by Netball SA as the recognised mentor for the Coloured Shirt Program in your Association or Club.

Your Association or Club will receive an information pack on implementing and co-ordinating the program, including reporting and poster templates, and the arranged number of coloured shirts. The

mentor will also receive a training guide, with drills and information to help the participants reach their full potential.

Your Association or Club will be responsible for advertising and raising awareness of the program within the Association, payment of mentors (if required) and all coloured shirts issued.

Once nominations have been received, shirts will be distributed by the first week of the 2015 Winter Season.

If you're Association or Club has previously implemented the Coloured Shirt Program, this letter requests the names of new participants, as well as the names of participants from previous years who are continuing the Coloured Shirt Program in 2015.

If you have any further questions feel free to contact me by email deanna.stainer@netballsa.asn.au or phone 8238 0521.

Kind Regards,

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