



England Netball  
London & South East Regional Unit

## **B Award Pathway**

- 1. Attend a B Course**
- 2. Enter Umpiring Experience in the Log Book**
- 3. Pass the Written Assessment**
- 4. Pass Practical Pre-assessment**
- 5. Pass the Fitness Test**
- 6. Pass the Practical Assessment**

### **FAQs**

**Q. Do I have to hold the Netball Europe C Award before I prepare to move forward to the B Award?**

A. Yes.

**Q. Do I have to attend a B Award Course before applying for my Pre-assessment?**

A. Yes.

You must attend a B Award course within 2 years of applying for the Pre Assessment.

In exceptional circumstances (TID – Talent Identification) this may be waived.

**Q. Can C Umpires go out of County and Region to attend a B course?**

A. Yes.

**Q. Do I have to have a mentor before applying for my Pre-assessment?**

A. No.

It is not mandatory to be mentored before applying for an assessment. However, it will be helpful to you if you can work with a mentor (ideally one who is a B Award Assessor), who can help you to progress to the appropriate standard.

Please contact your County Umpiring Secretary for details of mentors.

**Q. Is it important which matches I umpire as evidence for my Log Book?**

A. Yes.

The Log Book must contain a variety of matches which are appropriate to the level of the B award. (This must include a minimum of at least 6 matches as identified by Regional Umpiring Personnel within L&SER)

**Q. Do I have to attend a B Award Written Assessment Course before applying for my Written Assessment?**

A. No.

However, it is always advisable to do so and there are courses available within the L & SE which are specifically designed to prepare umpires for their written assessments.

**Q. How do I arrange my B Award Pre-assessment?**

A. Please contact your County Umpiring Secretary to request a Pre-assessment. You will need to show the CUS that you have been on a B Award course and have passed the B Award Written Assessment, both of which must have been within the previous two years.

The matches used for Pre-assessments will be of a standard equivalent to that of an Assessment. Please be aware that a successful Pre-assessment means that the Assessor considers that the candidate is of a suitable standard to take the B Award Assessment, it is not a guarantee that the candidate will pass the B Award Practical Assessment

**Q. Can my Mentor take my Pre-assessment?**

A. No.

Your Mentor must not be involved with your Pre-assessment. The Assessor can be from another county.

**Q. What is expected of me at a Pre-assessment?**

A. C Umpires will be expected to be match fit and the Assessor will only sign the B application form if this fitness is maintained for the whole duration of the match. The Assessor will also be looking at the candidate's quality of umpiring and her/his personal skills.

Please refer to the B Award Application form for details of the Pre-assessment requirements.

**Q. Who is responsible for the travelling expenses of the Assessor for a Pre-assessment?**

A. The C Umpire. The C Umpire should check with the Assessor before the date of the Pre-assessment what her/his expenses are likely to be.

**Q. Is the C Umpire paid by the team for umpiring when being Pre-assessed or Assessed?**

A. No.

Counties and the Region must make this clear to the teams involved in the Pre-assessment and Assessment.

**Q. What happens if I am injured after my Pre-assessment?**

A. The form must be submitted to the L & SE Regional Umpiring Secretary within one month of the date of a successful pre-assessment. The Assessment must be arranged as soon as possible but definitely within six months of the receipt of the application.

If there is more than six months between the date of the pre-assessment and the date of the assessment, the Region reserves the right to ask for another pre-assessment. If this delay is due to a significant injury or illness /surgery, another Pre-assessment will be required before an Assessment can be set up for the C umpire.

It is the responsibility of the C Umpire to ensure that, during the waiting period for an Assessment, she/he maintains their fitness and quality of umpiring.

**Q. When will I know about my B Award Assessment?**

A. The Assessment is set up by the Region. The Assessment is usually set up outside of the C umpire's normal umpiring environment i.e. outside of their County. Detailed instructions will be sent to the C Umpires and Assessors in plenty of time.

**Q. When will I have to submit my Fitness Test?**

A. The Fitness test would have to be completed within six weeks prior to taking the Practical Assessment. As soon as your Assessment date is confirmed your Fitness test must be completed and submitted to the RUS as soon as is possible. The C Umpire must reach a minimum of level 5.1 on the Multi stage fitness test. A copy of the fitness form will need to be forwarded to the RUS.

**Q. What should I do if I am injured/unwell when I receive my Assessment date?**

A. This is a personal decision for the C Umpire.

However, if you do not think that you will be fully fit on the assessment date, please consider whether it would be better to ask for another Assessment date, when you expect to be fully fit and can perform to your best.

**Q. If I do not pass my Practical Assessment at the first attempt how long do I have to wait before I can retake the Practical Assessment?**

A. Three months is the minimum period before a C award umpire who has not passed the B award practical assessment may reapply. S/he does not have to attend another Course, or take the Written Assessment, unless the period of two years has elapsed.

The C award umpire is required to list at least three matches of the approved standard in the Log Book and is required to complete both the necessary Practical pre-Assessment and Fitness test.

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