

IMPORTANT ALL UMPIRES PLEASE READ

It has come to my attention from members of the committee that umpires are umpiring dressed inappropriately for matches at MMNL. I would like to remind teams and umpires of the rules regarding umpiring and the requirements of an umpire.

AENA OFFICIAL NETBALL RULES

RULE 3 OFFICIALS

3.1 UMPIRES

There shall be two umpires and preferably a Reserve Umpire who shall be seated beside the Official bench. The two Umpires shall have control of the game and give decisions. They shall umpire according to the rules and decide on any matter not covered by the rules [refer to Rule 19] the decisions of the umpire shall be final and shall be given without appeal.

3.1.5 UMPIRES SHALL WEAR SUITABLE CLOTHES THAT ARE PREFERABLY WHITE OR CREAM IN COLOUR. SUITABLE SPORTS FOOTWEAR SHALL BE WORN.

Rule 3.1.5 does not allow umpires to umpire in work clothes, dresses or skirts that are not fit for purpose. Sandals, high heeled boots and outdoor shoes will not be allowed.

If any umpire is observed by a member of the committee or senior umpire wearing inappropriate footwear or clothes they will be asked to stand down from the match that they are umpiring. Teams will forfeit the match and points will be deducted if an umpire is asked to stand down

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