

Returning to Umpire Information

Thank you for expressing an interest in returning to umpire. We are keen to support you with your umpiring journey.

To make a safe and enjoyable to umpiring we would kindly recommend:

- Refreshing your knowledge of the rules via the most updated version of the rules book which is available online at: <https://netball.sport/game/the-rules-of-netball/>
- Attending a rules / umpiring workshop especially if there have been recent rules updates
- Review Netball NI umpiring learning management system
- Maintaining an appropriate level of fitness to permit appropriate movement along the side line and goal line at a pace relevant to play
- Contacting an experienced umpire for some advice

If you are unsure who to approach, please contact the Netball NI Office Head of Development (headofdevelopment@netballnii.org) or Officiating Working Group (nniofficialswgroup@gmail.com) who can direct you to a suitably experienced umpire.

As you will be aware, when you originally were assessed for your umpiring award, there were specific competencies necessary to obtain your award. These can be provided to refresh you of the appropriate skills required. In returning to umpire after a break of more than two* years, we are keen to ensure that returning umpires reach to same competencies required to ensure the safety of all players involved. As such, an assessor will undertake a review of your umpiring ability in an observation/ assessment exercise. The outcome of this may be:

1. You are permitted to return to umpire at the same grade you previously were awarded
2. You are permitted to return to umpire at a lower grade than previously awarded
3. You are not currently permitted to umpire in organised competition but will be provided with constructive feedback on umpiring areas to address with the view to future reassessment of your umpiring capabilities.

We look forward to welcoming you back into our umpiring family.