Umpiring with NetSetGo

Umpiring in NetSetGo is more than enforcing rules and blowing a whistle. The focus should be about fostering an environment where the players start to love the game. It's about giving the players clear directions and encouragement when infringements happen, so that the players learn what is expected in a game and how the game should flow.

***Who is allowed on the court in a NetSetGo game?***

* Players get confused with multiple people telling them different things, so **one adult only from each team** should be on the court giving direction.
* Only the umpire OR the coach is allowed on the court during the game
* Charlestown Netball Association's preference is for the coach to umpire and be the team’s adult on the court

Unlike regular games, NetSetGo umpires will find they spend most of the game on the court with players, directing play and teaching the players about the game in motion. For example, this will mean actively showing players how to stand out-of-play for an infringement (and explaining why), showing them how they might have been off-side, correcting direction of play, etc. Often it is easier for the NetSetGo umpires to do this on court, rather than from the sidelines. As players gain more skills and awareness, the NetSetGo umpires will more time along the sidelines, transitioning players to regular rules.

***As an NetSetGo umpire, you should:***

* Use simple language and explain decisions so that all players understand what has happened
* Umpire according to the skill level of the players
* Adopt the role of a ‘teacher-umpire’ rather than a ‘rule enforcer’
* Look after both teams in the area of your control
* Adopt an encouraging manner to ensure the game is free flowing – this may mean letting infringements go as long as you do the same for both sides
* Use common sense to ensure the ‘spirit of the game’ for children is not lost by overcalling the game

**Please learn the NetSetGo rules**, as these rules differ from Junior and Senior games.  The rules for NetSetGo recognise that children are not mini-adults and helps them learn at a pace which suits their age and ability.

All CNA Clubs are registered NetSetGo centres and all NetSetGo coaches should have a copy of the NetSetGo modified rules. If you don’t have a copy of the NetSetGo rules, please contact your club.

***Relevant Netball NSW links***

[NetSetGo Resources](https://nsw.netball.com.au/netsetgo-centre-resource-library)

[Modified Rules Summary for NetSetGo](https://nsw.netball.com.au/sites/nsw/files/2020-06/ModifiedRulesSummary.pdf)