

NETBALL VICTORIA

2026 ENDORSED UMPIRE TESTER CRITERIA

The National Umpire Development Framework (NUDF) developed by Netball Australia sets out the minimum standard* required for umpire testers of practical assessments. Through consultation with the netball community and staff, Netball Victoria developed the Endorsed Tester List to complement the NUDF requirements and to set the benchmark in umpiring standards. With proven success since its implementation, and positive community responses, Netball Victoria will continue to utilise the Endorsed Testers List in 2026.

To be part of a testing panel for a practical assessment at a Netball Victoria affiliated association or league, all testers are required to be on the Netball Victoria Endorsed Umpire Tester List. To be eligible to be on the Endorsed Umpire Tester List, testers must meet **all** the criteria from the relevant category below.

CURRENT TESTERS (included on the 2025 Endorsed Tester List):

- 2026 Netball Victoria membership & registered on Netball Connect as a 2026 NV Endorsed Umpire Tester.
- Valid Working with Children Check, with accurate details uploaded on Netball Connect.
- Attendance at a Netball Victoria Tester Meeting in 2026
- *On-court umpires* - Current Umpire Accreditation (updated as outlined in the NUDF) and held for at least 2 years prior to testing.
- *Off-court umpires* - Umpire Accreditation held for at least 2 years prior to testing.
- Rules of Netball exam (with a pass mark relevant to badge level), completed within the last four years.

PREVIOUS TESTERS (not included on the 2024 Endorsed Tester List but have tested previously):

- 2026 Netball Victoria membership & registered on Netball Connect as a 2026 NV Endorsed Umpire Tester.
- Valid Working with Children Check, with accurate details uploaded on Netball Connect.
- Attendance at a Netball Victoria Tester Meeting in 2026
- *On-court umpires* - Current Umpire Accreditation (updated as outlined in the NUDF) and held for at least 2 years prior to testing.
- *Off-court umpires* - Umpire Accreditation held for at least 2 years prior to testing.
- Rules of Netball exam (with a pass mark relevant to badge level), completed within the last four years.
- Written request to be included on Endorsed Tester List submitted to NV (workforce@netballvic.com.au).

NEW TESTERS (no previous testing experience):

- 2026 Netball Victoria membership & registered on Netball Connect as a 2026 NV Endorsed Umpire Tester.
- Valid Working with Children Check, with accurate details uploaded on Netball Connect.
- Attendance at a Netball Victoria Tester Meeting in 2026
- *On-court umpires* - Current Umpire Accreditation (updated as outlined in the NUDF) and held for at least 2 years prior to testing.
- *Off-court umpires* - Umpire Accreditation held for at least 2 years prior to testing.
- Rules of Netball exam (with a pass mark relevant to badge level), completed within the last four years.
- Completion of 3 games as a cadet tester with a senior mentor (who does not form part of the testing panel).
- Signed letter from an Endorsed Tester or appropriate association/league representative submitted to NV (workforce@netballvic.com.au) advising the cadet has completed the cadet games and meets the standard* level required be placed on the Endorsed Tester List.

* National Umpire Development Framework 8.1.2 – 'It is essential that the testers are aware of the competency standards established for each badge level, and make their assessment based on the criteria provided. In addition, they must understand the distinctions between the different badge levels, and the advancement in skill and understanding that an umpire must display to progress.