

Officiating Report

Berkshire Netball

AGM Report 2023/2024 Season

22nd August 2024

The 2023/2024 season is another season which has been very successful with many candidates taking assessments and passing.

Into Officiating

All theory courses are now online and we have had record numbers of Berkshire umpires attending these.

Once these candidates have completed the 2 part course they are being picked up by their leagues and have received mentoring to progress to the assessment. This season as a result we now have 52 new Into officiating umpires. I am very grateful to Charters, Bracknell, Reading and Maidenhead leagues for providing this support and also many teams in the County helping these umpires on the Umpiring ladder.

C Award

Many qualified umpires in the leagues in the county have taken up the challenge to mentor new and up and coming umpires towards the C award assessment and qualification.

Once the C award course has been completed online they complete a written paper, complete a log book of matches umpired during the season. Once the umpire and mentor feel happy with the progress of the umpire they apply for the practical assessment.

We now have 26 new C award umpires. My grateful thanks to all those who have been involved in supporting these umpires.

Progression to B award & A award.

The county are always very keen to support any umpires wishing to progress along the officiating pathway to a higher level. We provide mentors to give them support. All B award courses are now online with a one day face to face practical workshop. All courses are booked through EnGage.

Many congratulations to Erin Graham who passed her A award practical and Clare van Spall who passed her B award practical this season.

Also to Lara Hall who passed the B/A written paper in June and Kerry Grundy in February.

New Assessors

I am pleased to let you know that our 2 new Into assessors from last season have progressed to C award assessors. Congratulations to Toni Brunsdon and Clare van Spall. This gives us more assessors in our County pool of assessors.

National Schools

An excellent team of umpires were invited to the Berkshire Round of National Schools and all were given mentoring support on the day. Thank you to all those involved. The Tournament for the new season is being held on the 12th October at Theale Green School

Congratulations also go to Bev Goodman who received the South Region One award in the Community Grass Roots category, and will go forward to the National event in October at the National Motorcycle Museum Also Clare van Spall who had been nominated for a Get Berkshire Active award and won.

My many thanks to all involved in progressing the umpires in the county and for giving me the support you do. This helped make the county successful for the 2023/204 season.

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