



Parkville Mentor Development Program

March 2025

Program Purpose

The purpose of the **Parkville Mentor Development Program (PMD)** is to provide identified C and B Badged umpires with an opportunity to provide focussed coaching, development opportunities and support over and above that offered as part of the standard setup to umpires within the **Parkville Umpire Development Program (PUD)**.

The goal is to have an increase in the number of quality Umpire Mentors/Coaches assisting with the development of beginner umpires helping to grow our umpire Badge numbers at Parkville.

Program form

The Parkville Mentor Development Program will be based around the Parkville Umpire Development Program and the Netball Victoria/Australia mentor workshops.

Mentor Selection

Selection will be by nomination by Umpire Supervisors and individual umpire applications.

A selection process will be undertaken by the Parkville Competitions Coordinator in conjunction with umpire supervisors with the below criteria in mind.

Criteria on which selection will be based will be:

- Regularly Umpires at Parkville during the week
- Have completed the Rules of Netball Theory Exam on Netball Learning
- Preferable have completed the Netball Victoria Mentor Workshop (not essential prior to selection)
- Demonstrated or expressed commitment to self-improvement
- Commitment to helping with the development of their peers and junior umpires
- Has a current Umpire C Badge or higher accreditation recorded on Netball Learning (priority of B Badge and higher accredited umpires first)
- Has a valid Working with Children Check
- Is a Registered Netball Victoria Membership on Netball Connect

Program components

Enrolled into a Netball Victoria Mentor Workshop

Each umpire in the program will be asked to attend and complete a Netball Victoria Mentor Workshop if not already completed in the last 4 years.

If already completed, proof must be provided from Netball Learning upon application or nomination.

Assigned a Parkville Development Umpire

Each Development Mentor in the program will have one to two umpires selected from the Parkville Umpire Development Program assigned to them as their development mentee. This will make the Development Mentor their mentee's lead umpire coach.

While development umpires will be coached by a range of supervisors, their lead umpire coach will have responsibility for tracking their progress, being a point of contact and providing an end-of-season summary.

Feedback notebook

Each umpire in the program will receive a feedback notebook (see partner document), which it is expected they will bring to each game.

Lead umpire coaches will use this to record feedback from games observed based on a Keep/Start/Stop model.

Education sessions

Three group education sessions will be held for the group participants, those being:

- Rules exploration, and how these are applied
- Communication & Procedures workshop
- A third workshop topic will be chosen at the discretion of the development mentor group, depending on what they believe is suitable for the selected group

Mentor Nomination & Application

To nominate an umpire that meets the criteria here:

https://netballvictoria.formstack.com/forms/parkville_netball_mentor_development_program



To independently apply for the program, apply here:

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