



## INTO OFFICIATING AWARD

A Learners step by step guide to the Into Officiating Award (IOA) in Hertfordshire.

### Step 1: England Netball Website

- Go to England Netball (EN) website & under Officiating section book onto the IOA online courses. <https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/course/into-officiating-course/>
- The INTO Award consists of 2 x 2-hour online sessions delivered by an England Netball Tutor. The cost for these 2 sessions is £45 - payable directly to EN.

### Step 2: Practical Group Mentoring Session -Optional

- All Counties within the East Region offer a 2 hour practical group mentoring session which is tutored by a qualified England Netball Tutor and a qualified England Netball assessor. This practical group mentoring session will align and compliment the online course.
- On completion of the 2 online courses Learners will be required to contact their County Officiating Lead.
- Learners will receive information on how to book onto a practical group mentoring session.
- On completion of the practical group mentoring session, all Learners will receive clear guidance and feedback on their next steps to conversion.
- Most learners will, where possible, receive mentoring support as they move to the practical assessment. League Leads will support this process.
- There is a £10 cost for these sessions.

### Step 3: Putting into practice what you have learnt

Most learners will be able to practice with their affiliated Club during training sessions and / or within their affiliated League but ONLY if the League rules allow.

- Learners who are U16/U18 may NOT be permitted to practice within their affiliated League owing to League rules. These learners are advised to practice within a school / education environment or if their affiliated Club has youth teams.
- Learners over 16/18years old will need to liaise with their affiliated Club and/or League Officiating Lead to discuss / arrange opportunities to practice

#### **Step 4: How to apply for the Practical assessment**

Following completion of the second online session Learners have 2 years to take the practical assessment.

- Learners will need to liaise with their League Officiating Lead & IOA mentor who will recommend when the Learner is ready to apply for the practical assessment.
- Application forms for the practical assessment can be downloaded from the Hertfordshire website and sent to the assessment co-ordinator.
- The Practical assessment is assessed by an EN assessor. The cost is £35 payable to the County. Application form on Hertfordshire website <http://hertfordshire.englandnetball.org>
- Practical IOA assessments will primarily take place on the Welwyn Garden City Junior League -Stanborough School, Welwyn Garden City or at any other designated venue within the County.

#### **Step 5: What happens next?**

- If you do wish to progress on your umpiring pathway the next step is the C Award [England Netball | C Award Umpire Course](#)
- From September 2021 all Learners who successfully pass do not have to progress to the Europe Netball C Award.

Good luck and enjoy your umpiring!

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