

NETBALL COUNTIES MANUKAU REGION BENCH OFFICIAL INFORMATION SHEET 2012

Thank you for your expression of interest in training to be a bench official. The aim of this document is to give you some background information about what is involved so that you can make an informed decision about joining our programme.

On behalf of Netball New Zealand, each region operates the NNZ Bench Officials Programme. Each region has a coordinator who is responsible for leading the programme. In Netball Counties Manukau Region, the coordinator is Sue Miller. Bench officials are all volunteers.

BENCH OFFICIAL ROLES

- 1) Scorers (two different roles)
- 2) Timekeepers (two different roles)
- 3) Substitute Writers (two undertaking the same role)
- 4) Bench Referee

KEY COMPETENCIES REQUIRED

- Legibility of figures, writing and symbols must be neat and clearly and consistently formed
- Mathematical skills of accurate addition of statistics and checking of figure work
- Ability to concentrate of focus must be on the game throughout of no unnecessary talking
- Teamwork of each individual bench official is part of the team of the ability to work with others is most important
- Adherence of procedures of there are set procedures which must be followed with no variation permitted

PROTOCOLS FOR BENCH OFFICIALS

- Appearance must be tidy and presentable
- Behaviour is to be without bias towards either team
- Pleasant and cooperative demeanour
- No food is to be on, chewed or eaten at the score bench during a game, although water bottles are permitted

REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME

- 1) Seminar (approximately three hours) covering all roles
- 2) Practice on local/Centre games (preferably with an accredited bench official)
- 3) Assessment for Regional Certificate
- 4) In order to make progress, trainees will need to be available to train on NCMR games, eg Super 12, RPL. These games are played on Friday nights.

NOTE: the minimum time for this process is one year, usually it will take up to two years.

NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

- 1) Through the region, apply to officiate at NNZ run events, ie NZSS, NZAGC, LFNC
- 2) Assessment for National Certificate and NZ Vest

NOTE: the minimum time for this process is one year after regional accreditation, depending on availability of games at the required level.