



Call for Nominations – 2026 AMMNA Australian Championships

AMMNA invites umpires satisfying the criteria outlined below to nominate to umpire at the 2026 AMMNA Australian Championships to be held in Perth from Sunday 5 April to Saturday 11 April 2025. Umpires are asked to note that the commitment for all pool umpires begins at 12pm on Saturday 4 April.

Eligibility

AMMNA aims to provide the highest standard of Umpiring at the Australian Championships by selecting the most suitable pool to achieve this.

All Umpires with a National B Badge or higher are eligible to apply. National C Badged Umpires will be considered only with endorsement from the AMMNA Member and having completed a reference check that may include their relevant AMMNA or Netball Australia State Member Organisations.

AMMNA understands that Umpires involved in the high-performance programs of both World Netball and Netball Australia may not be in a position to apply formally. AMMNA will accept any IUA or AA Badged Umpires into the Australian Championships Umpire Pool.

All Umpires are expected to achieve Level 14.5 on a Yo-Yo Fitness Test. Umpires are required to submit their results at specific dates in the lead up to the Australian Championships, and may be required to retest under supervision, if requested by UCAP, including up to one day prior to the commencement of the tournament.

Code of Conduct

All Umpires and Umpire Coaches are expected to provide a signed copy of the Code of Conduct for Umpires prior to the commencement of the Championships. This framework provides for the expected behaviour, both on and off court, of all AMMNA Umpires at both the Australian Championships and any International events.

Minimum Games

AMMNA appreciates that Umpires are responsible for many of the expenses incurred while attending the Australian Championship even with the Umpire Subsidy. The Umpire Coaching and Allocations Panel will aim to provide Umpires at least one game per day, prior to the commencement of the finals series, taking into consideration injuries and load management. However, it is likely that umpires will be allocated to two games on some days.

A reserve / day pool may be established with Umpires from the Host State to assist with the game load.



Round Allocations

To enable Umpires to organise themselves and their nutrition and recovery, allocations will be provided to Umpires no later than 8pm on the evening prior to each day of competition.

Allocations are based on performance. Should an Umpire not be performing to the expected level, the AMMNA Umpire Director will convene a meeting with the Umpire and the relevant State/Territory Member to discuss their performance and any proposed plans.

Finals Allocations

Only Pool Umpires will be eligible to umpire the Finals games.

Umpire Development

An Umpire Development Workshop will be held on Saturday 5 April, beginning at 12pm. All Pool Umpires are expected to attend.

Umpires Oath

An Umpire will be selected to give the Umpires Oath on behalf of all Umpires at the Australian Championships Opening Ceremony.

Umpire Manager

An Umpire Manager will assist with the day to day logistics during the Australian Championships. Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

1. Liaising with the Umpire Coaching and Allocation Panel to convene any meetings etc
2. Liaising with members of the Umpire Pool prior to the Australian Championships regarding information pertaining to their involvement
3. Assisting Umpires with any medical attention or treatment if not at the courts
4. Troubleshooting any off-court issues that may arise
5. Distributing allocations by 8pm once finalised by the Panel
6. Liaising with AMMNA Committee members to establish protocols for food, physiotherapists & transport.
7. Ensuring open communication with all Umpires on any matters pertaining to the Umpire Pool

The Nomination Process

Umpires wishing to be considered for selection to umpire at the 2026 AMMNA Australian Championships are asked to adhere to the following process:

1. Complete the nomination at this link <https://form.jotform.com/250047390961053>.
2. A non-refundable \$75 nomination application fee is required upon submission. This fee will be deducted from the invoice issued to the umpire when selected into the Pool. Invoices will be provided to selected Umpires no later than 31 January 2026, with full payment expected no later than 31 March 2026.
3. Achieve 14.5 or higher on the Yo-Yo Fitness Test.
 - a. IUA, AA, and A Badged umpires will be granted provisional acceptance of their nomination upon receipt of the nomination form and a confirmed, endorsed Yo-Yo test result of 14.5 or higher achieved at least 6 weeks prior to the Australian Championships. However, this provisional acceptance may be subject to review if there have been any concerns identified by AMMNA, Member States, Netball Australia, or associated members.
 - b. B Badged Umpires must submit a Yo-Yo fitness test result before 1 January 2026. This can be:
 - A video recording of the umpire doing the test, completed in one session, with the video showing the entire course, and with no breaks in the footage. AMMNA reserves the right to ask for a retest if there is any question as to the validity of the test. Please contact the Umpire Director for instructions as to the process for submitting the video recording
 - A supervised group test session organised by a Netball Australia Member Organisation in your State
 - A supervised group session facilitated by a UCAP Member – UCAP members will advise their availability to umpires who have nominated.

National B Badged Umpire nominations will only be confirmed on receipt of an acceptable Yo-Yo result by the methods advised above.

Nominations close at 5pm (AEDT) on Sunday 7 December, 2025.

Please direct all enquiries to the AMMNA Umpire Director, Sue Floro at:

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