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	Selection of Umpires for League Semi-finals and Finals	

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Netball Ireland (NI) use this policy to appropriately select umpires for league semi-finals and finals.

2.0 PURPOSE

To standardise the selection of umpires for league semi-finals and finals based on the current ranking of all NI umpires. This will ensure that the most highly qualified, available umpires are assigned to the highest ranked matches.

3.0 SCOPE

This procedure applies to all Women’s Senior League semi-finals and finals. NI follows the guidance of its regional governing body – Europe Netball (EN) – with regards to the ranking of all officials; umpires who are further along the development pathway are ranked higher than those who have completed fewer stages (see NI’s Umpiring Pathway SOP NI-1032 and EN’s Officiating Pathway).

4.0 ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES


The Umpiring Convenor will maintain an up-to-date log of qualified umpires – which includes contact details and ranking (NI-3014 Umpire Log and Ranking) – and use this to assign umpires accordingly to games when required. This log will be stored in the shared drive.

The Umpiring Convenor will also send notification to all umpires in advance of semi/finals in order to check availability.

The League Administrator will provide the Umpiring Convenor with a list of umpires who officiate at each league match during the season – a record of which will be kept.

All umpires will be unofficially assessed throughout the season by qualified assessors/the Umpiring Convenor (and can request mentoring from the same). This will affect the umpire’s ranking within a grade (see 5.0) – e.g. two C-Award umpires, both grade 6, will be ranked one higher than the other based on their performance evaluations throughout the season.

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When an umpire has been selected to officiate at a semi/final, they must confirm their availability a month in advance and fulfil this commitment. Exemptions will be permitted for unforeseen unavailability (e.g. injury/illness).

5.0 UMPIRE RANKING

NI umpires will be ranked in the following order –

- Grade 1: A-Award umpires
- Grade 2: B-Award umpires who have passed pre-assessment for A-Award
- Grade 3: B-Award umpires who have passed written assessment for A-Award
- Grade 4: B-Award umpires
- Grade 5: C-Award umpires who have passed pre-assessment/written assessment for B-Award
- Grade 6: C-Award umpires who have been advised to go for B-Award
- Grade 7: C-Award umpires
- Grade 8: Umpires who have passed C-Award pre-assessment/written assessment
- Grade 9: Umpires who have attended the NI beginner course and/or EN C-Award course

6.0 MATCH RANKING

Women's Senior League Finals are ranked as follows:

1. Division 1 Final
2. Division 2 Final

Women's Senior League Semi Finals are ranked as follows:

1. Division 1: 2nd vs. 3rd
2. Division 1: 1st vs. 4th
3. Division 2: 2nd vs. 3rd
4. Division 2: 1st vs. 4th

Please note, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th placings above correspond to team standings on the Divisions results table after the completion of all league matches.

When Finals are played on the same day, or when more than one semi-final is played on one day, umpires will officiate one match each.

7.0 DOCUMENT HISTORY

- Version 01: This is a new Policy
- Version 02: 'Europe Netball' name-change amendment

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8.0 ABBREVIATIONS & DEFINITIONS

NI Netball Ireland

EN Europe Netball

9.0 REFERENCE

NI-1032 Umpiring Pathway (SOP)

NI-3014 Umpire Log and Ranking

EN Officiating Pathway (www.europenetball.com)