

# **Officiating Report**

## **Berkshire Netball**

### **AGM Report 2024/2025 season**

**24<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

The 2024/2025 season has been as busy as ever. Assessments are progressing well with good systems in place for both Into and C award.

Our Assessor team now stands at 12 and this has helped when it comes to setting up assessment. All the leagues have set up excellent mentoring schemes adding support to new umpires and these are progressing to taking the assessments.

#### **Assessor Workforce**

Julie Arnold  
Janice Treasure  
Vanessa Clothier  
Jen Luyten-Hawkins  
Toni Brunsdon  
Sue Garrett  
Bev Goodman  
Angie Farr  
Margaret Deighan  
Clare van Spall  
Chris Obin  
Mary Stanley

#### **Into Officiating**

All the Into Officiating Courses are now virtual in two parts. Both parts must be completed before applying for the Into Assessment. This is when the leagues have picked them up and they have been mentored towards taking the Assessment.

This season 37 candidates have passed the assessment with 4 having submitted applications and will be assessed this Summer.

Thank you to all the leagues for providing mentors for this most important part to the umpire's progress. Many congratulations to you all.

#### **C Award**

The mentoring schemes in all the leagues has been very valuable in progressing the Umpires on to the next level. The course again virtual and in two parts, plus a written paper which is valid for 2 years. This season 14 candidates have passed the assessment. 10 more candidates are going to be assessed this Summer. Many congratulations to you all. My thanks go to all the assessors and mentors who have helped and supported these umpires this season.

#### **Progressions to B Award and A award.**

The County is always keen to support any umpires wishing to progress along the umpiring pathway to a higher level. We provide mentors to them for support. All B award courses are online, plus a one-day face to face practical workshop. All courses booked online through ENgage.

Many congratulations to Helen Bond who passed her A award practical. Diane Long, Connor Sharod-Southam, Maria Thorley and Lolly McDonald who all passed the B award. You are all a credit to the County. The B/A award written paper was taken on the 14<sup>th</sup> June and Connor S-S, Bethan Lander and Elise Sikorski sat this, Good luck to you all.

Please make sure if you wish to attend a course that you send An Expression of Interest google form in. That way you are more than likely to get onto the next tranche of courses when announced.

### **Super League & Premier League Technical Officials**

The County is represented by several members as Technical Officials to London Pulse. Eagles N C and Downs N C, Julie Arnold, Toni Brunsdon, Sue Garrett, Debbie Horn, Jane Chaliss and Mary Stanley.

### **Berkshire National Schools**

The date for this season has been announced 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at Theale Green School. Umpires, please add this to your diary, I will be inviting you all very soon to umpire at the event.

**Berkshire Umpires have been nominated for the ONE awards, I will not name them they will find out on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June when the South Awards event is being held at Gorse Hill Hotel in Hook Heath, Woking.**

### **Rules Forum**

The County held a Rules Forum for Umpires and Coaches after the introduction of the Amended Rules on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025. 40 people attended. Hopefully finding it a useful event.

My many thanks to all involved in progressing the umpires in the County and for giving me so much support. This help make the County as successful as it has been for 2024/2025.

Mary Stanley  
County Officiating Lead.