

Officiating Report
Berkshire Netball
A G M Report 2025/2026 season
20th August 2026

The 2025/26 season has been very busy in many ways. All assessments have been progressing well with many good systems in place in the leagues to support train and mentor candidates in preparation for the eventual assessments.

I have an Assessment team of 12, this helps when it comes to setting assessments up. The candidates do not have to wait too long after the application is sent in.

Into Officiating Award

All the Into Officiating Courses are virtual and for the next tranche of courses 15 candidates have booked a place. Both parts of the Virtual course must be completed within a time scale. After the course it is suggested that they go back to their teams and leagues to obtain the practical training they will need before apply for the Assessment. At the moment I have two applications waiting for the start of the new season. This season 35 candidates have passed the assessment. Many congratulations to you all.

C Award

The mentoring schemes in all the leagues have been very valuable in progressing the Umpires on to the next level. The course again is virtual and in two parts, plus a written paper which is valid for two years. This season 17 candidates have passed the assessment. No outstanding applications are held. Many congratulations to you all. My very grateful thanks go to all my assessors and mentors who have helped and supported this group of umpires. 6 candidates have booked on courses.

Progression to B award and A Award.

The County is always available to support any umpires wishing to progress along the umpiring pathway to a higher level. All B award Courses are on line, plus a one day Face to Face practical workshop. One candidate has booked for a course.

Once the course is completed a Written exam is taken. This is held 3 times a year, Feb, June and October. Be aware that the Deadline dates for sitting this exam is at least a month before you take the paper.

Many congratulations to Rebecca Bole and Pete Watts who both passed the B award assessment this season.

All courses are booked on line through EnGage, to reserve a space make sure an Expression of Interest form is sent in to England Netball. This helps in securing a place.

National Competitions

Our A & B award umpires have been busy at National Comps and should be very proud of the progress they are making. Erin Graham and Helen Bond.

Berkshire Schools.

Dates have been announced November 7th /14th & 28th at Wellington College.

Please add these dates to your diary and I will be inviting you all very soon to umpire at the event.

Super League and Premier League Technical Officials

The County is represented by Technical Officials to London Pulse Eagles and The Downs and now Royals have joined the Premier League we will be supporting them. Many congratulations to Royals who after many years of trying to get into the Premier League have now been successful.

Centenary One Awards

Berkshire has been very successful with 3 winners all who hold major positions in the County and leagues. Many congratulations to Julie Arnold, Debbie Horn and Su Oliver. Good luck at the National Awards to be held in Birmingham in October.

Commonwealth Games

Congratulations to Toni Brunsdon who was selected as a Technical Official and was involved in the scoring team for the final.

Many thanks to all involved in progressing the umpires in the County and for giving me so much support. This had helped the County be as successful as it has been for 2025/2026.

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