



HCNA UMPIRES GUIDE TO PROFESSIONAL ETHICS.

The duty of each umpire is to act as an **impartial** judge on the playing of the game of Netball. All umpires are required to observe high standards of conduct and to exercise reasonable skill and care. The Herts Officials Technical Group issues the following Code of Conduct for the following Leagues:

Herts County League – all Divisions

An umpire is deemed as a **neutral official** who umpires any match professionally. The umpire should **take no part** in coaching or the administration of any team they are officiating. It is imperative that the umpire maintains neutrality to avoid any possible controversies.

Local Leagues

An umpire is deemed as a **neutral official** who umpires any match professionally. Whilst undertaking this role, the umpire in the **top two divisions**, should make every effort to avoid coaching and/or administrating the team they are officiating. A compromise and a degree of flexibility is acceptable for the **lower divisions**, especially where youth teams are involved.

NOTE: Additional information may be found on the England Netball Website:

[https://www.EnglandNetball.co.uk/Conduct and Disciplinary Regulations](https://www.EnglandNetball.co.uk/Conduct_and_Disciplinary_Regulations)