

Marker's Report Zone Theory August 2015

99 of 163 umpires were successful in this exam (61%). This was lower than the 69% pass rate in May.

Congratulations to Shelly Harrison (Christchurch) who scored 100%! A fantastic effort – Well Done!
Special mention also to Courtney McCrostie (Invercargill), Chris Clay (Wellington) and Julie-Ann Hallet (Te Aroha) who all scored 49.

It was pleasing to see an improvement and high marks being gained in the long answer questions but disappointing to see a number of umpires still losing marks in Questions 10 – 17 where the correct answer was already provided. This was often the difference between a Pass or Fail. As we outlined in May, the intention of these questions is to clearly test an umpires' rule knowledge without focussing on the wording required in the answer.

It was noticeable that a number of umpires were simply not prepared for this step in their umpiring journey. We would like to reiterate a historic message to Centre's to ensure an umpire's practical experience and associated rule knowledge is of a sufficient level to give them every chance of passing this exam. This will be even more important in 2016 with Rule Changes taking effect from 1 January.

Areas for future reference:

- Question 2a: Umpires cannot toss for sides until the teams have advised them and the scorers the result of their toss.
- Question 3: This common question continues to be poorly answered.
- Question 4: Umpires need to be able to identify the hand signals as set out in the Appendix of the Rule Book.
- Question 9: Poorly answered. Many umpires did not know the different types of whistles and when they are required to be used.
- Question 10d: Umpires often overlooked a Toss up is not awarded to a team.
- Question 13: A player may tip the ball once or more than once before gaining possession. A tip is uncontrolled.
- Question 15: In the current Rules, when the opposition team catches a Centre pass in the Goal Third, play continues. The advantage rule does not apply.
- Question 19: Poorly answered. Umpires need to ensure they understand the Effective Game Management Guidelines.
- Question 20: Most umpires did not recognise that advantage would apply as the goal was successful.
- Question 23b: The penalty for inappropriate comments from a coach is very specific and must be a Free Pass on court in the first instance.
- Question 25: Umpires needed to explain why the advantage rule should be applied to gain full marks.
- Question 26b: Umpires need to clearly state that only the GS can be substituted and no other team changes are permitted.

Congratulations to all those candidates who have been successful in this exam.
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ANSWERS

(I = Infringement, A = Action, R = Reason, EGMG = Effective Game Management Guidelines)

Question		Answer	Rule & Protocol Reference
1	a	Off the court	3.1.2 (ii) Protocol 2.3
	b	Uniforms, Jewellery, Adornments, the correct length of fingernails	
2	a	After the Captains have notified the result of their toss for goal end or first Centre Pass	3.1.4 Protocol 2.5
	b	Northern half (Official Bench side)	
3		The Team Officials and up to 5 players not on court	3
4		<i>Clockwise from top left:</i> Umpire's Time, Stepping, Obstruction, Obstruction	Appendix
5	a	30.5m (100 feet)	1.1.1
	b	4.9m (16 feet)	1.1.3
	c	Up to 2 minutes	7.2 (iv) Protocol 6.4
	d	(Up to) 30 seconds	7.1 (vi) Protocol 5.3
6	a	Umpire A	3.1.3 (iii)
	b	Umpire A	3.1.6 (vi)
	c	Umpire B	3.1.6 (iii)
	d	Umpire B	3.1.6 (iv)
7	a	White	12.1.3
	b	Scorer	3.1.6 (iii)
	c	Mid-court	Protocol 9.1
	d	3 minutes	2.1
8		Equipment, Court, weather, injury/illness of an Umpire	7.3 (i)
9	a	More urgent whistle	Protocol 12
	b	Slightly longer whistle than for an infringement	
	c	Long whistle roll	
	d	Medium whistle roll	

Question		Answer	Rule & Protocol Reference
10	a	True	7
	b	True	13.1 (vii)
	c	True	3.1.6 (iii) Protocol 8.2
	d	False	18.1.1
	e	True	20.2.2 Protocol 11.3 (iv)
	f	True	20.1.3
	g	True	15.2 (i) 1.1.5
	h	False	4.3
11		C	10.4
12		C	13.3 18.2.1
13		D	13.1 (iv)(a)
14		A	15.2
15		A	12.2.4
16		B	18.3.2
17		C	13.6.1
18	I	Stepping Black C	14.1 (i)
	A	Free Pass White where Black C jumped forward on to the right foot	
19		Use of voice (informal advice), Change of tone in voice (which may include deliberate pause and/or more deliberate whistle), Calling Time to speak to Black WD	EGMG
20	I	Obstruction White GD	16.2 (i) 3.1.6 (viii)
	A	Let play continue, advantage rule applies, count goal	
	R	White GD lands within 0.9m and interference occurs. To penalise would place Black at a disadvantage.	
21	I	Simultaneous Breaking Black WA/White WD	11.3
	A	Toss Up between Black WA/White WD in the Centre Third where Black WA caught the ball	
	R	As the ball was involved a Toss Up is awarded.	
22	I	(Causing) Contact White GD	17.2 (i)
	A	Penalty Pass or Shot Black where White GD moved in to the landing space of Black GS	
	R	A player cannot move into the path of an opponent who is committed to a particular landing space	

Question		Answer	Rule & Protocol Reference
23	a	Whatever action is considered appropriate including advancing the penalty	19.3
	b	Free Pass White where the ball was when play was stopped	3.4.2
24	I	Over a Third White	18.4.2 (vii)
	A	Free Pass Black in the Centre Third where the ball crossed the Transverse Line	13.6.2
25	I	Contact White WD	17.1
	A	Let play continue, advantage rule applies	3.1.6 (viii)
	R	Penalising would place Black at a disadvantage	
26	a	The Umpires together determine the most appropriate position from which to observe the Court, the players and team benches as well as the incident for which play was stopped. Normally both will move to positions on the team bench Side Line (as for 2 minute injury/illness stoppage) but may remain on their respective sides if it is considered that the stoppage is likely to be brief in duration.	Protocol 6.2
	b	White GS may be substituted or the position left vacant	7.2 (v)
	c	The wound must be adequately covered, blood-stained clothing removed or cleaned, ball and Court cleaned if necessary.	7.2 (iv)