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B/A WRITTEN ASSESSMENT PRACTICE

Free sample paper

Based on the World Netball Rules of Netball, 2024 edition

Question paper

TIME	SECTION 1	SECTION 2
2 hours	**12 questions · 39 marks**	**8 questions · 62 marks**

Before you start

1. Set a timer for two hours and work without the rule book, as you would on the day.
2. Name every infringement by its **Rule Name and Rule Heading**, for example *Contact and Interference*. You don't need rule numbers.
3. Three of the twelve Section 1 questions are **No Action**. Write No Action in the first box and leave the other three empty.
4. For a penalty pass, say which team and position it is against.
5. In Section 2, the marks shown against each box tell you how many points to make.
6. The teams are Red and Blue. Apply the 2024 rules as written, without local or league variations.
7. Mark your work with the separate questions-and-answers version of this paper.

Practice targets

Standard	Section 1	Section 2
A award standard (78%)	31 / 39	49 / 62
B award standard (67%)	27 / 39	42 / 62

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Section 1

12 questions · 39 marks

Twelve short situations. For each, give the infringement as its Rule Name and Rule Heading, the sanction or action, who it goes to, and exactly where it is taken. Three are No Action: write No Action in the first box only. One mark per box.

1 **Red C** receives a pass in the centre third. **Red WA** and **Red GA** are both closely marked. Four seconds later, **Red C** is still holding the ball.

What is the infringement? (Rule Name and Rule Heading)	
What sanction or action would you award?	
Who is the sanction or action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction or action taken?	

2 **Red GK** chases a loose ball towards the transverse line at the edge of **Red**'s defending goal third. **Red GK** cannot stop in time and runs into the centre third with both feet before **Red WD** collects the ball.

What is the infringement? (Rule Name and Rule Heading)	
What sanction or action would you award?	
Who is the sanction or action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction or action taken?	

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3 **Red GA** catches the ball and lands on their left foot. Keeping the left foot grounded, **Red GA** pivots and steps twice with the right foot to find a passing angle. **Red GA** then passes to **Red GS**.

What is the infringement? (Rule Name and Rule Heading)	
What sanction or action would you award?	
Who is the sanction or action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction or action taken?	

4 **Blue WA** leaps for a pass and takes it mid-air. **Blue WA** comes down on their right foot, followed by their left. **Blue WA** then lifts the right foot to turn towards the goal circle, puts it back down, and passes.

What is the infringement? (Rule Name and Rule Heading)	
What sanction or action would you award?	
Who is the sanction or action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction or action taken?	

5 **Blue WA** lofts the ball down the side of the centre third for **Blue C** to run on to. The ball drifts over **Blue C**'s head. Nobody touches it, and it bounces outside the court beyond the side line of the centre third.

What is the infringement? (Rule Name and Rule Heading)	
What sanction or action would you award?	
Who is the sanction or action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction or action taken?	

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6 **Red WA** receives a pass in the centre third and holds the landing position while looking for a team-mate. **Blue WD** stands 0.6 m (2 ft) from **Red WA**'s landing foot with both arms raised to block the pass.

What is the infringement? (Rule Name and Rule Heading)	
What sanction or action would you award?	
Who is the sanction or action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction or action taken?	

7 **Blue WA** jumps from inside the court near the side line and takes the ball mid-air. **Blue WA** releases a pass to **Blue C** before landing outside the court.

What is the infringement? (Rule Name and Rule Heading)	
What sanction or action would you award?	
Who is the sanction or action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction or action taken?	

8 **Blue WA** sprints to receive a pass in the centre third. **Red WD** races for the same pass and bumps into **Blue WA**'s shoulder. The bump knocks **Blue WA** off their running line, and **Blue WA** cannot reach the pass. **Red C** collects the ball.

What is the infringement? (Rule Name and Rule Heading)	
What sanction or action would you award?	
Who is the sanction or action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction or action taken?	

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9 **Blue GD** slips in the centre third and ends up on one knee. A loose ball rolls towards them. Still kneeling, **Blue GD** gathers it into both hands.

What is the infringement? (Rule Name and Rule Heading)	
What sanction or action would you award?	
Who is the sanction or action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction or action taken?	

10 **Red WD** and **Blue WA** race side by side for a loose ball in the centre third. Their arms brush, but neither player is knocked off balance or slowed down, and **Blue WA** gathers the ball.

What is the infringement? (Rule Name and Rule Heading)	
What sanction or action would you award?	
Who is the sanction or action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction or action taken?	

11 **Blue WD** catches a pass in the air and comes down on both feet at the same time, with one foot in **Blue**'s defending goal third and the other in the centre third. **Blue WD** then passes to **Blue GA**, who is standing in **Blue**'s attacking goal third. **Blue GA** takes the ball cleanly.

What is the infringement? (Rule Name and Rule Heading)	
What sanction or action would you award?	
Who is the sanction or action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction or action taken?	

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12 **Red** has the centre pass. A moment before the starting whistle, **Blue WD** steps forward out of **Blue**'s defending goal third and plants a foot on the ground inside the centre third.

What is the infringement? (Rule Name and Rule Heading)	
What sanction or action would you award?	
Who is the sanction or action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction or action taken?	

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Section 2

8 questions · 62 marks

Eight longer situations. Name the rule or rules infringed, give the possible decision or decisions, then set out how the umpire deals with it, step by step, through to the restart. The marks against each box show how much is needed.

1 **Red WD** has the ball in the centre third with both feet planted and is looking for options. **Red WD** jumps from both feet to pass to **Red C**. **Blue WA** moves across to cover the pass, so **Red WD** keeps hold of the ball and lands on both feet.

Rule/s (Rule Name and Rule Heading) (1 mark)	
Possible decision/s (1 mark)	
Application/reasoning (4 marks)	

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2 **Red C** passes across the centre third towards **Red WA**. **Blue WD** gets a fingertip to the ball, which then hits an advertising board standing just outside the side line. No other player touches the ball.

Rule/s (Rule Name and Rule Heading) (1 mark)	
Possible decision/s (1 mark)	
Application/reasoning (4 marks)	

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3 **Blue C** sprints towards the side line to receive a pass in the centre third. As the pass is thrown, **Red WD** moves to intercept it and steps sideways into **Blue C**'s path. **Red WD** is so close that **Blue C** cannot stop or change direction. The two collide, and **Blue C** stumbles but stays on their feet. The ball runs loose to **Red GD**, who catches it.

Rule/s (Rule Name and Rule Heading) (1 mark)	
Possible decision/s (1 mark)	
Application/reasoning (5 marks)	

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4 **Red WA** catches the ball near the side line in **Red**'s attacking goal third. **Blue WD** reaches across to try to tip the ball. **Blue WD** catches **Red WA**'s forearm and pulls them off balance. **Red WA** still manages an accurate pass to **Red GA**, who is unmarked inside the goal circle.

Rule/s (Rule Name and Rule Heading) (1 mark)	
Possible decision/s (2 marks)	
Application/reasoning (6 marks)	

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5 **Red GS** shoots from close to the post. As **Red GS** releases the ball, **Blue GK** knocks their shooting arm. The umpire blows the whistle for the contact, and the ball then drops through the ring.

Rule/s (Rule Name and Rule Heading) (1 mark)	
Possible decision/s (1 mark)	
Application/reasoning (5 marks)	

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6 **Blue GA** has the ball in **Blue**'s attacking goal third. **Red C** pulls up holding their ankle and asks the umpire to hold time for their injury. **Red C** needs help to leave the court, and **Red** has no substitute on the bench.

Rule/s (Rule Name and Rule Heading) (1 mark)	
Possible decision/s (1 mark)	
Application/reasoning (7 marks)	

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7 **Red** is awarded a free pass just outside the top of the goal circle in **Red**'s attacking goal third. **Blue GK** is standing beside the ball where the free pass is to be taken. **Blue GK** picks the ball up and tosses it a few metres behind them, so that **Red** cannot take the free pass quickly.

Rule/s (Rule Name and Rule Heading) (1 mark)	
Possible decision/s (1 mark)	
Application/reasoning (7 marks)	

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8 Inside **Red**'s attacking goal circle, **Red GA** jumps to catch a high pass. While **Red GA** is in the air, **Blue GD** deliberately shoves them hard in the back. **Red GA** lands heavily but is not injured, and **Red GS** picks up the loose ball.

Rule/s (Rule Name and Rule Heading) (2 marks)	
Possible decision/s (2 marks)	
Application/reasoning (5 marks)	

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Court diagrams

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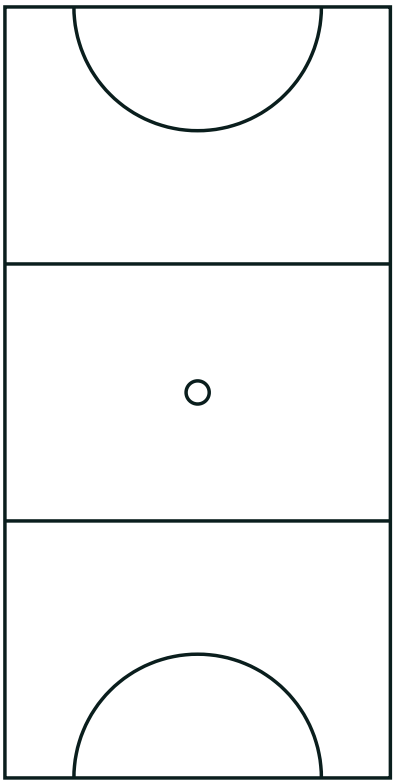

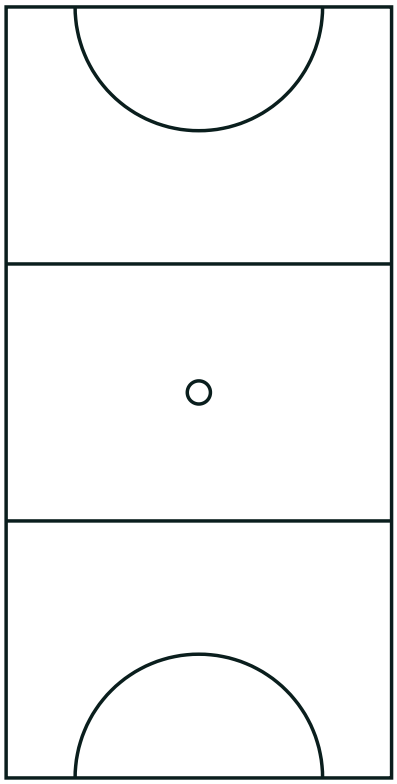

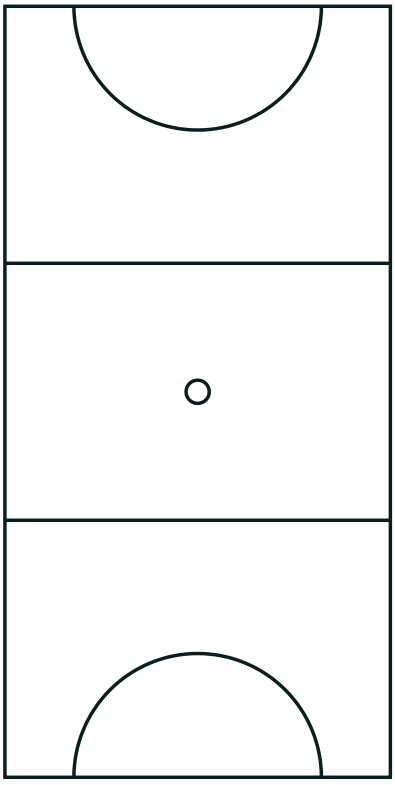

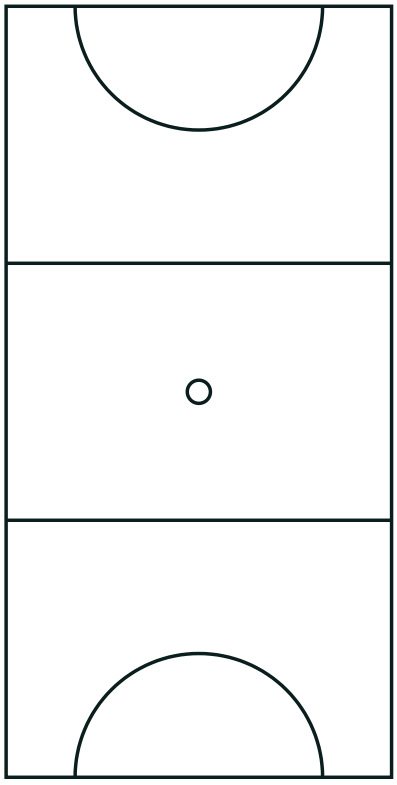

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