

## Apprentice Umpires Suggested Skills Progression

### LEARNER'S PROGRESSION

- **First: See.**
  - Watch and look at the game for infringements.
- **Second: See and Evaluate.**
  - Watch the game and recognize when an infringement has happened,
- **Third: See and Evaluate and Act = Umpiring**
  - Watch the game, recognize the infringement, and make the correct call. This all has to happen within seconds of the action occurring on court.

### BASICS:

Allow beginner Umpires to practice one skill at a time. They should be able to complete the list below without much assistance or guidance.

- Blow for the Center Pass
- Indicate the direction of play at the Center Pass
- Indicate when a goal is scored (no whistle)
- Blow when the ball goes Out of Court (only when not obvious)
- Use correct terminology for a Throw In and indicate the direction of play.

### BASICS RULES:

Have the apprentice blow for obvious infringements of these rules. Try and focus on one per quarter. Sometimes it is helpful to run/walk the line with them and point out the infringements if they are struggling to identify even the obvious ones.

- Footwork
- Obstruction
- Contact
- Throw-in
- Re-played ball
- Held ball
- Offside
- Over a third

### TOPICS TO DISCUSS:

- Areas of Control
  - They are responsible for their half and the entire side line and goal line on their side
- Voice and Whistle
  - Loud whistle for the Basics identified above. Clear and strong voice when setting penalties
- Positioning and Movement
  - Work to stay on pace or slightly ahead of the game. Focus on getting to goal line when play is in the goal circle.
- Positioning of players for the start of play
  - Do not delay waiting for everyone to be on side – blow the whistle once the controlling center steps into center. Watch that the center is taken correctly (one or both feet wholly within center circle.)
- Terminology
  - Correct names for the lines on court. E.g. Goal line not back line. Footwork not stepping.
- Hand signals
  - Appropriate use of hand signals for Basic rules.
- Encourage questions
  - Apprentices should be asking questions about calls and overall umpiring techniques.