

OFFICIATING WORKSHOP Why are you here?

- To get any new initiatives

- To find out what strategies there are for keeping umpires in the 'job'

Response: CH did an update on the Umpiring Strategy group - confirmed that some of the points raised in these workshops will assist in the USG work

- Wanted to report back anything to their county

- Any update on Rules

Response: SR re World Championships and Congress and then EN will agree timescales to disseminate and commence any rule changes

- Anything on Tutoring or Mentoring

- Are there any Development Pathways - clearer routes

Response: BA on work in Netball Europe to look at 'fast tracking'

Some questions followed and noted with discussion

- Reluctance in young people to go into umpiring while playing
- Young people might come into officiating when playing - if they were paid for it
- To pay or not to pay (This came up in both sessions)

Response: SR This will be looked at together with how it can be controlled and monitored i.e. performance level of umpire and to ensure that umpires do not umpire too many games in one day

- Marketing of tutoring
- RCL struggle to find officials of correct standard
- B courses - not enough

Response: SR need to ensure that these are communicated on the website via the regions - as anyone can attend any course anywhere in the country)

- Need incentives to get umpires to move from C-B and B-A
- Officiating should be part of being a netballer
- Quality assurance v important
- Use of Competition Key - e.g. RCL CCL
- Why is Course attendance required - why do umpires being mentored have to have attended a course before taking the award?

Response: SR this will be looked at together with the new initiatives being put through via Netball Europe

- The new structure no longer shows technical support groups and it was felt this was a missed opportunity

Response: CH this will be looked at via the Umpiring Strategy Group

- Revise fees for tutoring - why is there a different level for taking a C course and a B course - Feel that the work is the same for both

Response: This was received on a post it note and will be looked at

- Key official messages required (Membership Committee) - communication fed through this channel