

# 2024 RULES UPDATE

## CENTRE PASS CHECKS

In the game of Netball, the team taking the centre pass alternates.

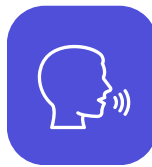
Most umpires use a hair tie or band on their hand to keep track of whose pass it is, but because we're all human, we can all make mistakes.

### CENTRE PASS



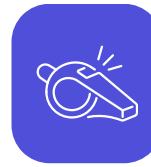
#### INDICATE

After a goal is scored, both umpires & the reserve umpire indicate the direction of the centre pass with their arm.



#### CALL

The controlling umpire calls the name of the team with the next pass.



#### RESTART

The controlling umpire blows the whistle to restart play when the Centre steps into the circle.

### HOW TO APPEAL A CENTRE PASS:

#### ON-COURT PLAYERS ONLY

If a team believes the centre pass is being signalled incorrectly, an on-court player may appeal to the umpires before the centre pass is taken.

#### SCORECARD CHECK

The umpires will then check with the scorers who will confirm the correct centre pass.

### THE DETAILS

The updated rule allows an on-court player to appeal to the umpires **before** the centre pass is taken if they believe it is being signalled incorrectly.

Once the centre pass has been taken, any mistakes cannot be rectified- **it's too late**.

It is important to note that the appeal can only come from an on-court player, not the bench or coach and the appeal must be made before the centre pass is taken. Once it's taken, it is too late.

### KEY POINTS

- 1 ONLY an on-court player can appeal the centre pass.
- 2 Appeal must be made before the centre pass. Once the pass is taken, it's too late.



CENTRE PASS DIRECTION  
HAND SIGNAL

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