

UMPIRING TERMINOLOGY

Getting netball terminology right is one of the many challenges umpires at all levels face. On court the umpire should state the infringement and the penalty and use the correct hand signals to clarify decisions.

Keeping it simple is the essence – the table below gives some suggestions of what, and what not to say

What to Say	What not to Say
Contact	Hand to Ball
Contact	Ball to Hand
Contact	Contact from behind
Replayed ball	Double bounce
Incorrect setting or Not set	Reverse the penalty
Delaying play	Time wasting
Obstruction	Falling in
Obstruction	Arms before distance
Obstruction	Too close or Distance
Footwork	Stepping, hopping, dragging
Inappropriate comment	You can't say that
Moving too soon	You must not move GD
Throwing in offside area WA	WA throwing in from behind an offside area
Simultaneous Offside	Both offside
Incorrect throw	Foul throw
Centre Pass not wholly received	Incorrect Centre Pass