

**RESULTS OF A SERIES OF
NETBALL UMPIRE STUDIES
CONDUCTED IN 1996-1997**

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INTRODUCTION

During 1996 and 1997 I conducted a series of netball umpire studies in Queensland. The aim of these studies was to learn more about the moods of netball umpires. The results of some of these studies have been presented in several academic conferences:

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However these academic papers were written in a very technical and not necessarily practical style. This handout has been designed principally for you, the netball umpires. I have two aims: a) to present the findings in a clear manner, and b) to explain the relevance of these findings.

Altogether eight studies were conducted. The results of one of these studies (conducted at the Queensland State Aged Netball Championships in Toowoomba) was confusing and has methodological flaws and thus will not be discussed here. The other seven studies focused on:

- STUDY 1** How many sport psychology studies have been conducted using umpires (from any sport) as their subjects.
- STUDY 2** What are the things that netball umpires believe are most likely to cause change in their mood when umpiring netball.
- STUDY 3** To what extent and in what direction (positive or negative) netball umpires believe their mood will change (from before to after a match) when umpiring if certain situations occur. The situations chosen were obtained from the responses provided by the umpires in Study 2.
- STUDY 4** To what extent and in what direction (positive or negative) netball umpires believe their mood will change (from before to after a match) when umpiring if other situations occur. These additional situations were suggested in Study 3.
- STUDY 5** How frequently netball umpires believe the situations assessed in Studies 3 and 4 occur when they umpire netball.
- STUDY 6** What happens to netball umpires' moods from before to after umpiring a match. Also found out: a) if these results vary between indoor and outdoor netball umpires, and b) if these results vary between high, medium and low badged umpires.
- STUDY 7** What happens to netball umpires' moods from before to after umpiring a match compared with players who win and players who lose.