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Netball Orkney Guide: How to Score a Netball Match

The role of the scorers is to record goals scored, and ensure the correct centre passes are being taken during the game.

Scoring is an important role to ensure that the scores are accurate and to help umpires with whose centre it is. We ask that scorers do not sit on their phones, time keep or chat in order to be able to focus on the game and keep an accurate record of the score.

Odds and Evens on the score card

In Netball Orkney's senior league, Team A (first named) always has first centre pass.

The scorer therefore puts an 'E' for EVENS under Team A as they will have the first centre, and an 'O' for ODDS for Team B.

The score of Nil is an even number, so Team A take their first centre pass. When the goal total is 1 it is an odd number therefore Team B's centre, and so on, as the centre pass alternates each time.

	Team A	Team B
Q1	E	O

Number scoring NOT tally scoring

Team A has scored 3 times in the first quarter. Correct number scoring has been used. Writing the number, then when their next goal is scored, cross out the previous number and write the new one

Team B has scored 5 times - incorrect tally scoring has been used. This type of scoring makes it hard to quickly tell the umpires who has the next centre as you can't add up quickly!

	Team A	Team B
Q1	E	O
	1 2 3 ✓	✗

Did the quarter end on a goal..?

If a goal is scored as the quarter time whistle goes, or the centre has not been taken or the C is holding the ball ready for the centre pass whistle ...

The E and O stay on the same side for Q2! (Shown right)

Bring down the scores to the next quarter.

In this example, 3+2 = 5. 5 is an **odd** number, which is in Team B's column, therefore Team B have the first centre pass in Q2

	Team A	Team B
Q1	E	O
	1 2 3	1 2
Q2	E	O
	3	2

...or did the quarter end mid-play?

If the quarter ends mid-play ...

The E and O switch sides for Q2! (Shown right)

Bring down the scores to the next quarter.

In this example, 3+2 = 5. 5 is an odd number, which is in Team A's column, therefore Team A have the first centre pass in Q2

	Team A	Team B
Q1	E	O
	1 2 3	1 2
Q2	O	E
	3	2

Who's centre pass is it?

The umpire may ask this during the game. Add the two scores up and (from the example, right) if it is an even number it is Team A's Centre, and if it is Odd it is Team B's Centre. This ensures that all teams have an equal number of centre passes.

REMEMBER: You don't need to add to know if it's Odd or Even:

Odd + Odd = Even

Even + Even = Even

Odd + Even = Odd

	Team A	Team B
Q1	E	O
	1 2 3	1 2