

## 2) PROGRESS FROM A NATIONAL C TO NATIONAL B BADGE

Prior to being assessed for a National B badge an umpire must show the following:

1. Fitness – the level of the game will require you to run a great deal more. Good fitness assists good control of the game. Note that when there is an intercept and the ball is moved to the other end of the court, you are expected to run to the transverse line and not stroll.
2. Scanning – this is where the umpires' eyes are constantly moving to ensure a good view of play both on and off the ball.
3. Strong signals.
4. The ability to distinguish between contact and contest – in other words has one player's action interfered with another's ability to play? This is a difficult one and comes with experience as an umpire, but also with watching other higher qualified umpires on difficult games.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of the injury and discipline rules and the associated timing.
6. The ability to work as a team with the other umpire – this may mean quickly glancing at the other umpire if you are not sure of something – and using their body language as a guide.

Please note that a candidate for B Badge testing must have at least an 80% pass in the Rules of Theory Exam.