How to complete a Swiss Netball score sheet and score odds and evens in Netball

This counting system determines which team will take the centre pass (CP).

The '*coin toss*' will be taken by the team captains before the match begins. The team that wins the '*coin toss*' will choose between either starting the match with the first Centre Pass (CP) or selecting the goalpost to first shoot in.

The team with the first CP is going to be '**EVENS**' (as the match starts at 0 - 0 the total sum of the score is 0 which is an even number). They will take the CP each time the score adds up to an even number.

The opposing team is going to be '**ODDS**'. They are odds as when it is their turn for a CP the score will add up to an odd number.

Enter **E** for **EVENS** in the 1st Quarter centre pass box for the team that has the first CP and an **O** for **ODDS** in the box of the opposing team.

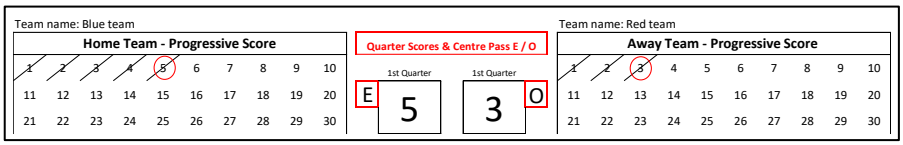
In this example Blue team have the first CP.

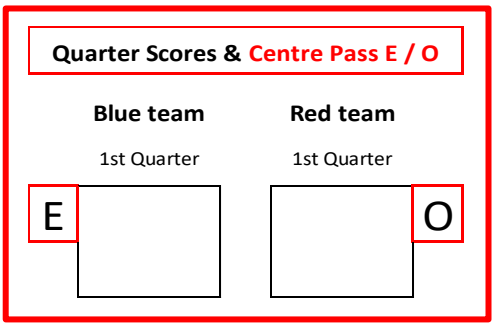
Once play begins, the umpire will signal when a goal is scored with the correct hand signal (arm straight up). Add a goal to the team that scored by striking out the existing number (see example score sheet below) and after each goal, complete the CP box (see example CP box below) and call the next CP to your co-scorer (e.g. Blue centre). You should both be in agreement who is taking the next CP.

CENTRE PASS (use team initials e.g. T = Tigers / B = Bulldogs or team bib colours e.g. R = Red / B = Blue)

B	R	B	R	B	R

At the end of the first quarter, circle the last goal scored for each team and write these numbers into the first quarter box on the scorecard.





NB: Always wait for the umpire to confirm a goal before marking it off as sometimes the goal won't count e.g. if the ball has not passed completely through the ring at the final whistle or if an infringement has been called just prior. If a penalty shot has been awarded but not taken when the timekeeper signals the end of a period of play, the penalty shot can be attempted and still counts if successful.

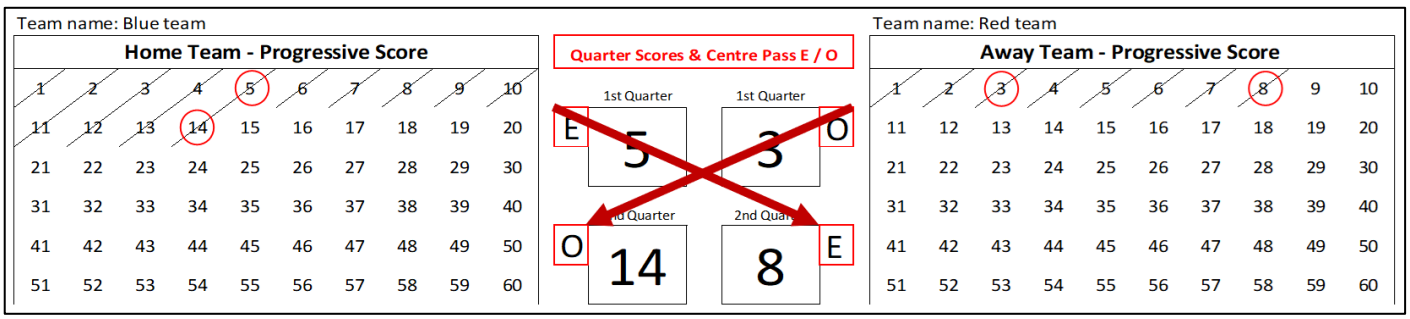
Quarter time – what changes?

If the quarter ends mid-play, **the E and O switch boxes on the scorecard for Q2!**

A good way to remember this is – **IF** in play change the way! If the quarter ends on a goal just being scored and the next centre pass has **NOT** been taken, **the E and O stay on the same side for Q2!**

In the example score sheet above, Q1 ended mid-play so the E's and O's are switched for the Q2 (see example below).

Continue scoring the match in the same way as the first quarter.



The numbers written in the quarter scores boxes are the up-to-date total score for each team for the match so far (e.g. you would not write 9 if the **Blue** team scored nine goals in the second quarter, you would write their total score: 14).

Who's Centre Pass is it?

The umpire may ask you to confirm which team has the next centre pass. This can be worked out by adding the two scores together to find out if the total is an even or odd number.

If the score is 5-3 the total comes to 8, so the team on **EVEN** centre passes takes the next CP. If the score is an odd number when added together then it would be the team taking the **ODD** centre passes turn to take the centre pass. In the above example at the end of Q1, the Blue team will have the next CP when Q2 begins.

Visually check with the umpires to confirm the correct centre pass is indicated. If you notice an issue, let the umpire on your side of the court know immediately. **Confirm with the umpires at the end of each quarter the next centre pass to be taken.**

The short video link How to score odds and evens in netball shows what to do at the end of a quarter and how to transfer the score to the next quarter as described above.