

How to Score a Netball Match

The role of the scorers is to record the goals scored , time keep and advise the umpires who has the centre pass during the game (if required).

Odds and Evens on the score card

Team A has won the coin 'toss'.
They choose the 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.

Team A	Team B
E	O

Number scoring NOT gate scoring

Team A has scored 3 times in the first quarter.
Correct number scoring has been used.

Team B has scored 2 times- incorrect gate 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
E	O
1 2 3	Nil

Quarter time... What changes?

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!

Bring down the scores to the next quarter.

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

Did the quarter end mid-play?

If the quarter ends mid-play ...

The E and O switch sides for Q2!

Bring down the scores to the next quarter.

	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.

In the top example, $3+2 = 5$. This is an odd number, and so Team B have the first centre pass in Q2

In the second example, $3+2 = 5$. This is an odd number, and so Team A have the first centre pass in Q2

This ensures that all teams have an equal number of centre passes.