



**INTERNATIONAL
NETBALL
FEDERATION**

INTERNATIONAL NETBALL FEDERATION (INF) MEDICAL COMMISSION

The INF Medical Commission – an expert medical panel – is the authority for all medical, health and anti-doping matters for the sport of netball.

AIM

Promotion and protection of the health of players, as well as injury prevention and rehabilitation, by enhanced knowledge and skills for maximal performance of the sport of netball at all levels

TERMS OF REFERENCE

For all Medical, Health and Anti-Doping areas relevant to sport:

1. Advise and guide the INF Board and Members on issues specific to netball to ensure timely and informed decision-making.
2. Determine and recommend policies, rules and regulations and develop related norms and standards for INF.
3. Be responsible for the implementation of all technical aspects of the World Anti-Doping Code and the International Standards, including the work of the INF Therapeutics Use Exemption Committee.
4. Ensure adoption and implementation of relevant national and international standards applicable to the sport of netball by INF and its affiliates, including at the Netball World Cup and other international championships sanctioned by INF.
5. Provide representation for INF at selected national and international forums on medical, health and anti-doping issues, as requested.

6. Provide management strategies for International and Public Health measures, specific to each region.
7. Conduct and support research to provide INF with advice on future trends, opportunities and direction.
8. Establish and maintain linkages with other Medical and Anti-Doping Organizations, Commissions and Committees.

PRIORITIES

1. Adoption and implementation of the WADA Code, International Standards, INF Anti-Doping Policy and all related rules, regulations and guidelines.
2. Development of policies, norms and standards for medical and health areas of sports relevant to netball.
3. Information provision and education of INF and affiliates on medical, health and anti-doping issues relevant to netball, to encompass alternative modalities, including sports medicine, biomechanics, physiology applied to sports, nutrition and all sciences linked to sports.
4. Generate research specifically relating to medicine and science in netball

APPONTMENT TO THE MEDICAL COMMISSION

The Medical Commission will comprise four (4) Medical and Science Professionals selected for their expertise in their specialist areas supported by a member of the INF Secretariat e.g. CEO. The Medical Commission will serve for an initial two (2) year period and will be eligible for re-appointment.

The Chair will recommend the other three (3) members to the INF Board for appointment, based on a review of their medical careers, involvement in relevant organizations and good standing in their professional Associations.

The specialist areas will include:

Sports Medicine, including the Prevention and Management of injuries, Anti-Doping, International and National Event Management, International Health, Public Health, Nutrition, Other Sciences linked to Sports, Medical Administration, including Medical Sports Facility, Equipment and Data Management, Endocrinology, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Research, including Biostatistical Methods, Sports Physiology, Sports Psychology.

MEETINGS

There will be one (1) meetings of the Medical Commission annually, which will be presided over by the Chair. Meetings may be face-to-face or via teleconferencing as appropriate.

Members of the Medical Commission will communicate mainly via electronic mail and telephone between meetings.

A two (2) year strategic and programme plan will be developed and a report presented at INF Board meeting, and as requested, on the proposed activities.

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