Welcome to Netball World Officiating News – a quarterly newsletter dedicated to the world of netball officiating. Read on for a quick round up off what has happened in International Officiating in the 4th quarter of 2017. If you have any questions, concerns or good news to share please do get in touch.

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The International Netball Federation (INF) has announced the latest update of its rules of the game:  
http://netball.org/archives/10206
INF will be extending the appointments of the current INF ROC for a further year, until end of January 2019. The INF ROCs are:

- Africa: Isabel Du Piesanie
- Americas: Carmeta Douglin
- Asia: Lainie Houston
- Europe: Alan Anderson
- Oceania: Jan Skilton

The status of the International Umpires’ Award Testing Panel (ITP) has been reviewed as per the ‘INF Procedure for the ITP Programme’. This review was completed by the International Umpiring Manager in conjunction with the relevant Regional Federations, INF Member Countries and INF ROC to determine if there is a recommendation for those appointments to continue. Individuals involved and INF Members will be informed of the outcome in the New Year.

http://netball.org/game/officiating/officiating-development

International Talent Identified Umpires (ITID) status has been continued for Tania Fink and reinstated for Marise Stuart:

http://netball.org/archives/10719

As part of “Netball 2020” INF commissioned Wharton Consulting to develop a KPI attached to Goal 6: world-class standards in officiating for international event, namely KPI 1: establish a benchmark for “world-class officiating” and create a target for future years against which we will measure our performance. In 2018 the outcome of this will be reviewed by the INF with any communication following this.

More details concerning “Netball 2020” can be accessed at: http://netball.org/inside-inf/netball-2020
Some 2017 Officiating Advisory Groups (OAG) commenced but work on all the planned OAGs will be continuing in 2018. These will be completed in line with the OAG Terms of Reference: http://netball.org/inside-inf/committees-and-panels/officiating-advisory-group

The INF will be completing the INF Umpire Appointment process directly in INF netWorld with any associated emails being sent direct from that system.

*Note: this will apply for International Netball Events scheduled in 2018 onwards*

Also, the contents of any INF Fitness, Assessment or Test Reports and Event Feedback Forms will be submitted directly into netWorld.

With this in mind should you receive any email related to the use of INF netWorld please follow any instructions provided.

For all the INF procedures related to these processes please refer to the International Umpiring Handbook which can be accessed on the INF website: http://netball.org/game/officiating/international-umpiring-handbook