



INTERNATIONAL NETBALL FEDERATION

Dear Members

INF Board Meeting, March 2017

The INF Board met in Kingston, Jamaica in March.

The Board were pleased to review the progress of the INF in developing netball around the world and discussed the following in relation to the three core strategies outlined in Netball 2020:

Governing with Integrity

- Plans for the INF Congress Gaborone, Botswana July 6-7th 2017 including a full programme of workshops for Members to attend during the duration of the Netball World Youth Cup 2017 (see attached). The majority of these workshops will be offered free of charge and certificates of attendance will be provided – attendees will have to pay a fee to attend the Coaching seminar.
- Progress of the Governance Working Group and proposals to amend the Articles of Association to reflect Netball 2020 and the Federation's current and future needs. These will form part of the papers for Congress.
- Review of the independent financial audit for the year to 31st December 2016.
- Approval of the financial statements for the year to 31st December 2016. The approved statements will be sent to Members in the Congress papers and published on the INF website.
- Review of INF Membership and list of 10 Members expelled due to Non-payment of subscriptions. This is of great concern to the INF Board.
- Review of netball anti-doping and testing activity 2015 & 2016 and 2017 World Anti-Doping Code compliance actions. INF will continue its education and testing programmes to ensure our sport remains drug-free.

Thrilling World Class Events

- Proposals from the Netball World Cup Draw Format Working Group regarding the competition structure for the NWC2019. A solution was discussed that the Board believes will be acceptable to Members. Members will be asked shortly for feedback on the draw progression proposals prior to Congress so that a final draw format may be decided by the Board and announced at Congress.

- Progress reports on the Netball World Youth Cup Botswana 2017 and the Netball World Cup 2019. The former event has made significant progress in 2017 and the Board is looking forward to a successful World Youth Cup in July.
- Consideration of the feedback from Members and Regions on the proposed 'Rights in Competitions and Events Policy' and a decision to consult further on this to create the optimum value for all parties.
- Proposals for minor rules amendments from RAP (Rules Advisory Panel) for discussion and approval by Members at Congress. There will be a congress workshop on the Rules of Netball 'in action' for Members.
- Progress report on Commonwealth Games Gold Coast 2018 which is in excellent shape. The CGF has announced that Durban, South Africa has not achieved the milestones set in relation to the hosting of the CG 2022 so a new host will be sought. This is a disappointment for INF as we believe the city would be a great host for the netball competition. However, INF supports the CGF fully in their decision and will assist them in finding a suitable alternative host.
- Review of Officiating Projects, including one that will appoint the Match Officials and other Technical Officials for the Gold Coast 2018 and another that will help create a definition of 'World Class Umpiring'.

Empowering Through Netball

- Review of the new INF Website (launched December 2016) and social media activity. INF Members are encouraged to submit photographs and stories to the Secretariat for the website and Netball World Newsletter promoting their activities, role models and achievements.
- Approval of the appointment of a fundraising consultant to support the work of the Sustainability and Development Working Group. This Group is working to define a fundraising strategy and develop philanthropic opportunities for INF.
- Reports from the five regional directors and the African Regional Development Manager were received outlining the development of netball worldwide.
- Review of the significant success of the Africa Netball Development Programme co-funded by UK Sport that has now reached its conclusion and the launch of the new legacy programme for the NWC2019 which will be promoted at Congress.

The Board noted the sad passing of Joyce McCann, New Zealand, President of IFWBNA (a precursor to INF) 1971-1975.

The locations of the remaining Board meetings for 2017 were confirmed as Gaborone, Botswana to coincide with the Netball World Youth Cup 2017 and Melbourne, Australia ahead of the FAST 5 Netball World Series. A summary will be issued to Members after these meetings.

Clare Briegal
 CEO
 International Netball Federation

INF Workshops – to be held from Saturday 8th July – Saturday 15th July at the Main Competition Venue.

Netball 2020 Strategy	Name of workshop	Proposed Lead	Duration (Hrs)	Target Audience
Governing with Integrity				
GWI 1	Constitutional Guidance & Self-assessment for Members	Octavia Gibson, Governance Working Group (GWG)	2	Presidents/Exec Members Administrators Members & Regions
GWI 2	Safeguarding – developing your policy	UK Sport/Clare Briegal	2	Presidents/Exec Members Administrators Coaches
GWI 3	Anti-doping – role of Members	National/Regional Anti-doping Agency	1	Presidents/Exec Members Administrators Coaches
GWI 4	Regional Federation Workshop	GWG Members	2	Presidents/Exec Members Administrators of Regional Federations
Thrilling World Class Events				
TWE 1	Bidding for INF Events/Observer Programme	Clare Briegal/NWYC Hosts/UK Sport	2 + 2(Tour)	Presidents/Exec Members Administrators CEOs
TWE 2	International Umpiring Processes – practical workshop for administrators	Christina Davidson	2	Event and Officiating administrators
TWE 3	International Test Match Procedures for Test Matches and Regional Events	Clare Briegal/ an INF Technical Delegate/Member Federation	2	Event administrators from Members
TWE 4	Netball Rules in Action (Session for Members and separate Session for Umpires)	RAP Chair Cheryl Danson	2 + 2	Presidents/Exec Members Administrators IUA/ITID/ITP
TWE 5	Commercial/Events – strategic discussion regarding event portfolio and rights	Clare Briegal/MR/ Board Target at CEOs	2	CEOs Presidents/Exec Members Administrators
Empowering Through Netball				
ETN 1	Marketing your Associations	Nikki Richardson, Member case study	2	Presidents/Exec Members Administrators
ETN 2	Coaching Clinic (Fee)	CAP	2 x 4	Coaches
ETN 3	Sponsorship Development & Fundraising	Sustain. & Devt WG/Nikki Richardson & Gilbert Netball Member case study	2	Presidents/Exec Members Administrators

The schedule of these workshops will be advised to Members once the timings have been confirmed with the speakers. Members will be invited to sign up for these ahead of time to ensure we have sufficient space.