



INTERNATIONAL NETBALL FEDERATION

Dear Members

INF Board Meeting, March 2019

The INF Board met in Los Angeles, USA in March. A minute's silence was held for the victims of the recent atrocity in Christchurch New Zealand and deepest sympathy was expressed for all those affected.

The Board reviewed 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

- The Board approved the **Operational plan for 2019** and the targets for the year for the nine goals within the Netball 2020 strategic plan.
- Review of the independent financial audit for the year to 31st December 2018.
- Approval of the financial statements for the year to 31st December 2018. The approved statements will be sent to Members in the Congress papers and published on the INF website.
- The Board considered the **key risks** that face the organisation and how they are mitigated by the operational plans.
- The Board reviewed the Articles of Association and considered a number of amendments that would be proposed to Members at Congress.
- The Congress theme and Agenda were agreed. The Board is considering the provision of simultaneous translation of the Congress into French should there be demand from at least 4 Members.
- Eswatini (Swaziland) and Vanuatu had been expelled from Membership due to non-payment of fees .
- The Board was appraised of the INF's activities to ensure the sport remains drug-free. The Secretariat has implemented a number of changes to the risk assessment and test-distribution planning process to ensure we remain compliant with the WADA Code. The Board were informed of the Anti-Doping education and testing activities for 2019.

Thrilling World Class Events

- The Board received the final report from the Fast5 NWS 2018 held in Melbourne, Australia.
- The VNWC2019 Organising Committee reported that the event was on track to deliver the milestones and budget as per the host agreement. The event has achieved its ticketing and sponsorship targets.

- The Board approved a number of sanctions that could be imposed should participating teams fail to adhere to the NWC2019 rules. (These sanctions have already been advised to the Participating teams).
- Kate Agnew (New Zealand) had been appointed as Technical Delegate for NWYC2021 and she had undergone an initial visit to meet with Netball Fiji.
- The International Umpiring Manager provided a report on officiating which included updates on the officiating community and appointments. The Board agreed to contribute some funding towards a professional doctorate, the results of which would be used to inform the Officiating Advisory Groups and the progress towards World Class Officiating.
- The Board considered the event portfolio and a proposal to create a defined international window in the annual calendar. Members will be consulted on this during the year.

Empowering Through Netball

- The Board considered a recognition scheme/award for empowerment projects.
- The Board reviewed an update report from the Fundraising Consultant (Sustainability and Development Working Group). The Board approved the launch of a campaign for 2019.
- The Commercial Committee provided a report on their activities in relation to the sale of Broadcast rights for the NWC2019. The rights had been sold to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Fiji and the Caribbean. Further sales were anticipated. A mobile App/OTT platform was in development to broadcast the matches into the markets where the rights had not been sold to a broadcaster.
- The Board considered reports from the five regional directors and the African Regional Development Manager outlining the development of netball worldwide.
- The Board discussed the status of Members and the requirement for all INF Members to be fully paid up Members of their relevant Regional Federation.
- The Board noted the dates of the elections to appoint the INF Regional Directors.
- Japan and Trinidad and Tobago have been named as hosts for the Netball Asia and Netball Americas qualifiers for the NWYC2021.

The locations of the remaining Board meetings for 2019 were confirmed as Liverpool, England in July and Singapore in November. A summary will be issued to Members after these meetings.

Clare Briegal
 CEO
 International Netball Federation

INF Board Decisions 2019

(This page will be published on the INF website as an ongoing record of decisions made throughout the year.)

Date	Format	Decision
Jan 2019	Board Meeting	Approval of the host of the Netball World Cup 2023.
Jan 2018	E-mail	Approval of the Chair and members of the INF Medical Committee.
Mar 2019	Board Meeting	The 2018 financial statements of INF Ltd and INF Secretariat UK Ltd. were approved.
Mar 2019	Board Meeting	Investment proposal approved – INF reserves retained in an interest bearing savings account with Skipton International Ltd
Mar 2019	Board Meeting	Beever & Struthers Ltd. were appointed as auditors for 2019, subject to a change in audit partner.
Mar 2019	Board Meeting	The Board agreed that Ann Tod, Finance Director be appointed as a Director of INF Secretariat UK Ltd.
Mar 2019	Board Meeting	Updated Terms of Reference of the Governance Committee were approved.
Mar 2019	Board Meeting	All committee Terms of Reference should include an equality statement and a provision that limits the terms of members to 12 years (excluding staff).
Mar 2019	Board Meeting	The Jury of Appeal were appointed for NWC2019 and a number of sanctions to be applied to teams or participants failing to adhere to the event regulations were approved.
Mar 2019	Board meeting	The Board agreed funding for an International Umpiring project.
Mar 2019	Board meeting	The Board approved funding for a fundraising trial for 2019.
Mar 2019	Board Meeting	The Board agreed that due to the exceptional circumstances related to the timing of the Pacific Games and the VNWC2019, Netball Samoa's games at both events would be eligible for ranking points. This decision not to be taken as a precedent for other concurrent tournaments.