

WORLD NETBALL OFFICIATING NEWS

June 2021

WELCOME to World Netball Officiating News – your quarterly newsletter dedicated to the world of netball officiating. This is a bumper issue covering the last year, so read on for a quick round up of what has happened in International Netball Officiating since June 2020. If you have any questions, concerns, or good news to share, please get in touch.

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World Class Officiating Programme Review (WCOPR) Outcomes

World Netball has announced the outcomes from its World Class Officiating Programme Review which took place with key representatives from officiating, players, and administrators in international netball.

The World Class Officiating Programme Review report and outcomes presentation can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Interim COVID-19 policy

A World Netball Interim COVID-19 Umpire Appointments Policy has been issued and remains in use.

The World Netball Interim COVID-10 Umpire Appointments Policy can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Officials Representative Group (ORG) Membership

Following the recent announcement that an Officials Representative Group (ORG) will be formed, the membership process has now been completed and the following representatives have been selected for the ORG:

For International Umpires' Award (IUA): Tara Warner

For International Talent Identified Umpires (ITID): James Matthews

For IUA Testing Panel (ITP): Fay Meiklejohn

For ITP Cadet: Marielouw van der Merwe

The terms of reference for the ORG can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Extension of World Netball issued dates for officials

The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic continues to affect the normal processes for screening and testing.

We are continuing to review 'World Netball issued dates' for all officials based on what is known and anticipated and is in the best interest of all our stakeholders.

To mitigate the continued impact of COVID-19 a further 12-month extension has been added to the current end date in netWorld for all World Netball Officials; IUA, ITID, ITP, ITP Cadet, Officiating Coordinator (OC).

It is worth noting that the World Netball Procedures continue to have the usual measures in place to manage the end of issued status and the COVID-19 situation continues to make the situation uncertain globally.

The World Netball Officiating Procedures can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

New World Netball ITID

Rhian Edwards (Wales)

Natalie Gregan (England)

Farrah Jaura (England)

Louise Cole (England)

World Netball wishes them all well in their future international umpiring.

Re-endorsement of World Netball IUA

Kristie Simpson (New Zealand)

Retirement of World Netball Officials

IUA - Ian Fuller (England)

IUA - Lisa Douglas (New Zealand)

IUA - Ann Hay (New Zealand)

ITID - Susan Forssman (South Africa)

ITID - Emma Donaldson (Australia)

OC - Lainie Houston (Australia)

World Netball wishes them all well in their future endeavours.

For information on all the current international umpires please refer to the World Netball website [here](#).

Webinars have been led by RSpertz for:

- Events hosts to understand the functions in netWorld has been held which included how match score sheets can currently be entered.
- International Umpires to explain the use and functions of netWorld.

Please contact [World Netball](#) if you wish to watch a recording of these webinars.

University of Portsmouth Umpire Study

COVID-19 continues to have an impact on the schedule but the next steps for the University of Portsmouth Umpire Study currently comprises of:

- Received input from over 200 officials to a survey concerning their current umpire systems and the structures across different countries. This will feed into a mapping exercise being undertaken in the Umpire Development Study.
- Prepare video and audio on proposed simulation to assess fitness at an international level and ask interested IUAs from VNWC2019 to trial the fitness test (in their own time) to gain feedback on whether the test is representative and feasible.
- Trials of the recommended fitness test, whilst collecting physical data e.g. (heart rates, distances, and speeds) with International Umpires to confirm the validity of the simulations and practicalities of undertaking them.
- Introduction of the new fitness test to International Umpires.

Note: When the new fitness test is introduced a video demonstrating that it has been completing will be required from each umpire.

For information on the University of Portsmouth Umpire Study please refer to the World Netball website [here](#).

World Netball Rebrand & Strategic Plan Launch

On the 3rd of June 2021, the International Netball Federation (INF) rebranded to World Netball alongside the launch of a strategic plan which will shape the future of the sport and drive positive impact around the world.

The rebrand reflects the significant growth in awareness and development of netball over recent years with the time right to shine a light on the sport's reputation for providing opportunities, creating communities, and inspiring netballers. Read more about the rebrand [here](#).

World Netball's strategy – to grow, to play, to inspire is ambitious, progressive, and agile and is focused on a mission to expand netball's worldwide reach and impact, building on the sport's unique female-focused foundations. Read the strategic plan [here](#).

As part of the rebrand, World Netball unveiled the new Officiating logo which can be seen below. We'd like to welcome you all on this new journey with us as World Netball.

