

Rules Review 2023

Dear Members

Thank you for your contributions to the Rules Review and we look forward to meeting with your country delegates at Congress.

The Rules Advisory Panel (RAP) received 244 rules proposals from member countries, World Netball panels, and other stakeholders. All the suggestions were reviewed and the final set of proposals for inclusion in the revised Rules of Netball are shown on the attached spreadsheet.

The over-arching principle established for the Rules Review, as fully endorsed by the World Netball (WN) Board is player safety. This area is increasingly a priority in other contact and collision sports as a result of long-term consequences of injuries, particularly concussion, and has significant legal and liability implications. The most pressing concerns involve head, neck and concussion incidents where there is an urgent need to treat injured players without undue delay, and to ensure appropriate action is taken to manage and address instances of reckless and dangerous play which endanger player safety. As a consequence, RAP has rewritten the text to make substantive changes to relevant rules, including game management, contact and advantage, to assist umpires in the accurate and consistent assessment of infringements. It is important to note that the proposed rules changes have the full support of WNs Coaching and Medical Advisory Panels.

After Congress, RAP will prepare a detailed draft for all suggested rules changes, with the intention of having the text of revised Rules of Netball completed by October 2023. RAP reserves the right to make further amendments to the text as well as any consequential changes arising from the revision of the Rules of Netball and final input from the Medical Panel.

Members are invited to send any questions regarding the proposed changes to the rules to info@worldnetball.sport by 7th July.

If you were unable to attend any of the recent webinars on the proposed rules changes and would like them to be repeated please contact info@worldnetball.sport.

Attached are 2 documents relating to the Rules Review:

1. Spreadsheet detailing the rules proposals to be included in the review, with rationales
2. Detailed text for the substantive rules changes

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