

Dear World Netball Members & Regions (Copy Board, Staff, Committees and Panels),

The Board of the International Netball Federation met by zoom video conferencing on 28th and 30th May.

The key areas of business which were discussed at the meeting included;

- Plans for rollout of the World Netball brand and World Netball Strategy launch.
- Plans for our Congress including key items on the Agenda, the format for the meeting and acknowledgement that the Congress Papers have been circulated in accordance with the requirements stipulated within the Federation's Articles of Association.
- Items raised by Members which will be tabled at our Congress.
- Plans on the ambitious Congress Webinar Programme which is currently being enjoyed by all of our Members, and which will continue throughout 2021.
- The Nominations Committee reported that one nomination had been received from the Membership for the Vice-President's role by the closing date. The nomination was from New Zealand, seconded by Jamaica Netball and was for Shirley Hooper (currently the Further Director). The Nominations Committee had reviewed the nomination and agreed that the experience and skills of the candidate met the criteria for the role. Board is pleased to wholly endorse the nomination. An election will take place at Congress and all full Members who are in good standing are entitled to vote.
- Board approved a recommendation made by the Netball Family Engagement Group (and endorsed by the Governance Committee) for Service Award holders to be invited to attend future Congresses as observers, and specifically for service award holders to be invited to the 2021 Congress. Service Award holders would be expected to cover their own costs of attendance.
- Board was pleased to note the updates and progress of plans made on a number of international events which included;
 - NWC 2023
 - CG Birmingham 2022 including consultation undertaken on draw arrangements
 - NWYC 2025
 - NWC 2027
- Board considered a proposal made to the Americas Region for a South American sub-region. Advisory guidelines will be developed.
- Board endorsed the content proposed by the CEO for a Membership Development Strategy. This strategy will be progressed when an appointment is made for the Head of Development role that is currently being recruited.
- Board was pleased to note that excellent progress is being made on the creation of the charitable Foundation. To support this work further, the Board gave its approval for a new part time project role to be recruited to manage the formal steps required to establish the Foundation and its work. Communication to our Member Countries on the proposed work of the Foundation will be presented later in the year.
- Board was pleased with the progress of the extensive work undertaken before Congress on Eligibility Regulations for international athletes. Member's will be provided with an update on the Congress Business Webinars on 9th June.
- Board was pleased to note the progress being made by all of our Member Countries, following individual Member Country updates from all Regional Directors. Our Member countries are at various stages of managing through the coronavirus but

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there was much within the Regional updates to celebrate. Clear signs that out of adversity, new opportunities can be created.

The President particular wishes to draw the Members attention to this being the current Vice-President's (Sue Taylor's) last Board Meeting. The entire Board extended a huge thank you for the Vice-President's extensive and long service, commitment and contribution to the Board and netball on an international level and I am sure our gratitude will be extended and endorsed by all of our Member Countries and other internal stakeholders too.

A full list of the decisions taken to date in 2021 is attached in Appendix 2.

Please note: We have decided to cancel the Zoom Video Conferences for Members that were planned for Wednesday 16 June at 8am UK and 8pm UK. These had been planned to provide Members with an update on the Board meeting. However, the content will now be covered in the remaining webinars.

Please also note there will be two Congress Voting Practice sessions ahead of our Congress on 10 July 2021– these are scheduled for Thursday 1 July at 08:00 UK and Monday 5 July at 20:00 UK. Registration details to join these sessions will follow on very soon.

In the meantime, we hope that you, your family and your local community continue to remain safe and well and we thank you for your continued support and commitment.

Best wishes

Clare Briegal

Decisions of the Board 2021

Date	Format	Decision
March 2021	Board Meeting	Board approved the deferral of the Annual World Rankings update (which usually takes place at end of June 2021) until a date (still to be agreed) after the qualification date for the CG B2022, when 1 year of data is removed from the INF World Rankings.
March 2021	Board Meeting	The Board agreed to review the timing of the annual World Rankings update at the Board Meeting in October 2021.
March 2021	Board Meeting	Board approved recommended measures to reduce the risk of manipulation of competition, in COVID environment.
March 2021	Board Meeting	Board approved the cancellation of the NWYC 2021, due to the risk factors.
March 2021	Board Meeting	Board approved INF Ltd Financial Statements for period ending 31 December 2020.
March 2021	Board Meeting	Board approved INF Secretariat UK Ltd Financial Statements for period ending 31 December 2020.
March 2021	Board Meeting	Board approved the Letter of Representation for INF Ltd.
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March 2021	Board Meeting	The Board approved Beever and Struthers as the INF's Statutory Auditors for 2021.
March 2021	Board Meeting	Board approved revised benefits for Service award holders / notable groups for recommendation to OC hosting future INF events.
March 2021	Board Meeting	Board approved budget for the World Netball brand launch PR campaign.
March 2021	Board Meeting	Board approved recruitment of part time Head of Development role.
March 2021	Board Meeting	Board agreed to extend the window for Regional Federations to hold their NWC2023 qualifiers by one-week to 22 October 2022.
March 2021	Board Meeting	Board approved Voice of the Athlete Group establishment.
March 2021	Board Meeting	Board approved Directors for Asia and Europe to join the Voice of the Athlete Working Group.
March 2021	Board Meeting	Board approved the revised position statement on Olympic Games.
March 2021	Board Meeting	Board approved the Role Description and Personal Specification for INF Vice-President.
March 2021	Board Meeting	Board agreed to start the recruitment of the Independent Director role once the deadline has passed for nominations for the Vice-President Role.
March 2021	Board Meeting	Board ratified Director of America (Marva Bernard) to continue as a Member of the Audit and Risk Committee until her tenure as a Board Director comes to an end.
March 2021	Board Meeting	Board approved the contents and timelines detailed in its Workplan.
April 2021	Board Update Meeting	Board agreed to issue netEffect payments for 2021 to the Regional Federations and for Regions to manage this activity, as in previous years
April 2021	Board Update Meeting	Board agreed the structure and draw format for CG B2022, subject to Member Country consultation/agreement.
April 2021	Board Update Meeting	Board ratified the Service Awards which will be presented at Congress 2021.
May 2021	Board Meeting	Board agreed that service award holders be invited attend future Congresses as observers, and for service award holders to be invited to 2021 online event.
May 2021	Board Meeting	Board approved the Company Limited by Guarantee model as the statutory instrument for the Foundation.
May 2021	Board Meeting	Board approved investment and recruitment of the part time Foundation Manager role.
May 2021	Board Meeting	INF Board approved delegation of responsibilities pertaining to Eligibility Regulations for International athletes.

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May 2021	Board Meeting	Board approved the revised Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference.
May 2021	Board Meeting	Board approved the updated Debtor Policy.