

## World Netball Procedure

### Coaching of Umpires on Ranking Games

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#### Rationale

International matches not only provide umpires with the experience of umpiring at this level, but also offer an opportunity to receive specialised coaching support from members of the International Netball Umpire Award (INUA) Testing Panel (ITP) or ITP Cadets. This assists individual umpires to reassess and improve their performances. Thus, where possible an Umpires' Appointment Panel (UAP) consisting of ITP or ITP Cadets will be appointed for this purpose.

*Note: WN may appoint other national umpire coaches as UAP (based on guidance from the ITP) should this be deemed appropriate based on the specific requirements of an event.*

It is expected that those appointed to UAP will maintain high professional standards, namely:

- Feedback on umpires' performances will be based solely on Rules, Protocols and umpiring techniques – UAP must remain 'neutral' as regards team tactics, performances etc.
- UAP will retain a neutral stance when dealing with teams – information specific to one team (eg observed at a team practice) will not be shared with other teams
- UAP will observe an umpires' performance on matches from different viewpoints to ensure a thorough assessment has been completed, bearing in mind venue layout and broadcast restrictions surrounding Field of Play
- UAP will promote compliance to WN Code of Conduct for International Umpires including in relation to media and social media

It is also expected that those appointed to UAP will actively ensure that the requirements for Ranking Matches as stipulated by WN are adhered to, namely:

- Unless agreed otherwise by WN, all matches must be played according to the Official WN Rules of Netball and guidelines
- The WN Technical Officials Manual will apply to all matches

Coaching at international matches follows a standardised procedure (below) and consists of both verbal and written feedback (a report form is attached which should be populated based on the INUA grade descriptors in the WN INUA Testing procedure). The written report is confidential to the umpire, WN, Officiating Coordinator (OC) and ITP.

#### Procedure

##### STEP 1 Practice Matches

- 1.1 Practice matches are predominantly arranged for the benefit of teams. They also provide an opportunity for umpires to receive coaching hence it is desirable for UAP to attend them.
- 1.2 Clarification on the application of rules may be shared with teams where appropriate.

STEP 2 Immediately following Match

- 2.1 Verbal feedback is to be provided, based on the INUA grade descriptors in the WN INUA Testing procedure, to both umpires immediately following each match.
- 2.2 It is recognised that umpires are working as a team so feedback will be given to both umpires as a team and/or as individuals taking into account what the situation necessitates.
- 2.3 No feedback may be given during the match (including during intervals).
- 2.4 If Team Coaches request a meeting with the umpires for any rule clarifications it should take place as soon as possible and is feasible after the completion of a match. The meeting should be held away from the court and related areas and be short, constructive and informative for all parties. UAP and all umpires involved in the match, including the reserve, should be in attendance at the meeting which should be overseen by the UAP.

STEP 3 Following completion of the series/tournament

- 3.1 Each umpire will receive an electronic report/s on matches umpired and, where possible, this should refer to specific times in matches so footage can be utilised if made available.
- 3.2 For a series or tournament, reports should be provided on a match-by-match basis unless time restrictions lead to a report only being given for some matches or the series/tournament as a whole.
- 3.3 Written reports are to be provided to each umpire preferably within 48 hours of the final match.
- 3.4 Reports should be submitted to WN and will be stored in the relevant WN database.

## WORLD NETBALL – MATCH REPORT



|                            |  |                                |  |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Name of Umpire</b>      |  |                                |  |
| <b>Dates of matches</b>    |  | <b>No. of matches observed</b> |  |
| <b>Match/event details</b> |  |                                |  |
| <b>Names of ITP/Cadets</b> |  |                                |  |

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| TECHNIQUES                             |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Position &amp; Timing</b>           |  |
| <b>Vision</b>                          |  |
| <b>Game Management &amp; Protocols</b> |  |
| APPLICATIONS                           |  |
| <b>Contact</b>                         |  |
| <b>Obstruction</b>                     |  |
| <b>Advantage</b>                       |  |
| <b>Minor Infringements</b>             |  |
| <b>Communication &amp; Sanctions</b>   |  |
| SUMMARY                                |  |
| <b>Areas of Strength</b>               |  |
| <b>Areas for Development</b>           |  |