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World Netball (WN) announces Fay Meiklejohn as the new Rules Advisory Panel (RAP) Chair.

World Netball (WN) has today announced that Fay Meiklejohn will be the new Rules Advisory Panel (RAP) Chair.

The panel is responsible for advising the WN CEO and Board and working with them to support the development and implementation of agreed priorities in the Strategic Plan, particularly in relation to supporting the development of the Rules of Netball.

Meiklejohn brings a depth of netball knowledge, leadership, communication and decision-making skills to the panel, both from netball specific positions as a current member of WN's International Netball Umpire Award Testing Panel (ITP) and Officials Representative Group (ORG), as well as a Netball New Zealand High-Performance Coach, and outside of netball as an Associate Principal at the largest school in Australasia.

The new RAP Chair will replace Cheryl Danson OBE, who will step down from RAP at the end of August following 17 years on the panel.

During that time Danson has made an instrumental impact on the sport, most recently leading the rules review and implementation of the Rules of Netball 2024.

Thanking Danson for her service to netball, WN President Dame Liz Nicholl DBE said: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cheryl for her invaluable contribution to

netball, and more specifically her leadership and dedication to the Rules Advisory Panel.

“Cheryl has held many administrative and leadership roles within netball, both at a world level, and at England Netball and Europe Netball and has worked tirelessly to ensure our game is played with fairness and governed with integrity.

“Thank you, Cheryl.”

New RAP Chair, Meiklejohn added: “I am honoured and thrilled to be appointed Chair of the World Netball Rules Advisory Panel.

“With a lifelong love of officiating and a deep passion for netball, I’m excited to lead this work at a global level.

“It will be a privilege to collaborate with Member associations, and fellow panels to interpret, review, and shape the rules that underpin the way our game is played and understood globally.

“I am committed to thoughtful, robust, and inclusive leadership that ensures the rules evolve with clarity, fairness, and in alignment with World Netball’s strategic direction.”

WN will begin the recruitment for new RAP Members later this year, with more information to be made available on our website and social channels.

To learn more about RAP, [click here](#).

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World Netball creates a better world through netball, inspiring netballers to embrace opportunities and achieve their potential. Netball is played in more than 100 countries around the world with 76 National Netball Associations affiliated to World Netball. The associations are grouped into five Regions – Africa Netball, Americas Netball, Asia Netball, Europe Netball and Oceania Netball – each with a respective Regional Federation. Regional Federations are an integral part of the global governance structure and assist in the implementation of World Netball policies and the development of the sport in their respective regions.

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