

INF Service Award

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Marva Bernard

Marva's contribution to netball and, in particular, the administrative areas of finance and team management, spans some 40 years.

Her entire life revolves around netball and her most significant impact is on the lives of the girls she encounters on the various squads and teams. She believes that Netball Associations are there, not only to develop the game, but to improve the lives of their players educationally, socially and economically. This belief is manifested by the numerous players who have benefitted.

Marva's entry into organized netball came via the Business House Netball Association where she played and eventually managed her company's team. In the same year she was selected to head the management committee for all National Squads. She personally undertook the management role at World Championships, Commonwealth Games, and World Youth Championships, all the while instilling the right values in the team members.

Whilst working with teams is a passion for Marva, her financial management skills saw her acting as treasurer of the Business House Netball Association from 1990 to 1993, and treasurer for the Jamaica Netball Association from 1993 to 2005.

On the international scene, Marva was elected as Director of Finance in 1999 and served in that position until 2011. She was instrumental in setting up the first in-house financial system for the Federation, prior to which Marva devoted the time necessary to manage the financial affairs of the Federation remotely.

Marva was elected President of the Jamaica Netball Association in 2005 and continues to serve in that position.

Her outstanding passion and commitment to netball saw Marva receiving from the Government of Jamaica the Order of Distinction (OD) in 2007.

The International Netball Federation is delighted and honoured to be presenting its highest Award to Marva and we thank her for her outstanding contribution to our sport over many years.