This document outlines the process and requirements of the International Umpires’ Award (IUA) and International Talent Identified Umpires (ITID).

Acronyms:
INF – International Netball Federation
ITID – International Talent Identified Umpires
ITP - International Umpires’ Award Testing Panel
ITP Cadet - International Umpires’ Award Testing Panel Cadet
IUA - International Umpires’ Award
IUM – INF International Umpiring Manager
ROC – INF Regional Officiating Coordinator

Details of the role:
The INF is responsible for overseeing the IUA including those who show the potential to achieve IUA in the future so that INF Umpire Appointment requests can be fulfilled as per the INF Procedure for Appointment of Umpires to Rankings Matches.

Responsibilities of the role:
The IUA and ITID are responsible for upholding the standard of umpiring internationally according to any criteria and guidelines set by INF. In doing this they have to work within the framework, Regulations, Rules, Codes, Policies and Guidelines approved by INF and comply at all times with the INF Codes of Conduct.

The IUA and ITID have a responsibility to manage their own development, personal resilience and well being and to ensure they are accessible and engaged with the INF, INF Member Countries and INF Regional Federations. Beyond any appointments, IUA and ITID are encouraged to take opportunities, if available, to learn from shadowing umpires or observing umpires at international matches and elite competitions. Engaging with netball generally and other sports to enhance the knowledge of officiating are also encouraged.

INF Umpire appointments:
In line with the detailed information about Deployment of Umpires the INF will appoint umpires to International event and guidance should be followed accordingly by umpires. The recommendation and selection of Umpires for International events is completed as per the INF Procedure for the ITP Programme. The criteria for selection are outlined here:
Criteria for selecting umpires for International matches

Type of match
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Neutrality

Finance

Location

Opportunity for development

Umpire level required

Need for IUA test or re-endorsement

Umpire Availability

Umpire Appointment

IUA Qualification Pathway:

ITID Status can be gained as detailed in the INF Procedure for the ITP Programme and an IUA can be gained as detailed in the INF Procedure for IUA Testing. Umpires will retain their ITID Status and IUA for a period of four years, as per those INF procedures, unless it is deemed by the IUM, in consultation with the ROC and ITP, they are not fulfilling their responsibilities or working within the framework, Regulations, Rules, Codes, Policies and Guidelines approved by INF.

IUA Qualification Pathway

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<th>Endorsement renewed every 4 years as per the INF IUA Testing procedure</th>
<th>IUA [Umpire International teams ranked 1-10 or below and INF International events]</th>
<th>Coaching / Assessments by INF Appointed Panel as per the INF Procedure for the Coaching of Umpires on international rankings Games</th>
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<td>Involvement reviewed every 4 years as detailed in the INF Procedure for the ITP Programme</td>
<td>IUA Test</td>
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<td>ITID [Umpire International teams ranked 11 or below and INF International Youth events with opportunities to umpire International teams ranked 6-10 for development]</td>
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<td>ITID Status</td>
<td>INF Member Countries Recommendation</td>
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<td>Involvement reviewed by INF Member Countries</td>
<td>Highest level of Umpiring Award in Country or Region of Origin *</td>
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* In Europe, for all member countries, this is the Netball Europe 'A' Award for Umpiring
Whilst an ITID will be given every support and encouragement from the ROC, ITP and ITP Cadet to gain their IUA, there is no automatic right of progression: this is dependent on being successfully screened and tested as per the INF IUA Testing procedure.

Ongoing support and development opportunities for IUA and ITID have to be provided in country and region by INF Member Countries and INF Regional Federations. INF Member Countries and INF Regional Federations are encouraged to have a programme in place that enables this to happen and actively engage with the ROC, ITP and ITP Cadets accordingly. Preferably this programme should embrace Mentoring.

**INF Kit:**

The following INF branded kit will be provided on appointment as an IUA and ITID which should be used while completing duties on behalf of the INF as an appointed umpire. This kit can, where appropriate, also be used while travelling to/from an event where an IUA and ITID are appointed by the INF.

*Note: The INF polo’s or long sleeve shirt provided should be worn with the umpires own dark trousers. Some events do provide alternative INF approved clothing which should be used if provided but please do wear the INF kit if not*

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<th>Formal Kit / Travel Kit</th>
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<td>3 x INF match tops</td>
<td>2 x INF practice tops</td>
<td>1 x INF long sleeve shirt</td>
<td>1 x INF rucksack or holdall</td>
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<td>3 x INF match skirt or shorts</td>
<td>2 x INF practice skorts or shorts</td>
<td>2 x INF polo shirt</td>
<td>1 x Gilbert water bottle</td>
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*Note: Should any more kit be required to fulfil the role as an IUA or ITID a request should be submitted to the INF which will be given due consideration*