



**INTERNATIONAL  
NETBALL  
FEDERATION**

*INF PROCEDURE*

## **Appointment of Umpires to Rankings Matches**

### **Rationale**

A system of ranking the senior teams of member countries that play regular international test matches in Netball was established in 2008 (details may be found on the INF web site). This provides a gauge as to the relative performances of teams at any time as well as up to date information for seedings for the draw at INF competitions.

INF's vision is to make Netball a Truly Global Game and international play is an important component of this strategy. Matches between the senior teams of member countries may be used for rankings purposes. Because of the importance of the results of such matches, the standard of officiating must be appropriate to the standard of play. Detailed information about Deployment of Umpires is available separately.

### **Procedure**

#### **STEP 1 Request for Umpires**

- 1.1 Host countries must make an application to INF Secretariat for matches to be used for rankings and umpire appointments using the attached form. This should be made not less than 4 months before the event while advance notice of 6 months is requested where possible.
- 1.2 'Urgent applications' (ie those made less than 4 months before the event) will be considered but appointments may not be possible. If IUAs are not available, (International Talent Identified Umpires) ITID will be considered for appointment.
- 1.3 Applications will not be considered for events less than one month away.

#### **STEP 2 Guidelines for Appointments**

- 2.1 All umpires (including reserves) appointed to rankings games must be neutral.
- 2.2 For matches between teams ranked 1 to 10, match umpires should hold the International Umpires' Award (IUA) or be scheduled to take an IUA test. ITIDs could be considered for matches between teams ranked 6 to 10 for development purposes.
- 2.3 For matches between teams ranked 11 to 20, match umpires should either hold IUA or be ITID.
- 2.4 For other matches, INF may specify any requirements that should apply.

#### **STEP 3 Appointment of Umpires**

- 3.1 Upon receipt, applications will be forwarded by the International Umpiring Manager (IUM) to the Regional Officiating Coordinators (ROCs) who liaises with the ITPs and ITP Cadets, as per the INF Procedure for the ITP Programme, to identify which umpires they would recommend for an event.
- 3.2 Where possible, the IUM will select the umpires to be invited, from those recommended, preferably at least 3 months before the event.
- 3.3 INF Secretariat will issue invitations to umpires who must confirm their acceptance within 10 working days (this includes listing on the current INF 'Fit to Umpire' register).
- 3.4 INF Secretariat will advise names of umpires to the home countries of the umpires and ROCs at the time they are invited.
- 3.5 INF Secretariat will advise names of umpires to the host country and confirm these with the umpires' home countries and ROCs, once they have confirmed their acceptance.

- 3.6 Members of the International Testing Panel (ITP) or Cadets where possible will be appointed as an Umpires Appointment Panel (UAP) to assess and, where appropriate, coach on umpires' performances during the appointment as per the INF Procedure for the Coaching of Umpires on Rankings Games.



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## INTERNATIONAL UMPIRE REQUEST FORM

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requests The International Netball Federation (INF) to appoint International Umpires to the following international match:

Participants ..... -v- .....

Date: .....

Time of Match: .....

Time Umpires required: .....

Venue: .....

Are there any other events in which the umpires would be expected to participate or invited to attend?

Yes / No (Please delete as appropriate and if "yes" detail below)

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It is understood that the participating countries will share all the umpires' expenses associated with officiating at the above match.

Will this fixture be played according to INF rules as an official rankings fixture?

Yes/No (Please delete as appropriate)

INF will approve the ranking status of this fixture upon appointing the umpires.

Results must be submitted within two weeks of the fixture taking place to [inf@netball.org](mailto:inf@netball.org) for the fixture to count in the ranking system.

For and on behalf of

..... (Name of Netball Association/Region)

Signed: ..... Position: .....

Date.....

To be returned to:

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