



**INTERNATIONAL  
NETBALL  
FEDERATION**

*INF PROCEDURE*

## **Coaching of Umpires on Rankings Games**

### **Rationale**

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

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.

Coaching at international matches follows a standardized procedure (below) and consists of both verbal and written feedback (a report form is attached). The written report is confidential to the umpire and INF.

*INF may authorize the INF Appointments Panel (and in some cases, members of ITP) to access the report when making appointments to international events.*

### **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 Coaching feedback may be shared with teams where appropriate.

#### **STEP 2 Immediately following Match**

- 2.1 Verbal feedback is to be provided to both umpires immediately following each match.
- 2.2 It is preferred that feedback is given on an individual basis.
- 2.3 No feedback may be given during the match (including during intervals).

#### **STEP 3 Following completion of the series/tournament**

- 3.1 Each umpire will receive an electronic report/s on matches umpired.
- 3.2 For a series or tournament, reports may be provided either on a match-by-match basis or may be given for the series/tournament as a whole.
- 3.3 Written reports are to be forwarded to each umpire within 7 days of the final match.
- 3.4 Reports should also be forwarded to INF and may be stored on a secure part of the INF website (with defined access limits). Reports are confidential to the umpire, INF and ITP.

#### **STEP 4 Requirements for Rankings Matches**

- 4.1 Unless agreed otherwise by INF, all matches must be played according to the Official Rules of Netball.
- 4.2 The INF Bench Officials Manual will apply to all matches.
- 4.3 The INF Protocols for Umpires will apply to all matches.



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## INTERNATIONAL NETBALL FEDERATION – MATCH REPORT

Name of Umpire			
Date/s of match/es		No. observed	
Match/event details			
ITP/Cadet name/s			

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TECHNIQUES	
Position & Timing	
Vision	
Game Management & Protocols	
APPLICATIONS	
Contact	
Obstruction	
Advantage	
Minor Infringements	
Communication & Setting of Penalties	
SUMMARY	
Areas of Strength	
Areas for Development	