



**International Federation of Netball Associations (IFNA) announce changes to the Rules of Netball.**

The International Federation of Netball Associations announced today that its Members had voted to do away with the rule introduced in 2007 which prevented coaching during stoppages.

The changes will be made to Rule 3.4.2 and Rule 7 as follows:

*Current:*

3.4.2 From the Team Bench coaching is allowed while play is in progress. Coaching is also allowed during intervals (refer Rules 2.1 and 2.2) but not allowed during any Stoppage (refer Rules 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3). Team Officials and bench players may not indulge in inappropriate comments or behaviour, including moving up and down the Side Lines or along the Goal Lines during play (refer Rules 20 (iv) and 20.1.2).

*Proposed New:*

3.4.2 Team Officials and bench players may coach while play is in progress provided that they remain seated or stand at their Team Bench. Coaching is also allowed during intervals (refer Rules 2.1 and 2.2) and during Stoppages (refer Rule 7). Team Officials and bench players may not indulge in inappropriate comments or behaviour (refer Rules 20 (iv) and 20.1.2).

*Current:*

**RULE 7: STOPPAGES**

No coaching is permitted during any Stoppage (refer Rules 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3) by any Bench Team Official or bench player (refer Rule 3). However, the Team Manager may approach the players at the sideline for the purpose of providing rehydration.

*Proposed New:*

**RULE 7: STOPPAGES**

Coaching is permitted during any Stoppage by any Team Official who may approach the players at the Side Line. Bench players may approach the Side Line if coaching occurs. During a Stoppage any Team Official may approach the players at the Side Line for the purpose of providing rehydration. (Refer Rule 3, 7, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3).

The rule changes will come into effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010.

Urvasi Naidoo Chief Executive of IFNA said:

“This particular rule change was trialled during the ANZ Championships. Feedback received from the trial identified this as a positive experience with no negative impact on the game. Netball is constantly evolving and the performance of the best teams in the world will be enhanced by amending the rules to allow coaching during stoppages”

#### **Notes for editors:**

#### **The International Federation of Netball Associations (IFNA)**

IFNA is the sole, recognised, international governing body for the sport of netball. Netball is a recognised Olympic Sport and IFNA is therefore affiliated to the General Association of International Sports Federations, the International World Games Association and the Association of Recognised Sports Federations.

Currently, over 60 National Netball Associations are affiliated to IFNA, grouped into 5 Regions - Africa, Asia, Americas, Europe and Oceania - each with a respective Regional Federation.

IFNA also runs the World Netball Championships and the World Netball Series.

The Secretariat of IFNA is based in Manchester and has a small staff of three. It is one of the few International Federations still operating from within the UK.

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