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WHAT'S NEW in the NEW INF TECHNICAL OFFICIALS MANUAL? A guide to changes from 2016

The INF Congress in August 2015 adopted a new set of Rules. The Rules apply to all 'international play' (ie 'matches between two countries played for INF rankings points') from 1 January 2016 – most will apply at other levels soon after this date. Here is a summary of the main changes to the INF Technical Officials Manual in line with this.

Terminology and timings

- Change in terminology and timings in the new INF Rule of Netball and INF Match Protocols reflected throughout the Manual
- Manual renamed from INF Bench Officials Manual to INF Technical Officials Manual
- Section on suspension added. The timekeeper notifies reserve umpire at end of a suspension

Templates

- New template added – INF Player Changes Sheet
- Templates modified to include Extra Time and Extended Extra Time were applicable
- Spaces made bigger for entering data on some templates

Placement of Technical Officials

- Layout of the Official Bench adjusted and extra detail concerning the Bench Zone added, which can only be changed with approval from the INF

Recording data

- All Stoppages are to be recorded
- All Team names to be listed as family name (surname) then initial

Ending periods of play

- Recommendation is that an audible sound is used by the timekeeper to indicate the end of each period of play e.g. air-horn, with umpire alerts used as backup in the event of a malfunction

Visual indicators at Official Bench

- No visual signals for a stoppage for injury/illness or blood
- One visual signal to be used for Other Stoppages, which includes extending intervals or emergencies
- Change in visual signals to be used for Extra Time and Extended Extra Time

Guidelines for handling errors

- If both umpires indicate the centre pass incorrectly the umpires have to be notified before the centre pass is taken with umpire alerts recommended for indicating this