

ASIAN NETBALL FEDERATION ANNUAL REPORT TO 31ST MARCH 2021

SUMMARY

The last Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Asian Netball Federation was held in July 2019 in Japan.

The AGM scheduled for 2020, and the Asian Netball Championships 2020, both in Korea were cancelled due to the pandemic caused by Covid19.

2020-21 have been very difficult years for all sports, not just in Asia, but worldwide. Almost all sporting events had to be cancelled, and netball was severely affected. Almost all countries faced severe restrictions on trainings and competitions as the Covid19 virus spread widely across the world.

An online Zoom meeting for all ANF countries was held on 17th June 2020 with 13 countries present. The financial report for the year ended 31st March 2020 was presented to the meeting.

INF funded each region with GBP12,000 (about US\$15,000) in June 2020, to assist countries that were financially affected by the greatly reduced activities. The ANF Board invited applications for the funds, reviewed and then distributed the entire funds to 10 countries that applied. Our sincere thanks to INF for this timely support.

The Asian Youth Netball Championships scheduled for August in Korea, then postponed to October, had to be cancelled due to the worsening safety situation caused by the virus.

All countries reported severe travel restrictions, quarantine requirements and training and competition restrictions in the year.

ASIAN YOUTH NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS, JAPAN – JUNE 2019

Japan hosted a major Asian event for the first time from 29th June to 7th July 2019. This was held in Kashima, with 11 countries competing. The results were:

- 1) Malaysia
- 2) Singapore
- 3) Sri Lanka
- 4) Hong Kong
- 5) Thailand
- 6) Brunei
- 7) Chinese Taipei
- 8) Nepal
- 9) India

10) Japan

11) Korea

S.E. ASIAN GAMES 2019 – PHILIPPINES – DECEMBER 2019

This major regional multi-sport event featuring 11 countries and 52 sports included Netball for only the 4th time in its 60-year history. It was also the first time that the Philippines hosted a major netball event.

The games were held in the Santa Rosa stadium from 25th November to 2nd December.

The final standing was:

1 st	Malaysia
2 nd	Singapore
Joint 3 rd	Thailand and Brunei
5 th	Philippines

It is very important to get netball into multi-sports events, as the profile, media coverage and funding increases considerably. It also greatly increases the visibility of the sport in the home countries.

ASIAN INDOOR & MARTIAL ARTS GAMES

The Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games (AIMAG) scheduled for 21st to 30th May 2021 was postponed to 10th to 22nd March 2022. Only 8 countries are allowed to participate due to the restriction imposed by the Olympic Council of Asia. The 8 countries selected were based on their ranking at Asian Netball Championships 2018.