



NETBALL
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ASIAN NETBALL FEDERATION
ANNUAL REPORT FROM AUGUST 2018 TO JULY 2019

SUMMARY

Philippines will host the SE Asian Games from December 2019. This will be the fourth time that Netball has been included in this event featuring 38 sports and 13 countries. Next SE Asian Games will be held in Vietnam 2021 and then Cambodia in 2023.

Singapore held the Asian Netball Championships from 1st to 9th September 2018. Congratulations to Singapore and Sri Lanka for qualifying for the Netball World Cup to be held in Liverpool mid-July 2019.

The current ANF membership stands at 19 members as at 31st March 2019. This makes up 16 Full Members and 3 Associate Members.

TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT – Coaching and Umpiring

- 1) ANF has set up an Umpiring Committee headed by Tracy Skipp, ITP Cadet and joined by Vivian de Silva & Juile Goh from Singapore and Jenny Chadwick from Hong Kong. The committee has been working towards aligning Asian Umpiring Framework with the INF Framework. ANF is very fortunate to have an experienced person in Tracy leading this committee as she has umpired at the highest International level for many years, including the Netball World Cup in Sydney in 2015. With the combination of the Singapore and Hong Kong umpiring experts we are looking at being able to extend our umpiring reach across Asia
- 2) ANF Umpiring Committee has commenced working with the assistance of Netball Australia in aligning their Policies and Procedures with the International Netball Federation Standard. This will allow opportunities for Asian Umpires to have clearly defined goals and work towards a consistent structure to their goals of becoming International Umpires. Asia now has 5 umpires on the International Circuit with our aim to help many more across the Region
- 3) ANF ran an Asian Umpiring Camp in Hong Kong from 11-12th May 2019. 11 participants from 5 countries took part for 2 full days (and nights) of training. This was led by Jacqui Jashari from Australia who is an ITP. Assisting Jacqui with the presentation was Tracy Skipp, Jenny Chadwick from Hong Kong and Vivian de Silva, Julie Goh from Singapore, 2 ITID's and 1 A Badges from Hong Kong. This provided very personalized coaching to the umpires. ANF is extremely grateful to all the presenters and umpire coaches for running the workshop at no cost to ANF as well as giving up their valuable free time to come and help grow our talent pool in Hong Kong. Reimbursement of airfares, accommodation and meals of overseas presenters were borne by the ANF. ANF also provided internal transport and hostel accommodation for all visiting participants.

ASIAN NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS – JULY 2019

The 10th Asian Youth Netball Championships was held in Singapore from 1st to 9th September 2018. It was a great experience for all teams to be able to play in the World Cup Qualifier for Liverpool in July 2019.

The finals results were:

1. Sri Lanka
2. Singapore
3. Malaysia
4. Hong Kong
5. Thailand
6. Brunei
7. Japan
8. India
9. Philippines
10. Maldives
11. Pakistan
12. Chinese Taipei

ORGANISATION RESTRUCTURE

In October 2018, Cyrus Medora, Hon Secretary stepped down from the ANF Board. Cyrus has been an integral part of Netball Asia and will be deeply missed.

This has given the Committee an opportunity to reevaluate the structure and processes that Netball Asia has been following for many years, and thus allow us to implement changes to move positively forward in the future.

The main reason for the Independent Company setup is so that no country or person, director is legally liable for the actions of the ANF. With a Company the Liability, if found to be negligent, is limited to the amount of membership fees contributed. No Person or Director is personally liable for any possible negligent actions within the ANF.

However, as ANF's organizational structure & bank accounts were intertwined within Netball Singapore, a complicated process of removing this has begun and the following has occurred

1. **COMPANY LIMITED BY MEMBERSHIP** was setup in Hong Kong. This enabled for the Asian Netball to be independent of any country. The Company's liability is limited to membership fees and can have Directors from any country. Only the Company Secretary must be a Hong Kong resident, and this can be outsourced to a 3rd party that specializes in this, for a minimal fee.
2. **BANK ACCOUNT & FUNDS**
With the withdrawal of Singapore Netball support, the funds were not able to be utilized until they were transferred from Singapore Netball. They were transferred in two months ago, and are currently held in Hong Kong Netball Savings Account, which has been dormant.

The Approval Process for Funds to be spent follows the following authorization

- Approval from 2 of the Executive Committee, preferably the President & Treasurer
- Once this approval has occurred, all expenses then require 2 of Hong Kong's authorized signatures to sign off

There is currently no audit report for the 2018-19 Financial Year as it was not included in Singapore's Annual Audit. Netball Asia has not requested a separate audit to be completed as no transactions from when Singapore Netball separated with Asia Netball and 31st March 2019.

Bank Balance as at the 31st March 2019 is SG 56,345.41. This amount was transferred to Hong Kong 2 months ago.

3. CENTRALISED DATA & COMMUNICATIONS STRUCTURE

Netball Asia Executive Council has moved towards a centralized library of data stored in a drobox which is shared by all Executive Council. This allows any council member to access the latest data at a time and place they choose.

Netball Asia has also commenced with Generic Emails with the ANF_Secretary@gmail.com as the first trial. This will allow the email to follow the position, not the person and ensure that valuable communication remains with the association. This has proven successful and is expected to be rolled out in July 2019.

4. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL STRUCTURE

With cessation of the role of Netball Singapore in the day to day activities of Asian Netball Federation, these activities have had to be absorbed by members of Executive Council

The following structure has been worked on to spread the load across ALL roles within Netball Asia

- President
 - Oversight of all roles, Sign Off on all ANF Funding Proposals for Umpiring & Coaching
 - Review and Approve all Financial Transactions
 - Oversee the Tournament Process with Delegation to VP – Tournament Technical Delegate
- Vice President – Tournament Technical Delegate
 - Assist Countries who are preparing for the Asian Youth Championships and Asian Open Championships with the organization of the tournaments
 - Create a Technical Delegate Manual based on best practices
Manuals already exist in some countries. Aim is to consolidate and adopt best practices specifically for the Asian tournaments
- Vice President – Umpiring & Coaching
 - Work with the umpiring & coaching (in its early stages) committees to organize courses within the country and help assist with logistics and other items when required
 - Organize and work with Umpiring Committee on annual ANF umpiring camp

- Align best practices of Asia with the INF governing body
- Any other Umpiring & Coaching items
- Secretary
 - Minutes of all Annual & General Meetings
 - Organize regular general meetings via teleconference
 - Maintain & work with Company Secretary on Annual Company Documentation submitted to governing body
- Treasurer
 - Maintain Financial Books
 - Manage and Record all Inward & Outward Transactions
 - Ensure correct authorization of expenses are made
 - Create an Accounting Policy & Procedure manual
 - Organize annual company audit and answer all audit questions
 - Liaise with Countries re Costs of Coaching & Umpiring Courses utilizing ANF Funding