



Media alert – Thursday 26 August

Rule change to take effect for first Diamonds v Silver Ferns Test

The International Federation of Netball Associations recently announced a change to the Official Rules of Netball (2007) relating to coaching during stoppages.

The change to the rule means that coaching will be allowed during intervals and stoppages.

The rule change was trialled in the 2010 ANZ Championship and will be implemented at an International level for the remainder of 2010, including the upcoming Australian Diamonds v New Zealand Silver Ferns Test matches and the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games.

Netball Australia endorses the introduction of this rule change for all domestic competitions commencing January 1, 2011.

Introduction of the rule change at domestic level has been delayed due to the timing of the announcement falling during finals time, as well as the need to ensure that this information is disseminated to all stakeholders including players, coaches and umpires.

Due to the scheduled IFNA review of the Rules of netball at World Netball Championships in July 2011, Netball Australia will not be producing an updated rule book until the review has been completed and any additional rule changes have been confirmed.

The changes to Rule 3.4.2 and Rule 7 are as follows:

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).

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).

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