

Europe Netball Coaching and Officiating Update July 2023

Please find below some updates from the Europe Netball Coaching and Officiating Working Groups, which we hope you will find informative and useful.

Statement on use of coaches, umpires, assessors, tutors, and mentors by Member Countries not appointed by Europe Netball.

As part of our Duty of Care, Europe Netball would like to ensure that Member Countries are aware that personnel (coaches, umpires, tutors, mentors, and assessors) not deployed by Europe Netball are not insured by the Europe Netball Insurance Policy. Member Countries that choose to appoint personnel without going through Europe Netball need to ensure that all personnel are covered either by the insurance policy of the appointing Member Country, specific event insurance or that the person appointed has their own personnel liability insurance that covers them for the activity they are appointed to undertake. Europe Netball requests that Member Countries also inform their members of this matter so that they do not undertake appointments that may leave them vulnerable to claims.

Deployment of Europe Netball Coaches, Tutors, Mentors and Assessors by a Requesting Member Country

When a Member Country requests personnel through Europe Netball for in-country visits, the Member Country agrees to the following:

- Hotel accommodation with single rooms on a bed and breakfast basis
- Travel to and from the airport in the home country or to a venue by car @40p per mile or 2nd class/economy rail travel including any (reasonable) required parking
- Deployed personnel to submit claims for travel and any additional expenses agreed with the host country within seven days
- Member Country and deployed personnel to return the feedback and visit forms within seven days of deployment
- Travel to and from the airport in the host country and to the venues
- Food and drink whilst coaching/tutoring/assessing/mentoring. (No expectation to provide other meals when not facilitating)
- All travel and accommodation arrangements should be finalised and confirmed to the appointed individual at least 7 days before the date of the deployment.

Please also note that we have been requested by our travel insurers to notify them of travel plans three months in advance of actual deployment. We have advised them that we are a reactive organisation and may not always be able to meet this request. For this reason, we are requesting that, whenever possible, you give us as much notice as possible regarding deployments, but appreciate that this is often beyond your control.

Extenuating Circumstances

We are including in this update a form that can be used by Member Countries when someone needs to request an extension for a Europe Netball Coaching or Officiating Award or needs to request a reasonable adjustment for the Officiating written papers. Member Countries will simply need to insert the relevant email address that they wish the form to be returned to. Please note that requests for

extensions over a 12-month duration should be made to the Europe Netball Officiating and Coaching Chairs. All extensions and reasonable adjustments granted by a Member Country should be recorded either on the attached log or in a similar way by a Member Country, and should be made available to Europe netball on request

Terms and Conditions

The Europe Netball Terms and Conditions have been updated and are attached as part of this communication. They will also be available on the Officiating and Coaching sections of the Europe netball website and are applicable to all learners who have registered to participate in a Europe Netball course, workshop, or assessment across Coaching and Officiating, including Continuous Professional Development (CPD), via virtual delivery and/or face-to-face delivery.

Transfer of Awards

The Europe Netball Officiating Group have been working with Member Countries to support the transfer of awards at an introductory level. Where a Member Country has a recognised Course or Award before the C Award we have requested a copy of their course, analysed their course and in some cases made recommendations, to ensure greater consistency and allow prior learning to be accredited between Member Countries. Where an individual affiliates to another Europe Netball Member Country and provides the required documentation to confirm completion of a Course or Award at this level in a different Europe Netball Member Country, we are recommending that the following Country Member Courses/Awards should be accepted as evidence of prior learning:

Dubai – Foundation Netball Course
England – Into Officiating Award
Isle of Man – Beginners Award Course
Scotland – Introduction to Umpiring Course
Switzerland – Into Umpiring Award
Wales -Introduction to Umpiring

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