

# INDOOR NETBALL FEDERATION OF QUEENSLAND INC.,



## POLICY DOCUMENT, CODE OF CONDUCT & INFQ MEDIA POLICY



For INFQ **UMPIRES**

THIS DOCUMENT IS TO ALSO INCOPORATE YOUR  
COMMITMENT/OBILAGTION TO ALL INFA HOSTED EVENTS

# INDOOR NETBALL FEDERATION OF QUEENSLAND INC POLICY DOCUMENT

## **\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS NOW COMBINED TO INCLUDE THE I.N.A. CODE OF CONDUCT POLICIES\***

This policy document has been designed to provide all State Indoor Netball **Coaches**, Managers, Selectors, Players and Sport Trainers/Physiotherapists with a comprehensive guide to their respective roles and responsibilities when selected for Queensland.

Queensland has an exemplary history at National Championships. On the court we have been competitive and disciplined - off the court we are renowned for our excellent behaviour and conduct.

This policy document reflects the attitude of Indoor Netball Federation of Queensland's Management Committee to the ongoing commitment to increasing professionalism within the sport.

It is the intent of this document to provide coaches, managers, umpires, selectors and players with clear statements and directions regarding their roles and responsibilities to ensure optimal performance both on and off the court.

Alterations to this policy document may be made:

- Subject to written notification to the Indoor Netball Federation of Queensland Management Committee advising a 'requirement to alter'. This will be tabled at a by-monthly Management Meeting.

### **Period of Appointment:**

This policy shall apply to all officials and players from their time of appointment until such time as they are replaced or for such period as may be set by INFQ/INA.

### **Non-Discrimination:**

All INFQ Officials will ensure that they do not discriminate against any persons with whom they deal on the basis of Age, Sex or Race.

### **Public Comment:**

No official or player shall supply any information to the media or to any person for the purpose or use of the media, nor grant any interview to the media relating to matters of INFQ policy without prior approval from INFQ.

### **Personal Conduct:**

Officials and players shall at all times conduct themselves with propriety and decorum and refrain from any conduct that is prejudicial to their team, other officials, players or INFQ/INA. No official should misuse their position of trust to exert improper influence on players or officials, in any manner, particularly by way of selection including attempts to induce players to change clubs.  
INFQ/INA abide by and will enforce a "NO ALCOHOL" & "NO SMOKING" policy.

### **Accommodation:**

At the accommodation, no family, friends or partners are permitted to stay where the INFQ state teams are staying. If you partner is in the same team, you will be placed in separate rooms.

### **COMPULSARY – Blue Card for all Officials**

Any official who has contact with juniors under the age of 18 **are required** to hold Blue Cards as required under the State Legislation.

### **Results Standards**

As a direct result of this policy, all State Teams are subject to standards directly related to:

- \* Group harmony
- \* Training attendance must be adhered to, minimum of 80% of trainings otherwise good reason must be given as to why you should not be removed
- \* Conduct and discipline
- \* Transport
- \* Accommodation
  - a) No parents, friends, family are permitted at accommodation
  - b) Damages to apartments/contents shall be paid by persons in that room
- \* Uniforms
- \* Anyone who deems another person not abiding by the Code of Conduct/Policy document is to **immediately** report it to the INFQ Operations Manager or Tour Director

### **Results Analysis/Written Report**

#### **Penalties:**

Any contravention of this policy must be reported to the INFQ Operations Manager or any INFQ/INA Team Official present at the time. Upon receipt of a complaint an official must contact the INFQ Operations Manager who will convene a tribunal of suitable officials to investigate the allegations of misconduct. Such tribunal must notify INFQ of any recommended penalty for approval before it is implemented.

INFQ/INA has the authority to amend any penalty imposed to ensure proper procedures were followed and that the penalty is appropriate.

Any decision by a tribunal during an event may be reviewed by the INFQ Committee at a later date and further action may be taken if the committee deems appropriate.

Any State Team official who contravenes the policies set down in this document may be penalised by INFQ and or INA, which could include suspension or dismissal.

# INFQ - STATE UMPIRE

## **Responsibilities of a State Umpire:**

- ❖ Ensure a minimum of 80% of training sessions are attended.
- ❖ Complete all documentation including the INFQ and I.N.A Codes of Conduct.
- ❖ Maintain a personal fitness and skill level that pertains to umpiring.
- ❖ Advise State Umpires Director & Operations Manager of any injury sustained - appropriate treatment to be sought.
- ❖ Ensure all relevant fees are paid to INFQ within the stated timeframe.
- ❖ Participate in the competition within the I.N.A. and INFQ Codes of Conduct.
- ❖ You will report directly to the INA Umpires Director will on tour, who will facilitate the tournament.
- ❖ Ensure the highest standard of discipline and restraint is displayed on and off the court.
- ❖ Abide by the INFQ/INA Smoking Policy AND Drinking Policies.
- ❖ Respect all facilities and equipment whilst training or playing. Eg buses, motels, sports centres.
- ❖ Provide appropriate medical certificates if requested.
- ❖ Assist when asked with interpretations of INA Rules of the tournament.
- ❖ Respect all players, tournament officials at all times.
- ❖ Refrain from making any public statements without the permission of the INFQ Operations Manager or nominated Official.



# INFQ SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

## 1. Purpose:

Social media offers the opportunity for people to gather in online communities of shared interest and create, share or consume content. As a member-based organisation, Indoor Netball Federation of Queensland – to be known as “INFQ”, recognizes the benefits of social media as an important tool of engagement and enrichment for its members.

It is important that INFQ’s reputation is not tarnished and/or by bringing the game of indoor netball into disrepute by anyone using social media tools inappropriately, particularly in relation to any content that might reference the organisation or its members. **INFQ / Members will be defined as** INFQ staff, INFQ member centers, INFQ superleague players, INFQ officials (Coaches, managers, sports trainers, selectors & umpires) and/or any other persons working, volunteering or assisting which will also include anyone at an INFQ sanctioned event.

When someone clearly identifies with INFQ and/or discusses their involvement in the organisation and event or activity in this type of forum, they are expected to behave and express themselves appropriately, and in ways that are consistent with our stated policies.

## 2. Scope:

This policy applies to INFQ member centers, superleague players, all state officials, umpires, sports trainers, selectors, volunteers, staff or any individual representing themselves as being a representative or a member of INFQ. (Defined)

This policy covers all forms of social media. Social media includes, but is not limited to, such activities as:

- Maintaining a profile page on social or business networking sites (E.g. LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter or Snapchat);
- Comments on forums or chat rooms;
- Content sharing include Flickr (photo sharing) and You Tube (video sharing);
- Commenting on blogs/posts for personal or business reasons;
- Leaving product or service reviews on retailer sites, or customer review sites;
- Taking part in online votes and polls;
- Taking part in conversations on public and private web forums (message boards); or
- Editing Wikipedia page

The intent of this policy is to include anything posted online where information is shared that might affect INFQ / members (defined).

## 3. Guiding Principles:

- a. The web is not anonymous. INFQ / members (defined), should assume that everything they write can be tracked back to them.
- b. Due to the nature of our operations, the boundaries between our profession, volunteer time and social life can often be blurred.
- c. Honesty is always the best policy, especially online. It is important that you think of the web as a permanent record of online actions and opinions.
- d. When using the internet for professional or personal pursuits, everyone must respect INFQ/ members (defined) and follow the guidelines in place to ensure the intellectual property or our relationship with member centres and its members is not compromised (see 5.0 below).

## 4. Usage:

For anyone involved with the organisation INFQ using social media, such use:

- Must not contain, or link to, libelous, defamatory or harassing content. This also applies to the use of illustrations or nicknames;
- Must not comment on, or publish, information that is confidential or in any way sensitive to INFQ / members (defined); and
- Must not bring the organisation into disrepute and use such outlets as a method of bullying, harassing or intimidating anyone.
- Must not use the brand or image of INFQ or member centers (see 5.0 below) to endorse or promote any product, express political opinion; and it must be abundantly clear to all readers that any and all opinions shared are those of the individual, and not represent or reflect the views of INFQ.

#### **5. Branding and Intellectual Property (IP):**

It is important that any trademarks belonging to INFQ are not used in personal social media applications, except where such use can be considered incidental – (where incidental is taken to mean “happening in subordinate conjunction with something else”). Trademarks include:

- INFQ, member centres and/or member’s logos;
- Images depicting INFQ / members (defined), and/or equipment, except with the permission of those individuals;
- Other INFQ or member centers imagery including colours, emblems and/or uniforms.

#### **6. Official INFQ blogs, social pages and online forums:**

When creating a new website, social networking page or forum for INFQ use, care should be taken to ensure the appropriate written consent to create the page or forum has been granted.

Similarly, appropriate permission must be obtained for the use of logos or images. **Images or pictures of children (minors under the age of 18 years) may not be replicated on any site without written permission of the child’s parent or guardian.** This also includes names, address, performances or any personal details concerning the individual.

For official blogs, social pages and online forums:

- Posts must not contain, nor link to, pornographic or indecent content;
- Some hosted sites may sell the right to advertise on their sites through ‘pop up’ content which may be of questionable nature. This type of hosted site should not be used for online forums or social pages as the nature of the ‘pop up’ content cannot be controlled;
- INFQ / members (defined) should not use online pages to promote personal projects;
- All material published or used must respect the copyright of third parties.

#### **7. Consideration towards others when using social networking sites:**

Social networking sites allow photographs, videos and comments to be shared with thousands of other users. It should be recognized that it may not be appropriate to share photographs, videos and comments in this way. For example, there may be an expectation that photographs taken at a private function or activity will not appear publicly on the internet. In certain situations, this could breach the privacy act or inadvertently make the sport liable for breach of copyright.

Be considerate to others in such circumstances, information should not be posted unless consent has not been sought and given. Information, images etc. must be immediately removed about another person if that person asks them to do so.

- a. Under no circumstance should offensive or derogatory comments be made about INFQ / members (defined), online.

#### **8. Breach of Policy:**

- a. Detected breaches of this policy should be reported immediately to INFQ.
- b. If detected, a breach of this policy may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the INFQ’s complaints handling systems.
- c. Penalties may include but not limited to – suspension, suspension from play, suspension from all INFQ tournaments etc. depending on the circumstances.

#### **9. Consultation or Advice:**

This policy has been developed to provide guidance for INFQ members (defined), members, member centers, officials and volunteers. Anyone who are unsure of their rights, liabilities or actions online and are seeking clarification should contact the INFQ, as per below.