**Extension of Netball Europe officiating awards / roles due to COVID-19**

Netball Europe (our Awarding body for Officiating) have now provided information on the extension of expiry dates for Netball Europe officiating awards, due to COVID-19. There is usually a 2 year validity period of a course or written paper. See below for details regarding the expiry date extensions. These will start at the date that competition is recommenced. This will be confirmed by England Netball in due course.

The NE officiating group and Board have stated that they will review this situation every 3 months to determine if any further considerations and changes are required as a result of COVID-19 and will update us accordingly.

Netball Europe C, B and A umpiring award

* Written awards C, B and A

Any umpire who already has a written award pass with an expiry date on or after 16th March 2020 will have their expiry date extended by 12 months (so for example, if your expiry date was originally April 30th 2020 this will now be extended to April 30th 2021).

* Attended a C or B course and not already applied for written assessment

Learners have 2 years from the date that they attended a course (either C or B award) in which to take their written assessment. This is being extended by 12 months from the recommencement of competition following the end of lockdown (date to be confirmed).

* Application for C, B and A practical assessment

All applications for practical assessments that have already been submitted to a country organiser will remain valid. When competition recommences following the end of lock down (date to be confirmed), organisers will be required to arrange the assessment within the following timeframes:

C award - 6 months (currently 3 months)

B award - 8 months (currently 4 months)

A award - 12 months (currently 6 months)

INTO officiating – 3 months (currently 1 month)

These timeframes have been extended to allow the candidates sufficient time to undertake relevant match umpiring in preparation for their practical assessment and to allow organisers sufficient time for the organisation of the assessment.

The County Umpiring Secretary will be maintaining a log of all amended timeframes and will contact individual learners with their new expiry dates once England Netball confirm restart date.