NETBAL NEDERLAND OFFICIAL SELECTION APPEALS PROCEDURE

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 This procedure provides a fair, transparent, and expedited process for reviewing national team selection decisions where a material procedural error is alleged.

1.2 It ensures full compliance with the Netbal Nederland (NNL) *Statuten*, international sports governance, and NOC*NSF elite sport guidelines.

2.0 GROUNDS FOR APPEAL

2.1 An athlete may only appeal a selection decision on the grounds of **procedural error**. Valid grounds are strictly limited to demonstrating that:

- The official NNL Selection Policy was not followed or was incorrectly applied.
- Materially relevant and documented performance data was ignored or was substantially inaccurate.
- The decision was influenced by a documented conflict of interest or demonstrable bias within the Selection Panel.

2.2 Appeals based on a subjective disagreement with the Selection Panel's expert evaluation of athletic merit, skills, or player combinations are strictly invalid and will be dismissed immediately.

3.0 STEP 1: INTERNAL BOARD REVIEW

3.1 The athlete must lodge a formal written appeal directly to the **NNL Board** (submitted via the General Secretary) within **72 hours** of receiving their official selection notification.

3.2 For short-notice tournament rosters or emergency injury replacements, this submission window is reduced to **24 hours** to prevent disrupting team travel or tournament registration deadlines.

3.3 Pursuant to the administrative authority granted under Article 15 of the NNL *Statuten*, the NNL Board will immediately review the selection procedure to verify compliance. The Board will issue a binding internal ruling to the athlete within **48 hours** of receiving the appeal.

4.0 STEP 2: INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL ARBITRATION

4.1 If the NNL Board's internal review does not resolve the dispute to the athlete's satisfaction, the athlete retains the right to escalate the matter within **72 hours** of receiving the Board's decision.

4.2 In strict accordance with NOC*NSF compliance mandates, final dispute resolution is removed from the federation and delegated to the **Institute for Sports Judiciary (ISR)**(*Instituut Sportrechtspraak*).

4.3 The ruling of the independent ISR arbitration tribunal shall be absolute, final, and legally binding upon the athlete, the Selection Panel, and Netbal Nederland.

5.0 COSTS

5.1 Internal Review Costs

There is no administrative fee for lodging a Step 1: Internal Board Review. Netbal Nederland (NNL) will cover its own internal administrative costs associated with this review. The athlete is solely responsible for any personal expenses or informal advisory costs incurred during this stage.

5.2 External Arbitration Costs (ISR)

If the dispute is escalated to Step 2: Independent External Arbitration, the financial responsibilities are governed by the regulations of the *Instituut Sportrechtspraak* (ISR):

- **Filing Fees:** The athlete is responsible for paying any upfront arbitration filing fees or deposit advances required by the ISR to initiate the case.
- **Legal Representation:** Each party (the athlete and NNL) shall independently bear their own costs for legal counsel, representation, and expert witnesses during the ISR proceedings.

5.3 Allocation of Final Costs

In accordance with ISR arbitration rules and Dutch procedural law (*Wetboek van Burgerlijke Rechtsvordering*), the ISR arbitration tribunal has the sole authority to determine the final allocation of arbitration costs. The tribunal may order the losing party to reimburse the winning party for all or a fixed portion of the ISR administrative fees and reasonable legal expenses.

6.0 REVIEW

6.1 This policy will be reviewed annually and amended by Board and Council approval.

7.0 DOCUMENT HISTORY

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