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In previous championships, to ensure fair competition, players have been asked to apply for a national registration with the United Kingdom Sports Association. However this has often proven to be a time consuming and expensive process.

This year, team managers are asked to sign a declaration that players are eligible to compete as an athlete with a learning disability.

In line with most other sports, athletes entering the Marion Smith Netball Championships must have a learning disability as defined by INAS (the International Governing Body for Learning Disability Sport), the World Health Organisation and Special Olympics Great Britain.

This means that athletes must have an IQ below 75, limited adaptive behaviour (ie. needs support to achieve everyday tasks) and the disability must have occurred before the age of 18.

Team Managers must sign below to indicate that team members meet these criteria. It is against the rules of the competition to make a false declaration and the athlete may not be allowed to participate.

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (ATHLETE NAME) is eligible to participate in the Marion Smith Netball Championships an athletes with a learning disability, as defined by INAS, WHO and SOGB.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this application form by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2007** to: Competitions and Events Dept, England Netball, Netball House, 9 Paynes Park, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 1EH. Telephone: 01462 44 23 44 Fax: 01462 44 23 43 or 01462 428 346 Email: [events@englandnetball.co.uk](mailto:events@englandnetball.co.uk)

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