



## Press Release

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### **International Netball Federation announces host for Netball World Youth Cup 2021**

The International Netball Federation (INF) has today announced that Netball Fiji has won the rights to host the second staging of the Netball World Youth Cup 2021.

The tournament will be held at the Vodafone Arena in Suva, Fiji, which was constructed to host the Pacific Games and is widely renowned for hosting netball events.

INF President, the Hon. Molly Rhone, OJ, CD, said: “On behalf of the Board of the International Netball Federation, I am delighted to announce that Netball Fiji has been awarded the rights to host the Netball World Youth Cup 2021.

“We considered two excellent applications from Netball Fiji and Netball Samoa. It was a tough decision but Fiji’s bid was particularly strong, demonstrating a good state of readiness and real potential as host nation for our flagship youth event.

“We have every confidence that Netball Fiji will deliver a thrilling world class event and are grateful to the Government of Fiji for their strong support. We very much look forward to working with the Organising Committee to bring our second Netball World Youth Cup to the beautiful city of Suva.”

Netball Fiji President, Wainikiti Bogidrau, said: “Being awarded the rights to host the NWYC 2021 is indeed an honour and we appreciate all the countries and organisations that supported us in our bid inclusive of the Government of Fiji and the Fiji National Sports Commission. We look forward to hosting the international netball community in Suva in 2021 to showcase what our country and capital city has to offer as a sporting destination.”

The inaugural Netball World Youth Cup will be held in Gaborone, Botswana this July with twenty countries competing from all of the INF’s five regions, following qualifying rounds.

Previously known as the World Youth Netball Championships, the event has been held every four years since 1988.

The last Championships was held in 2013 in Glasgow, Scotland, and was won by New Zealand.

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## **Notes for Editors**

### **International Netball Federation**

Over 20 million people play netball around the world, in more than 80 countries. The International Netball Federation (INF) is the sole, internationally recognised, governing body for netball, affiliated to SportAccord, the International World Games Association and the Association of Recognised International Sports Federations, receiving funding from the International Olympic Committee.

Currently, 73 National Netball Associations are affiliated to the INF, grouped into five Regions - Africa, Asia, Americas, Europe and Oceania - each with a respective Regional Federation.

### **Netball Fiji**

Netball Fiji oversees the most popular women sports in Fiji. Netball is played in primary schools, secondary schools, business house competitions and in weekly club competitions for over 12 affiliated districts in Fiji. Netball has a large amount of grassroots support in Fiji. Netball Fiji delivers its purpose to its members through sufficient resources to remain viable and competitive in governance, people and financial management. A member of the Oceania Netball Federation (ONF) is affiliated to the Fiji Associations of Sports & National Olympic Committee.