

## Birmingham 2022 Unveils Biggest Ever Sports Programme With 286 Sessions

Birmingham 2022 has released the latest version of the competition schedule for the Commonwealth Games, the biggest multi-sport event to be staged in the UK for a decade.

The sporting action will start in style on Friday 29 July, with the netball action taking place from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at the NEC, Birmingham. Details of the netball sessions can be found below, and the full competition schedule can be found on the B2022 website.

## **Netball Sessions and Timings – B2022**

\*Please note all times are in GMT.

| Day   | Date                        | Session   | Timings     |
|-------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Day 1 | 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2022  | Session1  | 12:00-15:30 |
|       |                             | Session 2 | 18:00-21:30 |
| Day 2 | 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2022  | Session 3 | 12:00-15:30 |
|       |                             | Session 4 | 18:00-21:30 |
| Day 3 | 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2022  | Session 5 | 12:00-15:30 |
|       |                             | Session 6 | 18:00-21:30 |
| Day 4 | 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2022 | Session 7 | 12:00-15:30 |
|       |                             | Session 8 | 18:00-21:30 |
| Day 5 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2022 | Session 9 | 12:00-15:30 |



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|        |                             | Session 10       | 18:00-21:30 |
| Day 6  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2022 | Session 11       | 12:00-15:30 |
|        |                             | Session 12       | 18:00-21:30 |
| Day 7  | 4 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 | Session 13       | 09:00-12:30 |
|        |                             | Session 14       | 14:00-17:30 |
|        |                             | Session 15       | 19:00-22:30 |
| Day 8  | 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 | Session 16       | 09:00-13:00 |
|        |                             | Session 17       | 14:30-18:30 |
| Day 9  | 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 | Session 18 (SF1) | 09:00-11:00 |
|        |                             | Session 19 (SF2) | 14:30-16:30 |
| Day 10 | 7 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 | Session 20       | 13:30-15:30 |
|        |                             | (Bronze Medal)   |             |
|        |                             | Session 21       | 20:30-22:30 |
|        |                             | (Gold Medal)     |             |

Last year organisers confirmed that more medals will be award to women than men for the first time ever at a major multi-sport event and Sunday 7 August will be a showcase for women's team sports, with the medal matches for netball taking place alongside women's hockey and cricket T20.

lan Reid, Chief Executive of Birmingham 2022 said: "We're on track to stage a magnificent edition of the Commonwealth Games and we have seen huge interest in tickets in recent weeks. Now more than ever, people are searching for something to look forward to and that is certainly what we will deliver.



"There are millions of sports fans out there who, because of the pandemic, have not been able to attend events for 12 months and with things moving in the right direction, and vaccines being rolled out, we are anticipating a huge amount of interest when our tickets go on sale later in the year."

Ama Agbeze, Team England gold medallist and Chair of the Birmingham 2022 Athletes' Advisory Committee, explained what the new schedule means for the 4,500 athletes that will be looking to compete in Birmingham: "The competition schedule for the Games is really taking shape – not only do we now know which sports will take place on each day, but we also know the number of sessions and when those all-important medals will be decided.

"This will make the Games even more real for all of the athletes looking to compete at Birmingham 2022, plus it provides the teams with key information to help them plan and prepare."

**CGF President, Dame Louise Martin, DBE** said: "This is another significant milestone as we move closer to Birmingham 2022.



"We are fortunate to showcase two full weekends of world-class sport, with the event featuring the largest para sport programme in Commonwealth Games history with an unprecedented platform for women's sport.

"It is a huge source of pride for everyone in the Commonwealth Sport Movement that Birmingham 2022 will be the first major multi-sport event to have more medals for women than men, providing a huge boost for women's sport."

After such a difficult period, I am delighted Birmingham 2022 is unveiling this exciting schedule today, to give Commonwealth athletes and fans a spectacular competition to look forward to."

12 teams will be selected by INF to compete in the Netball competition. The Host Nation is entitled to enter one team; and the top 11 CGA's in the INF World Rankings, have consideration for regional representation. Qualifiers for B2022 are to be confirmed during December 2021.

For more information on Birmingham 2022, visit the website <u>here</u>.

For more information on international netball including INF World Rankings, visit the INF website <a href="here">here</a>.