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International Netball Federation Announces Host For 2027 Netball World Cup

The International Netball Federation (INF) has today announced that Netball Australia has been awarded the rights to host the 17th staging of the Netball World Cup.

The primary tournament venue will be the Qudos Bank Arena in Sydney, Australia's iconic world city and leading tourism and events destination. The arena is situated in the Sydney Olympic Park renowned for its global reputation as a multi-sport's major events precinct.

INF President, Liz Nicholl, CBE, said: "On behalf of the Board of the International Netball Federation, I am delighted to announce that Netball Australia will be hosting the 2027 Netball World Cup. Australia put in a strong bid and we are confident they will deliver an excellent event in the city of Sydney, as we have seen Netball Australia do so in the past."

"As our sport continues to grow and evolve at an unprecedented rate around the globe, we look forward to working with the Organising Committee and Netball Australia on netball's growth and development whilst delivering a thrilling world-class event that will no doubt inspire all and work towards creating a better world through netball."

Netball Australia is committed to implementing a significant national and international legacy programme as hosts of the 2027 Netball World Cup. The INF and Netball Australia are in the process of concluding the hosting agreement which sets out the

full scope of this programme. It focuses on developing netball in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region, as well as working with INF and its Members to create opportunities and grow the game from 2022 to 2027 and beyond. The event will further the growth of women's elite sport and provide a platform to influence positive change for netballers around the world.

Netball Australia Chair, Paolina Hunt commented: "An enormous amount of work went into our bid and it's thrilling to think that we can now begin to transform our vision into reality. We acknowledge the responsibility of winning an event such as this and will work to ensure that lasting benefits will be enjoyed by communities throughout New South Wales, Australia and the Region."

The Netball World Cup is INF's flagship event held every four years and brings together the world's top teams for the sport's most elite tournament. The next edition will be in Cape Town South Africa in 2023. Sydney has won the rights to host the Netball World Cup on two previous occasions in 1991 and 2015. In 2027 Netball Australia will be celebrating its centenary year.

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INF announces Netball Australia as hosts for Netball World Cup 2027.

Notes to 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 GAISF, the International World Games Association and the Association of Recognised International Sports Federations (ARISF), receiving funding from the International Olympic Committee.

Currently, 76 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 Australia

Netball Australia is the national governing body for netball in Australia. Netball is the biggest team sport in Australia, played by over 1.2 million women, men, and children all over the country. It's also the number one participation sport for Australia girls. Netball Australia's role is to foster growth, connect with local communities, protect the reputation of the game, and empower women to shine.

Qudos Bank Arena

Qudos Bank Arena is the largest indoor entertainment and sporting Arena in Australia that can accommodate up to 21,000 visitors. Ranked as the number 4 Arenas in the World, the arena was originally built for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and has now established itself as one of Australia's major event venues.