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FAST5 Netball World Series 2023 dates confirmed for Christchurch, New Zealand

World Netball and Netball New Zealand have today announced the dates for the FAST5 Netball World Series (NWS) which will return for the second year running to Christchurch, New Zealand from the 11-12th November 2023.

The top six teams in the World Netball World Rankings as of the 1st March 2023 will be invited to compete at the Christchurch Arena.

This includes, the hosts New Zealand, as well as Australia, England, Jamaica, South Africa and Malawi.

Australia won the FAST5 NWS last year, whilst in a world first three men's teams took part in an exhibition series, and it has been confirmed that the men will be back in action this year too.

Speaking on the exciting announcement, World Netball CEO Clare Briegal said: "We are thrilled that the FAST5 Netball World Series will be returning to Christchurch, New Zealand later this year.

"The Netball World Series is a key part of our exciting world-class international events calendar, and after the success of the Christchurch 2022 event, we know Netball New Zealand will do another fantastic job entertaining the Netball Family this year."

Netball New Zealand Chief Commercial Officer David Cooper added: "We showed last year just how entertaining FAST5 netball is and how it captures the imagination of our netball fans.

"We gave FAST5 netball a loud and warm welcome back to New Zealand and we're looking forward to another two days of celebrating the game that is FAST5,

"I think we saw just how much our netball fans have missed seeing the FAST5 action up close and live with some vibrant and colourful crowds at Christchurch Arena and the extra thrill of seeing the aerial game from the men added to the excitement."

Tickets for the event will go on sale next month, with more information on this to follow in due course. To be the first to know when tickets go on sale register here.
For more information on the FAST5 NWS, visit the event website.

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Notes to Editors:

World Netball

World Netball is the sole, internationally recognised, governing body for netball affiliated to the

Association of Recognised International Sports Federations (ARISF), receiving funding from the

International Olympic Committee.

World Netball creates a better world through netball, inspiring netballers to embrace opportunities and

achieve their potential. Netball is played in more than 100 countries around the world with 79 National

Netball Associations affiliated to World Netball. The associations are grouped into five Regions – Africa

Netball, Americas Netball, Asia Netball, Europe Netball and Oceania Netball - each with a respective

Regional Federation. Regional Federations are an integral part of the global governance structure and

assist in the implementation of World Netball policies and the development of the sport in their

respective regions.

For more information visit www.worldnetball.sport

FAST5 Netball World Series

FAST5 is netball like you've never seen before; featuring dynamic rules changes, such as 5 players a

side, shorter quarters, power plays and super shots.

The innovative form of the game brings in a new audience helping to increase netball's reach and

revenue.

The major FAST5 event is the 'FAST5 World Series' which features the world's best, with teams from

Australia, England, Fiji, Jamaica, Malawi New Zealand, Samoa, South Africa and Uganda having played

in the series so far.

The FAST5 World Series adds another fresh and exciting spectacle to World Netball's portfolio of

thrilling world-class events as we continue our journey of growth, all which helps us create a compelling

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case for inclusion in future multi-sport games to showcase the very best of our sport to more people more often, as outlined in our Strategic Plan.

This August, FAST5 netball will be included in the Commonwealth Youth Games for the first time in Trinbago 2023.

For more information visit https://fast5netball.com