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BBC TO SHOW NETBALL WORLD CUP 2023

World Netball has today announced that BBC will cover all matches live from day four of the Netball World Cup 2023 to the Netball Family in the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man.

The Netball World Cup 2023 will run from the 28th July to 6th August 2023 in Cape Town, South Africa, with the BBC covering all matches live from Monday 31st July, up to and including the Final, across BBC Television, iPlayer, Sounds and the BBC Sport Website.

BBC Radio 5 Live will also have coverage of key matches, with commentary of selected games on 5 Live and 5 Sports Extra.

Speaking on the news World Netball CEO, Clare Briegal said: "It is very exciting to be announcing that the BBC will be showing all the action, from day four onwards, of the Netball World Cup 2023.

"For our pinnacle event to be broadcast free to air across the UK, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man is so important on our journey to grow and inspire, enabling the Netball World Cup to reach a wider audience, the fans of the Roses, Thistles and Feathers to follow their teams, and inspiring more people to get involved in netball.

"We have no doubt that this will be a world-class thrilling event, and we can't wait to

see and hear the fantastic coverage across the BBC.

"Thank you to the BBC for their continued support."

Barbara Slater, Director of BBC Sport, added: "We are delighted to be showcasing the Netball World Cup 2023 free to air across the BBC.

"As a big supporter of women's sport, we want to bring it to the widest audience possible.

"With great home nation representation, we're hoping for plenty of drama and memorable matches."

Thomas Klingebiel, SPORTFIVE, President – Media, was equally as excited about the news, he said: "SPORTFIVE are thrilled to announce the broadcasting partnership between the BBC and World Netball ahead of the Netball World Cup 2023.

"The deal will see the sport made accessible to people all over the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man and represents another crucial step in showcasing the brilliance of netball to greater and greater audiences."

This year's event will see England and Scotland go up against each other in Pool B in the preliminary stage, whilst Wales are playing in Pool C.

To view the full schedule for the event, click here.

To visit the Netball World Cup 2023 website, click here.

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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