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FAST5 Netball Line-up Announced for Trinbago 2023

The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) has today confirmed the eight (8) Commonwealth Games Associations (CGA) who will send teams to compete at the Trinbago 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games FAST5 Netball competition.

The hosts, Trinidad & Tobago, were selected automatically and they will be joined by Australia, Botswana, Canada, England, South Africa, Scotland, and St Vincent & the Grenadines at the event taking place from the 4th – 11th August 2023, with the dates of the netball competition from the 8th – 10th August 2023.

This is the first-time netball will feature in the Commonwealth Youth Games with the competition allowing for a broad range of countries to

compete at an international event whilst providing an invaluable experience to the future stars of netball.

The [FAST5](#) format, features multiple point shots, double point power plays, five players-a-side and shortened quarters creating an exciting spectator experience with the potential for unpredictable results.

Speaking on the exciting announcement, World Netball CEO, Clare Briegal said: “Congratulations to all the Commonwealth Games Associations that have been selected to send a team to this exciting event.

“We can’t wait to see the next generation of athletes take to court and showcase the innovative FAST5 version of our game at the Commonwealth Youth Games for the first time.

“We know this will be an invaluable experience for all involved and a pinnacle event in the young athletes’ careers.”

CGF President Dame Louise Martin, added: “We are thrilled to unveil the nations competing in the team sports at Trinbago 2023.

“The Beach Volleyball, FAST5 Netball and Rugby Sevens competitions are set to be highly competitive, with nations from across the Commonwealth vying for gold.

“It will be an unforgettable, inspiring experience for the young athletes involved and an opportunity for fans to see the stars of the future.”

Entry for all team sports, including netball, was by invitation and the demand for places was once again high.

Following applications by CGAs the CGF, in full consultation with the respective International Federations, made the final selection based on criteria including host nation representation, past results, depth of field and strength of competition, and regional representation.

The Commonwealth Youth Games is an invaluable springboard for the stars and leaders of tomorrow, contributing to the further development of youth sport throughout the Commonwealth.

Trinbago 2023 will see more than 1,000 athletes and para athletes, between the ages of 14-18, from the 72 nations and territories, participate in a total of seven sports -Aquatics (Swimming), Athletics and Para Athletics, Cycling (Road Race, Time Trial and Track) and Triathlon, as well as FAST5 Netball, Rugby Sevens and Beach Volleyball.

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About World Netball

World Netball is the sole, internationally recognized governing body for netball affiliated to the International World Games Association and 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 development and implementation of World Netball's Strategy To Grow, To Play, To Inspire, policies and the development of the sport in their respective regions.

The Netball World Cup (NWC), previously known as the World Netball Championships is netball's flagship event owned by World Netball, and it brings together the top 16 teams in the world every four years. The hosts of the NWC automatically qualify for the competition, as well as the top five teams in the World Netball World Rankings on the date of qualification. The remaining 10 teams are decided through qualifiers in World Netball's 5 regions, as the top two teams from each qualifier will be invited by World Netball to compete at the NWC. The NWC, which first started in 1963, showcases netball around the world through a range of broadcast partners introducing Netball to a whole new audience.

World Netball Congress is also held alongside the event providing a global forum for Netball nations to come together, innovate, share ideas and celebrate women in sport. The Netball World Cup 2023 will be held in Cape Town, South Africa from the 28th July to the 6th August 2023 at the International Convention Centre.

About Commonwealth Games Federation

The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) is the organisation that is responsible for the direction and control of the Commonwealth Games, and for delivering on the vision of the Commonwealth Sport Movement: to build peaceful, sustainable, and prosperous communities globally by inspiring Commonwealth Athletes to drive the impact and ambition of all Commonwealth Citizens through Sport.