



Netball World Cup 2023 Pools Confirmed

The Netball World Cup 2023 (NWC2023) draw took place on Wednesday 30th November 2022, at the East London Convention Centre, South Africa, confirming the four pools for the first stage of the tournament.

The prestigious event, broadcast live around the world, was attended by provincial and national government officials, the board of directors of NWC2023, representatives of World Netball, Netball South Africa, sponsors, partners and the general public.

World Netball President Liz Nicholl CBE said: “My congratulations to all the teams that vied for success in the five regional qualifiers.

“42 of our Member countries participated – involving over 500 athletes, more than 45 international umpires, over 200 coaches, managers and primary carers and thousands of administrators and wonderful volunteers who have all played their part in the road to next year’s world cup.

“It was a joy to see the matches broadcast widely around the world reaching new audiences and giving our amazing sport the visibility, it deserves...but now it’s Africa’s time to shine.”

Ahead of the draw, the 16 qualified teams, were seeded according to their World Netball World Ranking on 3rd November 2022. The top 8 seeds were then placed into pools A to D. The two remaining teams in each of the four pools were drawn at random in two stages.

The groups for the preliminary stages of the NWC2023 are confirmed as follows:

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
Australia	England	Jamaica	New Zealand
Tonga	Malawi	South Africa	Uganda
Zimbabwe	Scotland	Wales	Trinidad & Tobago
Fiji	Barbados	Sri Lanka	Singapore



The first stage of the tournament will commence on 28th July 2023 with the teams competing in a round robin format in the pools as outlined above.

The Honorable Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, Mr. Nathi Mthethwa, spoke about the importance of this milestone on the road to Cape Town 2023: “Today’s draw marks an important milestone on our roadmap towards the biggest sports event, to be hosted by South Africa, since the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

“We are grateful that World Netball trusted us enough to award the hosting of their most significant asset to South Africa and the African continent.

“What makes the event particularly important in today’s South Africa, is that it is the first and biggest event for women’s sports.”

Netball South Africa President, Mrs. Cecilia Molokwane, added: “The much-anticipated team draw signals that we are indeed well on our way to the tournament, which is now only 239 days away.

“With the draw now having taken place, we are looking ahead to the event ticket sales which will commence from Monday 5th December 2022.

“We therefore encourage all South Africans to purchase their tickets well in advance to make sure that they don’t miss out on the action.”

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World Netball:

World Netball 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.

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.

For more information visit www.worldnetball.sport

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