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**World Netball (WN) World Rankings, published today, confirms five more teams for the Netball World Cup 2023.**

World Netball has today updated the World Netball (WN) World Rankings, confirming five more teams that will be invited to compete at the Netball World Cup 2023 (NWC2023) based on their ranking position.

The Netball World Cup will be held in Cape Town, South Africa from July 28<sup>th</sup> July to the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023, with 16 teams set to be invited to participate including the hosts, as well as the top five teams in the World Netball World Rankings as of the qualifying date of 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

Since the last WN World Rankings update published, on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022, many international test series and events have taken place including the PacificAUS Series, Europe Netball Open Challenge, COSANA Tri-Nations Series, Wales International Test Series, Netball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers - Oceania, and most recently the 38 matches at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Within the top six teams Jamaica has moved up to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the world, whilst England has dropped to 4<sup>th</sup>, this comes after Jamaica made history at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games making their first final and winning a silver medal.

This means that Australia (1<sup>st</sup>), New Zealand (2<sup>nd</sup>), Jamaica (3<sup>rd</sup>) and England (4<sup>th</sup>) will now be invited to compete at the NWC2023. Uganda (6<sup>th</sup>) will also be invited; they have also qualified through their world ranking, due to South Africa (5<sup>th</sup>) pre-qualifying as hosts.

The Netball World Cup 2023 Qualifier - Oceania has already taken place with Tonga and Fiji qualifying to be invited by World Netball to compete at the event.

Tonga finished both the PacificAUS Series in March 2022 and the Netball World Cup Qualifier Oceania in July 2022 unbeaten. World Netball requires team to have played 6 or more matches in the ranking period to be eligible for a World Ranking. Tonga has reached this threshold again and they now regain a world ranking, entering in 9<sup>th</sup> place in the world. This is a remarkable achievement as their highest previous ranking was 19<sup>th</sup>.

Malta (35<sup>th</sup>) Israel (39<sup>th</sup>) and Switzerland (45<sup>th</sup>) have also regained a ranking after playing the required number of matches by competing at the Europe Netball Open Challenge in May.

The success of Tonga has led to Scotland moving down one place to 10<sup>th</sup>, and Trinidad & Tobago and Northern Ireland also moving down once place to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

There have also been many changes lower down the table with Barbados, Cook Islands and Samoa all moving down two places, whilst the Republic of Ireland have moved up four places to 24<sup>th</sup> after winning the Europe Netball Open Challenge.

To view the full WN World Rankings table, [click here](#).

The final teams qualifying for the NWC2023 will be decided by the remaining regional qualifiers taking place in Africa, Asia, Europe and Americas, with the top two teams from each event being invited by World Netball to the World Cup.

The next qualifier to take place will be in Africa, from the 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August.

To find out more about the Africa qualifier, [click here](#).

To find out more about the remaining qualifier dates, [click here](#).

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