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Netball to be included in the Commonwealth Youth Games 2027 in Malta

Commonwealth Sport has today announced that the Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG) will take place in Malta in late 2027, with netball included on the sport programme for the second time.

Netball was first included in the event in 2023, in the format of FAST5, however, for this edition of the CYG the 7s format will be played.

Athletics and Para Athletics, Sailing, Squash, Swimming and Para Swimming, Triathlon, Water Polo and Weightlifting will make up the other seven sports on the programme.

CYG 2027 will welcome approximately 1,150 athletes aged 14–18 from Commonwealth Sport's 74 nations and territories in late 2027, with dates and teams still be confirmed.

Speaking on the excitement of netball's inclusion, World Netball CEO Fiona Harold said: "We are delighted that netball has been included on the sports programme for the Commonwealth Youth Games 2027, and we are so pleased it will be our Member country, Malta, hosting the event.

"The last Commonwealth Youth Games, Trinbago 2023, provided an invaluable experience for our younger players, giving them the opportunity to play against teams

from throughout the Commonwealth for the first time and I have no doubt 2027 will be the same.”

Dr. Donald Rukare, President of Commonwealth Sport, added: “We are thrilled to bring the Commonwealth Youth Games to Malta in 2027 and thank Commonwealth Sport Malta and the Government of Malta for their commitment and vision.

“Malta’s athlete-first proposal, world-class facilities, and proven experience in hosting international events make it an ideal host.

“The Commonwealth Youth Games are more than a captivating celebration of sport; they are a transformative experience for young athletes.

“Those that compete are the stars of tomorrow and the voices of today, changemakers who will shape the future of our Movement.”

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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 76 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.

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