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World's Top 12 Nations Confirmed for Netball at Glasgow 2026

World Netball (WN) and Glasgow 2026 have today announced the 12 netball nations that will go head-to-head at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.

The netball competition will take place from Saturday 25th July to Sunday 2nd August 2026 in the iconic Hydro, promising nine days of incredible netball, 38 matches and an electric atmosphere.

Glasgow 2026 will feature the top 12 ranked netball nations, [as determined by the World Netball Rankings on 1st September 2025](#), ensuring a world class action and a fiercely competitive event.

The confirmed nations announced today are:

- Australia
- England
- Jamaica
- Malawi
- New Zealand
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland (hosts)

- South Africa
- Tonga
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Uganda
- Wales

Netball officially joined the Commonwealth Games programme in 1998 in Kuala Lumpur, following its debut as a demonstration sport in Auckland in 1990.

Since then, it has become one of the most anticipated team sports at the Games.

The Australian Diamonds, reigning Commonwealth and Netball World Cup champions, return to defend their title after a thrilling 55–51 victory over Jamaica's Sunshine Girls in the Birmingham 2022 Final.

As the most successful nation in Commonwealth Games netball history, the Diamonds have claimed four Gold medals and appeared in seven finals, firmly establishing their dominance on the international stage and one of the must-see teams in the tournament.

All four UK home nations, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, are once again set to take to the Commonwealth Games court, continuing the legacy they began at Glasgow 2014, when they made Games history by competing together for the first time.

Their collective presence will ensure that the Hydro atmosphere is electric with thousands of fans set to travel to Glasgow, from all four corners of the UK, as well as worldwide.

Scottish Thistles captain, Emily Nicholl, who competed at both Gold Coast 2018 and Birmingham 2022 is looking forward to an incredible competition on home soil “It’s incredibly exciting to have the full line-up of Netball teams confirmed for Glasgow 2026.

“With 12 world-class squads competing next summer, it promises to be an unforgettable competition at the Hydro.

“The Commonwealth is home to some phenomenal netball athletes and having them come to Scotland will be a huge moment for the sport, both here at home and on the global stage.

“Team Scotland is incredibly excited to be competing alongside the best in the world and we can’t wait to welcome them all to Glasgow in 2026.”

Australia Diamonds captain Liz Watson is also excited about Glasgow 2026 saying “The Commonwealth Games are always really special for us.

“It’s such a privilege to wear the green and gold, and every Games has its own uniqueness.

“The feeling of winning Gold in 2022 is unforgettable and we can’t wait to get to Glasgow to continue Australia’s legacy.”

Speaking on the importance of the event WN President Dame Liz Nicholl DBE said, “The Commonwealth Games is one of the most exciting events in the World Netball international calendar.

“It is a fantastic opportunity for our top 12 Commonwealth nations to compete alongside other world class athletes from a variety of sports.

"The netball event is always a true spectacle, thanks to the exceptional talent on the

court and the incredible fans that fill the arenas and show their support worldwide.

“I have no doubt that Glasgow 2026 will bring even more unforgettable moments for us all.

“Congratulations to all the teams that have qualified.”

Natalie Cunningham, Director of Sport, Glasgow 2026 added: “To welcome the world’s top netball nations to Glasgow is a proud moment for the Games and for the sport.

“Netball is one of the must-see sports at any Commonwealth Games and has provided so many iconic and incredible sporting moments and memories.

“The atmosphere at netball competitions is always second to none and we are really looking forward to welcoming the world’s best to the Hydro on 25th July next year.”

Ann-Louise Morgan, Director of Sport, Commonwealth Sport, said: “We’re thrilled to welcome the 12 best Netball nations in the world to Glasgow 2026.

“What’s especially exciting is the breadth of representation, from Africa to the Pacific, the Caribbean to Europe.

“It’s going to be a true celebration of the diversity, energy and unity that make the Commonwealth Games so special.”

A full copy of the sport competition schedule can be found at <https://www.glasgow2026.com/schedule/day-by-day-event-schedule> and a full netball match schedule will be released in November.

Tickets for Glasgow 2026 went on general sale at 12 noon on Thursday 30 October with netball tickets priced from £17-65 for non-medal matches and £26-85 for medal matches.

To find out more and to secure your tickets visit www.glasgow2026.com

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