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## **England Move up to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the World Netball World Rankings Following Annual Update**

World Netball (WN) has today released the latest [WN World Rankings](#) which sees matches played between the last update on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 until 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 added and the annual update carried out to ensure that the rankings reflect the most current form of the international teams.

This annual update removes matches played in the rating period from 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and halves the weighting assigned to matches played between 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

The first change can be seen at 3<sup>rd</sup>, with England overtaking Jamaica having increased their rating by two to 186 following recent series results and the annual update.

Also in the top 10, Uganda have strengthened their 6<sup>th</sup> place position, with their rating now 14 higher than Wales's in 7<sup>th</sup> and Tonga have moved up to 8<sup>th</sup> having improved their rating by two to 119, pushing Malawi down to 9<sup>th</sup> with a rating of 112.

The biggest increase in the WN World Rankings comes for our Netball World Youth Cup 2025 hosts, Gibraltar, who have moved up six places to 20<sup>th</sup> with an increased rating of 63, whilst Canada and Hong Kong's movements are just as impressive as they have both jumped five places to 25<sup>th</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup>.

Following the annual update, seven teams have dropped off the rankings due to not

having played the minimum of eight matches since 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Cook Islands and Maldives only need to play one more match in the next 12 months to re-enter the WN World Rankings, whilst India and USA need to play two, Israel and Chinese Taipei three, and Tanzania four.

To view the full table and the 48 countries ranked, visit our website [here](#).

Don't forget, [you can watch 12 of our commonwealth countries](#) in action this summer at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games from 25<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August with more tickets going on sale later today, [here](#).

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