



# NWC2015 Qualifying Nations

*\*World rankings based on matches up to 25 August 2014*

## Australia

- World ranking: 1
- Australia qualified for Netball World Cup 2015 based on their number 1 world ranking at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014.
- Australia will contest their 14th consecutive Netball World Cup in 2015 in Sydney.
- Australia is one of 4 nations participating in Sydney along with England, Jamaica & New Zealand who will continue their record of having played at every World Cup since 1963.
- Australia has never finished lower than 2nd at a Netball World Cup.
- This will be the 3rd time Australia has hosted the Netball World Cup. Australia first hosted the Netball World Cup in Perth in 1967 and Sydney in 1991.

## Barbados

- World ranking: 10
- Barbados qualified for Netball World Cup 2015 after finishing second behind Trinidad & Tobago at the America's Netball Championship in August in Canada.
- Barbados will compete at their 8th Netball World Cup in Sydney in 2015.
- Barbados first participated at the 1979 World Cup in Port of Spain, Trinidad, where they finished 8th out of 19 nations.
- Sydney will be the 6th consecutive World Cup Barbados has appeared at.
- Barbados' highest World Cup finish was 6th in 1987 in Glasgow.

## England

- World ranking: 3
- England qualified for their 14th consecutive Netball World Cup as a result of their number 3 world ranking at 1st July 2014.
- England is one of 4 nations participating in Sydney along with Australia, Jamaica & New Zealand that will continue their record of having played at every World Cup since 1963.
- England has never finished lower than 4th place at the World Cup with its highest ever finish being 2nd behind Australia in 1975 in Auckland, New Zealand.
- England has hosted the Netball World Cup on 2 occasions, the first tournament in 1963 in Eastbourne and then in 1995 in Birmingham.
- England has had a different coach at all 13 previous World Netball Cups.

## Fiji

- World ranking: 7
- Fiji qualified for Netball World Cup 2015 by claiming 1st place at the Oceania Qualification tournament in the Cook Islands in June.
- Fiji will compete at their 8th Netball World Cup in Sydney in 2015.
- Fiji first participated at the 1975 World Cup in Auckland, New Zealand where they finished 8th out of participating 11 nations.





- Sydney will be the 5th consecutive World Cup Fiji has appeared at.
- Fiji's highest World Cup finish was 6th in 1999 in Christchurch, New Zealand.

### **Jamaica**

- World ranking: 4
- Jamaica qualified for Netball World Cup 2015 by virtue of their world number 4 ranking at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014.
- Jamaica is one of 4 nations participating in Sydney along with Australia, England & New Zealand that will continue their record of having played at every World Cup since 1963.
- Jamaica's highest World Cup finish is 3rd on 3 occasions (2007, 2003 & 1991) and their lowest finish is 6th in 1967 in Perth, Australia.
- Jamaica has hosted the Netball World Cup twice, 1971 and 2003 both in Kingston.

### **Malawi**

- World ranking: 5
- Malawi qualified for Netball World Cup 2015 by virtue of its world ranking of number 5 in the world at 1st July 2014.
- This will be Malawi's 5th Netball World Cup appearance.
- Malawi first played at the World Cup in 1995 in Birmingham, England where they finished in 8th out of 27 participating nations.
- Malawi's highest ever World Cup finish was 5th at the 2007 World Cup in Auckland, New Zealand.

### **New Zealand**

- World ranking: 2
- New Zealand qualified for Netball World Cup 2015 by virtue of its world ranking of number 2 in the world at 1st July 2014.
- New Zealand is one of 4 nations participating in Sydney along with Australia, England & Jamaica that will continue their record of having played at every World Cup since 1963.
- New Zealand has won the Netball World Cup on 4 occasions, 3 times outright (1967, 1987 & 2003) and in 1979 jointly with Australia and Trinidad & Tobago.
- New Zealand has never finished lower than 3rd place at the Netball World Cup.
- New Zealand has hosted the Netball World Cup on 3 occasions (1975 Auckland, 1999 Christchurch & 2007 Auckland)

### **Samoa**

- World ranking: 13
- Samoa qualified for Netball World Cup 2015 by claiming 2nd place behind Fiji at the Oceania Qualification tournament in the Cook Islands in June.
- Samoa will compete at their 7th Netball World Cup in Sydney.
- Samoa first participated at the 1991 World Cup in Sydney where they finished 8th out of 20 participating nations.
- Sydney will be the 7th consecutive World Cup Samoa has appeared at, not having missed a World Cup since debuting in 1991.
- Samoa competed as Western Samoa at the 1991 & 1995 World Cups. In 1997 it formally changed its name to Samoa.





- Samoa's highest World Cup finish was 6th out of 24 participating nations in 2003 in Kingston, Jamaica.

### Scotland

- World ranking: 12
- Scotland qualified for Netball World Cup 2015 by claiming 2nd place behind Wales at the European Qualification tournament in Wales in late May/early June.
- Scotland will compete at their 13th Netball World Cup in Sydney. Scotland missed just the last World Cup in Singapore in 2011, but has played in all 12 other World Cups.
- Scotland first participated at the 1963 World Cup in Eastbourne, England where they finished 8th out of 11 participating nations.
- Scotland's highest World Cup finish is 6th on three occasions, outright in 1983 in Singapore & 1971 in Kingston, Jamaica and equal 6th with Wales in 1975 in Auckland, New Zealand.

### Singapore

- World ranking: 18
- Singapore qualified for Netball World Cup 2015 by claiming 1st place beating Sri Lanka at the Asian Qualification tournament in Singapore this month.
- Singapore will compete at their 9th Netball World Cup in Sydney.
- Singapore first participated at the 1967 World Cup in Perth, Australia where they finished 8<sup>th</sup> out of 8 participating nations.
- Singapore's highest World Cup finish was 8th at the 1967 World Cup but its best positional finish was 12th at the 1999 World Cup in Christchurch, New Zealand where 26 nations participated.

### South Africa

- World ranking: 6
- South Africa qualified for Netball World Cup 2015 by virtue of its world ranking of number 6 in the world at 1st July 2014.
- This will be South Africa's 8th Netball World Cup appearance.
- South Africa first played at the World Cup in 1963 in Eastbourne, England where they finished 6th out of 11 participating nations.
- South Africa played at the 1967 World Cup in Perth and did not reappear until 1995 in Birmingham, England after South African sports teams were again allowed to compete on the world stage post-apartheid.
- This will be South Africa's 6th consecutive World Cup appearance.
- South Africa's highest ever World Cup finish was 2nd at the 1995 World Cup in Birmingham, England. South Africa played Australia in the final losing the match 48-68.
- South Africa is the only nation other than Australia and New Zealand to have played in a World Cup final. Finals were introduced in 1991 in Sydney, Australia and South Africa's appearance in that final against Australia remains the only time any other nation has been part of the 6 previous Netball World Cup finals.

### Sri Lanka

- World ranking: 24
- Sri Lanka qualified for Netball World Cup 2015 by claiming 2nd place behind Singapore at the Asian Qualification tournament in Singapore this month.





- Sri Lanka will compete at their 9th Netball World Cup in Sydney.
- Sri Lanka was known as Ceylon when it participated at the 1963 World Cup in Eastbourne, England. They finished 9th out of the 11 participating nations. Sri Lanka was known as Ceylon until 1972 when it gained independence and was renamed.
- Sri Lanka's highest World Cup finish was 9th out of 11 participating nations at the 1963 World Cup. Their best positional finish was 12th place at the 1999 World Cup where there were 26 nations.

### **Trinidad & Tobago**

- World ranking: 9
- Trinidad & Tobago qualified for Netball World Cup 2015 by claiming 1st place beating Barbados at the America's Qualification tournament in Canada in August.
- Trinidad & Tobago will compete at their 13th Netball World Cup in Sydney. Trinidad & Tobago missed just the 1991 World Cup in Sydney but have played all 12 other World Cups.
- Trinidad & Tobago are the only other nation other than Australia and New Zealand to be crowned World Netball Champions. Trinidad & Tobago were joint winners with Australia and New Zealand in 1979 in Port of Spain, Trinidad.
- Trinidad & Tobago's lowest Netball World Cup finish was 11th out of 16 participating nations at the 2007 World Cup in Auckland, New Zealand.
- Trinidad & Tobago hosted the 1979 Netball World Cup in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

### **Uganda**

- World ranking: 15
- Uganda booked their spot in Sydney winning the 2014 African Qualification tournament held in Botswana this month. They were undefeated winning all 5 tests.
- Uganda has qualified for their 2nd Netball World Cup. Their last appearance was in 1979 in Port of Spain in Trinidad & Tobago.
- Uganda finished 13th out of 19 participating nations at their only World Cup appearance in 1979 in Port of Spain, Trinidad.
- Uganda is one of four African nations with Malawi, South Africa & Zambia to qualify for the Netball World Cup 2015 in Sydney.

### **Wales**

- World ranking: 8
- Wales qualified for Netball World Cup 2015 by winning the European Qualification tournament in Wales in late May/early June.
- Wales will compete at their 13th Netball World Cup in Sydney. Wales missed just the 1967 World Cup in Perth, Australia but they have played in all 12 other World Cups.
- Wales first participated at the 1963 World Cup in Eastbourne, England where they finished 10th out of 11 participating nations.
- Wales' highest World Cup finish was 6th on two occasions, outright in 1979 in Port of Spain, Trinidad and equal 6th with Scotland in 1975 in Auckland, New Zealand.

### **Zambia**

- World ranking: 22





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- Zambia booked their spot in Sydney finishing second behind Uganda at the 2014 African Qualification tournament in Botswana.
- Zambia has qualified for their 2nd Netball World Cup. Their last appearance was in 1999 in Christchurch, New Zealand.
- Zambia finished 17th out of 26 participating nations at their only previous World Cup appearance in 1999 in Christchurch, New Zealand.
- Zambia is one of four African nations with Malawi, South Africa & Uganda to qualify for the Netball World Cup 2015 in Sydney.

