



COUPE DE FRANCE DE NETBALL 2023

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Netball France is delighted to invite you to the third edition of the Coupe de France de Netball!

The CDF Work Group has been working very hard to put everything in place for another wonderful event, as always looking to improve on previous offerings. We have taken on feedback collected from individual players in last year's post-event feedback form, volunteer and organiser feedback, and feedback (both event specific and general) provided by the Netball France Council to put together an updated offering that we feel best serves the membership and Netball France's strategic goals.

As always, our goal is to provide a safe, well planned, and enjoyable netball tournament.

In this initial information pack, you will find information regarding registering for the tournament, how the day will run, tournament rules & structure, transport & accommodation, merchandise, etc.

If you have any further questions or queries, please email contact@netballfrance.com

THE BASICS

Date: Saturday 23rd September

Time: 8h30-20h00

Location: The British School of Paris, 1 rue de l'Écluse, 78290 Croissy-sur-Seine

All teams/players are required to be at the school by 8h30. We have a very tight schedule, and it is imperative that all teams arrive on time. However, please note that you will be unable to access the venue prior to 8h20. In order to streamline the check-in process, we ask that all members of the team enter at the same time.

The CDF Work Group acknowledges that this is a long day, however this allows the maximum number of teams to participate. The Work Group did look into a 2-day event and other safe, appropriately sized venue options; however, this was significantly out of budget and would have drastically increased entrance fees.

We note that this event is during the Rugby World Cup and there is an Ireland v South Africa match in Paris that weekend. We have checked and there are still a number of typically and appropriately priced transport and accommodation options, however we encourage teams to book transport/accommodation ASAP due to this.

Every individual attending the Coupe de France de Netball 2023 in any capacity (player, umpire, coach, spectator, volunteer, etc.) is required to register in advance and provide photo ID on the day, or they will be unable to enter the school grounds.

Match and warm-up balls will be provided on the day. Teams must provide their own bibs - Netball France will have extra sets in case of similar colours. Lost or damaged bibs, balls and/or other equipment must be refunded by the infringing team.



TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

The Coupe de France de Netball 2023 is a mixed tournament open to all genders. There is a maximum of 10 players per team and a maximum of 3 male players on the court at a time, with a maximum of one male player in each position group at a time (Attack – GS, GA; Mid – WA, C, WD; Defence – GD, GK).

This year, the tournament will have 5 divisions across three age groups: Première Division, Deuxième Division, Troisième Division, 18 and Under (18U), and 14 and Under (14U).

open divisions

There are no age requirements for Open teams, however, please keep in mind that athletes will be playing against adults in a competitive environment, and it is the responsibility of the club to ensure that any younger athletes playing in the Open divisions are both physically and mentally equipped to do so.

The Open divisions will begin with grading rounds in the morning, after which teams will be placed in the appropriate division (Première, Deuxième, or Troisième).

The CDFDN23 is a mixed event, and all participating teams must be prepared to play against mixed teams. However, the CDF Work Group, Netball France Board and Council acknowledge that not all clubs/teams are comfortable with mixed events. Therefore, if it works out with the teams that register and grading, we will endeavour to have one division be women only. This is most likely to be the Troisième division, based on the results of last year's event and the Netball France – Ligue Nationale Pilote matches. However, please note that no guarantees can be made, it may not be possible to run a women's only division due to grading and all event entrances are non-refundable. This is a graded event, and grading teams into appropriate level divisions will take priority.

junior divisions

18 and Under teams are limited to athletes born in 2005 or later, and 14 and Under teams are limited to athletes born in 2009 or later, both with a minimum age of 9 (born in 2014). Athletes may play up age groups (i.e., 14 and Under athletes may play in an 18 and Under team, and 18 and Under athletes may play in an Open team), however it is the responsibility of the club to ensure the athlete is physically and mentally equipped to do so.

Please note that in the event we do not have enough teams for two junior divisions (18U and 14U), these divisions will be combined.

18U and 14U teams will not have a maximum number of players per team, however we strongly encourage a maximum of 10 players per team to ensure all athletes have adequate playing time on the day. Please note there will be a €10 charge per extra player over 10 players to help cover costs.

There will be no grading for 18U and 14U divisions, they will go straight into division rounds.

Please note that the Coupe de France de Netball is designed to be the premier netball competition in France, and therefore Netball France encourages you to send your strongest available players/teams to the competition. Clubs are reminded that the Coupe de France de Netball is designed to showcase the sport as it stands in France and provide development opportunities for French based clubs and athletes, and therefore players are expected to be based in France and active members of their club.



PREDICTED SCHEDULE - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Matches will consist of 2 x 10-minute halves, with a 2-minute half time break and 3 minutes between games. 2 points will be awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw, and 0 for a loss. Percentage (goals for/goals against) will be calculated and deferred to in the event of a tie on the ladder.

It is predicted that each Open team will have 2-3 grading games and 3-4 division games, followed by a final between the top 2 teams in each division. It is predicted that each Junior team will have 4 division games followed by a final between the top 2 teams in each division.

8.20	Teams arrive for registration – teams must arrive at the tournament <u>no later than 8.30am</u>
8.40	Welcome Address & Group Photo
9.10	Warmup
9.30	Grading Rounds
11.35	Break
12.00	Division Rounds
13.40	Lunch
14.05	Division Rounds
17.00	Finals
19.00	Presentations & Closing Remarks – <u>all teams are required to stay until the end of presentations & closing remarks</u> , regardless of their final placement in the tournament
20.00	End of Tournament

We have a very tight schedule in order to allow as many teams as possible to compete. Teams are responsible for ensuring that they are on court and at the correct place at the correct time. Penalties in the form of ladder points apply.

Please note that in order to fit the maximum possible number of teams, it is likely we will be running a schedule with shorter scheduled breaks than last year, notably a shorter scheduled lunch and no break between division rounds and finals. No team will play a division round directly into a final, they will have at least a one game break, however there will be no scheduled break.

A full schedule including matches will be sent to teams closer to the tournament.

finals & presentations

All teams are required to stay until the end of the presentations, even if they are not in the finals. This is out of respect to the competition and other teams, and so that we can create an exciting finals atmosphere and hand out awards to all teams at the end of the day.



LOCATION

We are kindly being hosted by The British School of Paris, located at 1 rue de l'Écluse, 78290 Croissy-sur-Seine.

Please note that the Coupe de France de Netball 2023 is a smoke and alcohol-free event. No alcohol or smoking is permitted, and persons under the influence will be removed from the premises.

courts

We have access to four netball courts - 3 x outside astro turf courts, and 1 x indoor court. Match play will only halt in the event of dangerous weather conditions (hail, lightning, etc.).

Spectators must remain outside of the fencing surrounding the outdoor courts at all times - the only permitted persons inside the fenced court area are players, coaches, 1 x care person per team, umpires, scorers, and Netball France officials.

There are changing room and toilet facilities on site.

animals

Please note that animals are not permitted at the venue.

litter

Please ensure that when you leave an area you dispose of all your rubbish appropriately. Bin bags will be available at the info desk

TRANSPORT

The transport website where you can check your itinerary is www.ratp.fr

The local RER A stop is Le Vesinet Centre (on trains to Saint Germain en Laye) or Chatou-Croissy. From these you can either catch the bus or walk. Please note if you intend to walk from Le Vesinet Centre it is a 25-minute walk, so please leave enough time.

The citymapper app will give you a good indication of bus times from these stations and routes from where you're staying. Please note that buses can be infrequent, so be sure to plan your journey accordingly.

Uber works well across Paris, and it would be about a 45-minute journey from central Paris.

ACCOMMODATION

This year, thank you to Angela Stockbridge of HelmsBriscoe and LMML Netball, we are able to provide help to teams searching for accommodation in the region. Angela is able to provide accommodation options both in central Paris or closer to the tournament location (Croissy-sur-Seine, approximately 45 mins from central Paris), and will work with your team to find accommodation that fits within your requirements and budget.

If you would like Angela to help you find accommodation for your team, please indicate this when you indicate the number of teams you would like to submit to the competition.

UMPIRES

We are aiming to have the Open divisions of the Coupe de France de Netball 2023 umpired entirely by external qualified umpires, with the junior divisions umpired by volunteers from senior clubs.



Each senior team is required to register 2 x volunteer umpires that can umpire 1-2 junior matches. These volunteer umpires can be playing members of your senior teams. Please note that an umpire failing to arrive on time to the team's scheduled umpire commitment will result in a 1 ladder point consequence to their team.

Umpires are in charge of matches and their ruling is final. All attendees must treat umpires with respect.

TIMING

Timing will be done through a central timer run over a PA system. The match begins and ends with the umpire's whistle.

Due to the use of a central timer and a tight schedule, the clock will not stop for injury time.

injury time

When an umpire calls injury time at the request of a player, the game will pause for 30 seconds (except in the event of a serious medical emergency). The injured player must leave the court and receive treatment off court.

Only the coach or primary care person is permitted on court to assess the player's medical condition and to assist the player from the court. They must advise the umpire if the player is too ill/injured to be safely removed from the court within 30 seconds, and/or if further assistance is required. If this is the case, the umpire will extend time for the player to leave the court and may authorise other persons to assist the player to leave the court if needed.

During the stoppage, both teams may make substitutions and/or team changes, provided these are completed within the time allowed for the stoppage by the umpires.

Due to the use of a central timer and a tight schedule, the clock will not stop for injury time.

In the event that more than 30 seconds of injury time is needed:

- ⚽ If 50% or more of the match is able to be played, the score will stand;
- ⚽ If less than 50% of the match is played, an attempt will be made to reschedule the match. If this is not possible, or both teams agree they don't want the match rescheduled:
 - ⚽ If the margin is within 3 goals, the game will be considered a draw;
 - ⚽ If the margin is larger than 3 goals, the score will stand.

extra time

There will be no extra time in the event of a draw, except in finals matches where teams shall change ends and play a further five (5) minutes each end with a one (1) minute interval. Should the result remain a draw after this extra time, the teams change ends, and play recommences until one team has a two (2) goal advantage.

cancellation/forfeit of matches

5 players must be on court for each team at the beginning of the match. If your team has less than 5 players on court, there will be a penalty of one (1) goal per minute, and after 2 minutes your team is considered to forfeit.

In the event of a forfeit, full match points for a win and fifteen (15) goals are credited to the opposing team. A score of zero (0) goals is awarded to the forfeiting team.



SCORING

Each senior team will be required to score their own matches. A scorer from each team will work together as a pair, on the one score card. Junior matches must be scored by an adult/parent volunteer from the playing teams. There will be a 1 ladder point consequence to their team for scorers who fail to show up to their allocated match on time.

score cards

All players participating in the match should be listed in their respective team list on the scorecard. Teams will be provided stickers they can put on the score cards, so should not need to fill out names by hand, only positions.

Score cards must be signed by the captain & umpires at the end of the match and delivered to the info desk by the winning team. In the event of a draw, the first team listed on the score card is responsible for submitting to the info desk.

An example score card and a how to score document can be found attached to help prepare your scorers before the event.

mvps

In the open divisions, at the end of each match each team is responsible for voting for the MVPs on the opposition team. This will be done on the back of the score card, with 3 points for the most valuable player, 2 points for the second most valuable player and 1 point for the third most valuable player. It is the responsibility of the scorers to ensure that both teams fill this out.

In the junior divisions, the umpires of each match will vote for the MVPs for both teams, following the same process as the senior divisions' voting.

TOURNAMENT RULES

Matches will be played following the Rules of Netball (2020), written by World Netball. The rules can be found online at www.netball.sport/game/the-rules-of-netball/ or on the Rules of Netball App, available on the app store and google play. We suggest that all attendees review the rule book to ensure they are familiar with the rules.

Junior matches will not be played in a modified format and will also follow the World Netball Rules of Netball (2020). This includes the use of full-size posts (10 ft/3.05m) and balls (size 5).

Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players, specifically:

- a) No adornment or jewellery may be worn other than a wedding ring without a stone which must be covered with tape (all piercings must be removed; no taping will be permitted);
- b) A medical alert bracelet may be worn provided it is covered with tape;
- c) Fingernails must be short and smooth; and
- d) Hair must be suitably tied back.

Umpires will check nails & jewellery at the beginning of the day/each team's first match and will monitor throughout the tournament.

Please note that as the national governing body, we follow World Netball regulations, and piercings and nails are not permitted to be taped. Players who do not follow these regulations will not be permitted to take the court.



captains

Teams will be asked to name a captain on their registration form. Captains will be responsible for tossing for choice of goal end/first centre pass and alerting the umpires & scorer prior to the beginning of the match.

Only the captain has the right to approach the umpires during an interval for clarification of a rule. Any player/s for whom the clarification is relevant may accompany the captain.

coaches

In the open divisions, coaches are required to remain in one area of the court ('team bench area').

In the junior divisions, coaches are permitted to move along the sideline to provide players with immediate feedback as required, but must not interfere with the umpire. They are not permitted along the baseline.

uniforms

Teams are required to be in matching uniforms - at minimum, they must have matching colour (same shade) top & bottoms (or one-piece items, such as a dress). The penalty for nonmatching uniforms is one goal per non-matching item per half.

fill ins

In the event of injury or circumstance on the day preventing a team member from playing, another player from the same club may fill in. However, they are only permitted to play in a higher division, not to play down.

codes of conduct

By attending the tournament, all attendees, including but not limited to players, parents, spectators, coaches, umpires, volunteers, etc., agree to the Netball France codes of conduct. Netball France reserves the right to remove attendees from the premises if they do not follow the codes of conduct.

videos & photographs

Netball France will be taking photographs and video on the day. Team and individual photos and/or videos may be used for promotional materials, publications, in articles, for publicity/marketing purposes, etc., in addition to being shared with the press and/or media for the purposes of promoting Netball in France. By attending the tournament, all attendees give their permission to Netball France to take and use photos/videos of attendees as Netball France sees fit. Individuals can withdraw their consent at any time by notifying the tournament organisers.

responsibility

Netball France does not take responsibility for any injuries that occur during the tournament, involved with playing netball or any activity within the venue. Netball France does not accept any responsibility for items lost or stolen during the tournament.

minors

Minors are considered the responsibility of their club, not of Netball France. Please ensure that you have enough adults officially registered (coach, manager, team care person, etc.) to take care of and organise all minors within your teams.



FOOD/DRINKS

Lunch and snacks are able to be provided to teams on the day at an extra cost in the form of a picnic hamper. Each picnic hamper serves 1 team and is available at an additional cost of €80. Each hamper will include items such as bread, butter, cheese, lunch meats, salads, fruit, granola bars, etc. We are able to provide for a number of dietary requirements, such as gluten free or vegan. If your team would like to order a picnic hamper, please indicate this when you indicate the number of teams you would like to submit to the event.

We are working on having a coffee/cake stall throughout the day – further information to come in the Welcome Pack that will be sent to teams closer to the tournament.

In an effort to be eco-friendly we will not be providing individual water bottles on the day. Please bring your own refillable bottle and there will be places onsite where you will be able to refill them.

FIRST AID

In order to host a safe tournament, we are currently working on acquiring a sports physio/first aider to be on site and available to all players for the duration of the tournament. An update will be shared in the Welcome Pack distributed to teams closer to the event.

MERCHANDISE

Netball France is excited to once again be able to offer merchandise available to purchase for pick up at the Coupe de France de Netball. You can find attached the product catalogue (to share with your members) and order form (1 x per club).

Orders are to be processed through clubs, i.e., each club is to collect orders from their individual members and present one order form and payment to Netball France per club.

It is not necessary for individuals to attend the tournament to purchase; however, all purchases must be collected by the club at the tournament. On the day of the tournament, your club will receive the total order and it will be the responsibility of your club to distribute it to your members.

Clubs must have sent their order form and payment to Netball France by 5pm CEST, Sunday 20th August. Netball France is unable to accept late orders or payments.

When filling out the order form, please make sure to fill out the number of each size for the clothing items in the appropriate location (you can see where sizes are listed on the order form – replace the ‘-’ with the number required).

Payment details can be found on the club order form.

Any questions or queries from your club in regards to merchandise can be sent to contact@netballfrance.com

NATIONAL SQUAD TRIALS

The trial process for the next season of the National Squad is yet to be finalised as the coaches reflect on the first season and look towards the next season after the international events in May. It is highly likely that trials will be held on Sunday 24th September, following the CDFDN23. As such, anyone interested in trialling for the National Squad is recommended to remain in Paris to attend a trial on the Sunday. Updated information will be publicized and circulated to clubs shortly (likely in June).



SOCIAL MEDIA/COMMUNICATIONS

Please make sure your club, team, players & all your supporters tag @netballfrance and use the official tournament hashtag, #CDFDN23, when posting about the tournament across social media (Instagram, TikTok, Twitter, Facebook, etc.). We want the world to see what is happening at Netball France, and to see (and potentially share!) your content ourselves!

And if you're not already – make sure you're following @netballfrance across all platforms!

STREAMING

This year, we are aiming to stream the finals matches, and are asking each team for 1 x volunteer to help run a stream (i.e., ensure the camera is pointed at play & the stream is running) of a final they are not competing in. This information can be found on the team registration form.

INSURANCE

Full Member clubs are covered by their NF insurance, provided by MAIF. Associate or Emerging Member clubs must register for NF insurance or provide evidence of insurance for their club upon indicating the number of teams they would like to submit to the tournament in order to be eligible for the tournament (or become Full Members and therefore covered under NF insurance).

All players who are aged 16 or over or are competing in a senior division must provide a French medical certificate that indicates they are healthy to participate in a netball competition, no older than 1 year as of the date of competition, in order to be eligible to participate in the event. Players who fail to provide this will be unable to take the court. Please see an example attached.

Please note that these insurance requirements are required by our insurance provider and in our legal application to become recognised by the Ministère des Sports as the 'Fédération Française de Netball'.

ENTRANCE FEES

Entrance fees are as follows:

Open Full Member	€280
Open Associate Member	€355
Open Emerging Member	€430
Junior Full Member	€230
Junior Associate Member	€255
Junior Emerging Member	€280

Entrance fees are based on your membership tier for the 'January' (charged April 2023) Netball France Membership intake.

Please note that entrance fees do not include lunch, which is available as an €80 add on per team.



WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

- ⑨ Indicate via email to contact@netballfrance.com the number of teams (Open, 18U, and 14U) your club would like to submit to the tournament and pay your entrance fees to Netball France by **Sunday 2nd July**
 - ⑨ Please note that your entrance to the tournament is not automatically confirmed - you will receive a confirmation email and invoice from Netball France that will confirm the number of teams you have been allocated for the tournament, from which you can pay your entrance fees.
 - ⑨ As agreed upon by the Netball France Board & Council as part of Netball France's 2023 Membership Offer, Full Member clubs will have first priority entrance, Associate Member clubs will have second priority entrance, and Emerging Member clubs will have third priority entrance. We will endeavour to accept as many teams as we can fit within the time and facility access we have, and will do all reasonably in our power to avoid having to refuse any teams.
- ⑨ If you would like aid with sorting accommodation, please indicate this in the above email
- ⑨ Return your club's merchandise order form and payment to Netball France by **Sunday 20th August**
- ⑨ Fill out and return the attached registration form - including dietary requirements, relevant medical issues, registration of all attendees for team (including parents/spectators), nominated volunteer umpires, grading information, player medical certificates, etc., no later than **Saturday 9th September**

If any of these dates will prove difficult for you, please let us know and we will do all in our reasonable power to help. Please note that dates have been set to ensure we have adequate time to do the work required to get the tournament up and running, so we are limited in how flexible we can be.

A Welcome Pack will be sent to all teams closer to the date of the tournament with the final schedules, any updated information, etc. For any further questions, please email contact@netballfrance.com

We look forward to hopefully seeing you all on court at the Coupe de France de Netball 2023!



COUPE DE FRANCE DE NETBALL 2023

faq

where do the entrance fees go?

The Coupe de France de Netball 2023 is a strictly non-profit event. This means that the pricing of the event is designed to cover the predicted costs of running such a tournament.

We rely heavily on volunteer support to prepare for and run the day, as well as volunteer umpires who are not remunerated for their time.

Key cost items include: reimbursement of limited travel expenses to bring qualified umpires to the event, venue hire, first aid/physio, transport fees, awards, etc.

why is the cost of this tournament/competition higher than others we participate in?

As Netball France is a relatively new organisation, sponsorship and government support/funding are still limited. Similarly, at this stage of development of the sport within France we have a very limited number of qualified umpires within the country. As we develop across all of our strategic goals our aim is to both reduce the cost of running the tournament (without sacrificing the quality and safety standards which we believe are obligatory for the annual tournament held by the national governing body of netball in France) and obtain funding from sources outside of playing teams/clubs.

why is there a large variation in pricing between members and non-members?

For those clubs who have taken full membership in Netball France, the annual tournament represents one of the key benefits these clubs receive, both financially and in terms of priority allocation of places.

why is the cost higher than last year for some membership types?

This will be the third annual Coupe de France de Netball. Each year we have modified the structure / organisation of the event to respond to feedback. This has primarily included the focus on having qualified umpires across all of our open grade matches to ensure a safe, unbiased and high-quality event - based on feedback received last year, this was an overwhelming success. As we have modified the structure each year, we have come across a number of unpredicted costs which have meant that the tournament has been run at a loss.

For the sustainability of our organisation and this tournament we aim to run the event at zero profit/loss.

As we are now in our third year of hosting this event, with minimal structural changes to the day compared to last year, we believe the pricing of this year's event will achieve this zero profit/loss objective.

if my club is an emerging member this year but intends to be a full member from september, which entrance fee do we pay?

Entrance to the Coupe de France de Netball 2023 is based on the membership status of the club in the 2023 season (which at this stage is anticipated to run from January 2023 to beginning of September 2023).

