

COUPE DE FRANCE DE NETBALL 2023

23rd september 2023

the british school of paris

1 rue de l'écluse, 78290 croissy-sur-seine

with special thanks to The British School of Paris for hosting us

Netball France is delighted to welcome you and your team(s) to the third edition of the Coupe de France de Netball!

In this welcome pack, you will find information such as how the tournament will run, schedules, a venue map, a full list of tournament rules, etc.

Please ensure you and all your attendees (including athletes, parents, volunteers, etc.) read this document carefully. All information in this document is considered final unless any modifications are sent out prior to or announced at the event by Netball France. As always, our goal is to provide a safe, well planned, and enjoyable netball tournament.

Please note that in an effort to be eco-friendly, Netball France will not be providing any printed copies of this document, tournament rules, or any schedules, to teams and attendees on the day of the event – it is the responsibility of each team/individual to have printed copies of any schedules or other necessary documents. Copies of all relevant documents, including schedules, can be found on the event page on our website – <https://netballfrance.com/event/coupe-de-france-de-netball-2023/>

If you have any further questions or queries in the leadup to the tournament, please email contact@netballfrance.com

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THE BASICS

Date: Saturday 23rd September 2023

Time: 8:30 - 20:00

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 8h15. In order to streamline the check-in process, we ask that all members of the team enter at the same time.

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 may 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.

If there are any issues throughout the day, you can direct any questions to the info desk. For any major and/or urgent issues, please contact:

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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 Open finals matches to the Netball France Facebook page, 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.

Lucy Goodman will be running our comms on the day and will help coordinate volunteers for the streams. Volunteers for finals streams will be scheduled/announced as soon as possible, likely during the afternoon matches or during the break prior to finals (unfortunately we cannot schedule in advance as we do not know who will be in the divisions or the finals!)

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.) and will continue in the event of rain.

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.

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/ in French and English, or on the Rules of Netball App in English, 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 (18U & 14U) 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).

gender

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).

age

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.

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.

jewellery/nails

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 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.

Claw clips (sometimes known as butterfly clips) are not permitted to be worn due to the risk of injury.

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. There will be no exceptions, even if this means your team does not have a sufficient number of players to compete on the day.

captains

Teams will be required to nominate 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 non-matching 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, available on the Netball France website. 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.

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, damaged, 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.

UMPIRES

The Open divisions of the Coupe de France de Netball 2023 will be umpired entirely by external qualified umpires, with the junior divisions umpired by volunteers from senior clubs.

All Open teams are required to provide 2 x umpire for up to 2 x junior matches during the division rounds. Each team's respective match(es) is listed on the schedule. 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. Please note that only the team 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.

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.

TALENT IDENTIFICATION & NATIONAL SQUADS

Netball France selectors will be in attendance at the CDFDN23. They will be introduced during the Opening Remarks, and will be performing talent identification across all age groups and divisions.

open

Senior National Squad Trials will be held on Sunday 24th September. Registrations to trial are now closed.

Selectors will be in attendance at the CDFDN23 and may invite select athletes who have not registered to also attend the trial.

junior/U21

Netball France is launching a new look junior national squad and junior development hub for the 2023/2024 season. Athletes interested in the programs can find all the details and register their interest at <https://forms.gle/JNyGpxEXyLL1rRHD7>. Registration closes on **7th October 2023**.

There will be no formal trials for the junior national squad or the junior development hub. Athletes who were selected for the junior national squad last year will automatically be re-offered their place for the 2023/2024 season and will be contacted via email. This will be a one-off occurrence, due to no junior national squad running in the 2022/2023 season.

Talent identification will happen at the CDFDN23, and athletes may be offered a place on the junior national squad and/or junior development program based on their performance at the event. Please note that selectors may ask to speak to an athlete or coach during the tournament. Athletes who are in attendance at the event will be contacted if they have been selected for either program by 29th September 2023.

There will be an option to trial for the programs for those who are not available to attend the event or who are not selected from the event, and athletes not in attendance at the event who have filled out the registration form will be contacted by 9th October 2023 with their trial options.

FOOD/DRINKS

Lunch will be provided for the teams who have previously requested it in the form of a snack box upon arrival, and a picnic hamper at the lunch break. Each team will be able to collect their hamper from the refectory from 2 matches before the lunch break. Teams will be provided with items such as bread, butter, cheese, lunch meats, salads, fruit, and snacks. Where we have been made aware of specific dietary requirements on your previously submitted registration forms, these will have been taken into account.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide lunches to spectators. Spectators will be required to provide their own lunches. Please note that there are no places to purchase food/drinks in walking vicinity of the venue.

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.

It is a long day full of lots of Netball, and players are encouraged to bring sufficient snacks and liquids to ensure they are adequately fueled/hydrated.

The BSPS (British School Parents Society) will be running a charity tea, coffee, and cake stall during the event. Please bring cash if you would like to purchase anything from them throughout the day!

FIRST AID

First aid can be found at the info desk.

Chloé Cridelauze will be the attending physio on the day. She will be introduced during the Opening Remarks, and if you have need of her and can not see her at a court, she can be found at/contacted by the info desk.

Please ensure to register all injuries at the info desk, regardless of if any treatment is given at the tournament. This is to ensure the health and safety of all participants, to have all information on hand in case an insurance claim is required, and for Netball France to monitor the event and any resulting injuries in order to review their facilities and procedures for future competitions and events.

COMPLAINT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE

Any major complaints can be directed to the info desk, where they will be resolved by Nicole Preston, Netball France Finance Director. Nicole has no affiliation to any of the competing clubs or teams, and her decision re: any disputes is final.

LAYOUT OF THE DAY

upon arrival

All attendees/players are required to be at the school by 8.30. Upon arrival, all attendees will be required to sign into the venue by presenting their ID at the gate. To streamline the check in process, we ask that all team members enter at the same time. From here, teams must make their way to the info desk, located outside the outdoor court area in front of Court One. Here, teams will be required to provide their signed team registration form, which must be signed by all team members (or parent/guardian for athletes under the age of 18). Please ensure you have this signed in advance and ready to hand in. Upon handing in their registration form, teams will be able to collect their merchandise orders, pick up their snack box, and check out warm up balls for the day. Please note that there will be a fee charged for any lost, damaged, or unreturned equipment borrowed from Netball France.

Teams will then be directed to take their team photo with one of our event photographers. We ask that all teams please ensure they have a team photo taken at this stage, as we would love to have a record of all the wonderful teams in attendance at the event to look back on in years to come.

Teams may then find a location around the venue to set up camp for the day, before making their way onto Court Two for the Welcome Address led by Netball France President Bethany Lord commencing promptly at 8h45, followed by a group photo.

After the group photo, all players will be checked by umpires for nails and jewellery. This will also be monitored throughout the day.

At approximately 9h15, time allocated for warmup will commence, followed by the first matches commencing at 9h30.

Matches will run from 9h30 until 17h00, with a 25-minute break at 11h35 (post senior grading matches, during which the senior divisions will be formed) and a lunch break from 13h40-14h05. Please note that in the event we are running behind, the 11h35 break may be shortened to allow us to catch up to the schedule.

structure of the event

Matches will be 2 x 10-minute halves, with a 2-minute half time break and 3 minutes between matches (except for finals, where timings have been extended). There is a short time between matches, and teams are reminded that in this time they are required to complete the mvp section and ensure their captain signs the score card.

Junior divisions have been created based on age, separated into 18U & 14U divisions. They will not participate in any grading rounds and will instead commence division matches immediately. They will play the other teams in their division once, followed by a potential final at the end of the day.

Open teams will begin their day with a grading round from 9h30-11h35. There will be a 25-minute break at 11h35, during which teams will be allocated to a division (Première, Deuxième, Troisième). Teams are reminded that they will need to pay particular attention to the schedule once they receive a division, as the schedules for playing and umpiring do not show their team name for division rounds and umpiring commitments, but rather a code that they will be allocated during the break. Team codes will be announced over the PA, put on display at the info desk, and texted to team captains. Teams are reminded that if they are late to a match this may result in penalty goals awarded to the other team or a forfeit, and if their scorers or umpires are late to a match this will result in a 1 ladder point consequence to their team.

Open division matches will then run from 12h00-17h00, and each team will play the other teams in their division once, followed by a final at the end of the day competed by the top two teams in the division. Open teams are reminded that during this time they must provide 1 x umpire for 1 x junior match – their umpire commitment can be found on the schedule. An umpire failing to arrive to their scheduled match on time will result in a 1 ladder point consequence to their team.

Attendees are reminded that throughout the day, spectators must remain outside of the fencing surrounding the outdoor court area at all times – the only permitted persons inside the fenced court area for each time slot are players, coaches, 1 x care person per team, umpires, scorers, and Netball France officials. Warmups & cool downs are to be completed outside the fenced court area, and teams for the following time slot are not to enter the fenced court area until the previous match is complete and the previous teams have begun exiting the area. Throughout the day, scores of previous matches and updated ladders for each division can be found at the info desk.

finals

The 14U & Troisième division finals will be held at 17h10 on Courts 1 & 3, with the 14U 3rd v 4th placing match held on Court 2. This will be followed by 18U and Deuxième division finals held at 17h40 on Courts 1 & 3. The Première division final will be held on Court 2 at 18h20.

If teams are not participating in finals, they must return all borrowed equipment to the info desk prior to the start of the first final.

Between the 18U & Deuxième division finals and the Première division final, all attendees must, along with all their belongings, move into the fenced court area to sit on Courts 1 & 3, ensuring they have removed all litter and left the area as they found it. This is to allow event organisers to progressively clean and clear the venue so we can ensure we leave the venue on time and in a pristine condition. We ask that teams do this promptly and are in place well before the start of the Première final to avoid distracting players and umpires participating in the match.

We request that all attendees make an effort to watch all finals and make sure to cheer on the teams, to create an exciting and supportive finals atmosphere.

presentations

Following the finals, presentations will be held on Court 2 from approximately 19h10, led by Netball France President Bethany Lord, including awards to winning teams, mvps, etc.

All teams and attendees 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.

Following presentations, we ask that all attendees promptly leave the venue to ensure we clear the venue by the required time, ensuring to take all their belongings with them and dispose of any rubbish appropriately.

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

We are delighted to have 24 teams joining us across 3 age groups & 5 divisions. Keep an eye out on @netballfrance social media in the leadup to the tournament as we introduce the competing clubs!

OPEN

Netball Côte Basque	Netball Paris Blanc
LMML Netball	Netball Paris Vert
Netball Lyon	Netball Toulouse Léguevin
Netball Nice Sunset	Team Unique II
Netball Nice Sunrise	Team Fusion
Netball Nice Sunshine	Valley Vipers 1
Netball Paris Bleu	Valley Vipers 2
Netball Paris Rouge	

18 U

British School of Paris (BSP) 18U
LMML Netball 18U
Lycée Sharks 18U
Netball Nice Sunbursts
Netball Toulouse Léguevin 18U

14 U

British School of Paris (BSP) 14U
LMML Netball 14U
Lycée Sharks 14U
Netball Toulouse Léguevin 14U

We hope everyone has a wonderful day, and
good luck to all our teams competing!