

COUPE DE FRANCE DE NETBALL 2024

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the british school of paris

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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 fourth edition of the Coupe de France de Netball! In this welcome pack, you will find information such as how the tournament will run, links to 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. We remind attendees that we have a new look structure and are playing to the new rules of netball, so please ensure to read these sections 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. Copies of all relevant documents, including links to schedules, can be found on the event page on our website - <https://netballfrance.com/event/coupe-de-france-de-netball-2024/>

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 21st September 2024

Time: 8:20 - 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 at the latest. 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.

We will be using tournify for all teams to be able to see updated scores, groupings, tables, timings, etc. throughout the day (as well as this information being displayed at the info desk). You can find the event at - <https://www.tournifyapp.com/live/cdfdn24> - or on QR codes around the venue on the day.

Match balls will be provided on the day, however teams must provide their own warmup balls and bibs - Netball France will aim to 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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STREAMING & NETBALL FRANCE SOCIAL MEDIA

This year, we are aiming (based on volunteer capacity) to stream the Open finals (Gold & Bronze medal matches), and the final in each 18U division. They will be streamed to the Netball France Facebook page, and we 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.

A volunteer 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!)

Please make sure your club, team, players & all your supporters tag @netballfrance and use the official tournament hashtag, #CDFDN24, 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!

TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE & LAYOUT OF DAY

We ask all clubs and participants to pay particular attention to the tournament structure, as there are large scale changes from the structure of our previous events.

We will be using tournify for all teams to be able to see updated scores, groupings, tables, timings, etc. throughout the day (as well as this information being displayed at the info desk). You can find the event at - <https://www.tournifyapp.com/live/cdfdn24> - or on QR codes around the venue on the day.

upon arrival

All attendees/players are asked to be at the venue for registration at 8h20, and **absolutely no later than 08h30**. As all information has been collected in advance this year, teams are only required to go to the info desk (located outside the outdoor court area in front of Court One) if they need to pick up their snack box (for those teams who pre-ordered lunch). Please note that there will be a fee charged for any lost, damaged, or unreturned equipment borrowed from Netball France.

Teams will 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 08h40, followed by a group photo and a captains/vice captains call 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 9h10, time allocated for warmup will commence, followed by the first matches commencing at 9h30.

tournament structure

Matches will be 2 x 9-minute halves, with a 2-minute half time break and 3 minutes between matches (except for finals, where breaks between matches have been extended to 10 minutes). There is a short time between matches, and teams and umpires are reminded that in this time they are required to complete the MVP section and ensure their captain **and** the umpires sign the score card.

This year, the tournament will have one competition in the Open age group following a Netball World Cup inspired structure, and two 18U divisions following a standard round robin format.

open competition

The Open competition will run following the Netball World Cup structure. This can be quite complicated at first glance, so please make sure to thoroughly read the explanation and make use of the visual aids!

There are three stages to the open competition: Group Stage A, Group Stage B, and Play-Offs & Placings.

Group Stage A – approx. 09h30 – 12h50

- There will be 4 pools (A, B, C, and D) of four/five teams in Group Stage A
- Teams will be placed in pools with the aim to include a similar spread of levels across each pool where possible – this placement prior to the day will be done by external third parties (Netball France Performance Director & Coaching Staff of our Open & Junior National Squads) with no connection to any individual club or team.
- Pool placement will be done based on past performance at CDF events and written and video information provided by teams in advance. There will be no grading done during the day outside of the results as part of the structure of the competition. For more information, please see the Pool Placement Procedure attached and on <https://netballfrance.com/event/coupe-de-france-de-netball-2024/>
- The top 3 teams from each pool will progress to the Cup Group Stages, the bottom team (or two teams, if in a pool of five teams) from each pool will progress to the Plate Group Stage

Group Stage B – approx. 12h50 – 16h30

- The top three teams from Pools A & B form Group F, and the top three teams from Pools C & D form Group G (together groups F & G = the Cup). The bottom placed teams from Pools A-D form Group E (the Plate)
- Where teams in Groups F & G have already played each other in Group Stage A, the results will carry through to Group Stage B

Play-Offs & Placings – approx. 16h30 – 19h15

- The teams finishing first and second in Groups F & G go through to the semi-finals, with the top placed team in each group facing the second placed team in the other group.
- The winners of each semi-final compete for gold in the final, with the losers playing for bronze.
- The teams that finish third and fourth in Groups F & G go through to 5th-8th place semi-finals, with the third placed team in each group facing the fourth placed team in the other group.
- The winners of each 5th-8th place semi-final play off for 5th, with the losers playing for 7th place.
- The teams that finish fifth in Groups F & G play off for 9th place.
- The teams that finish last in Groups F & G play off for 11th place.
- The teams that finish first and second in Group E play off for 13th place.
- The teams that finish third and fourth in Group E play off for 15th place.
- Due to timings and an uneven number of teams at the tournament, the team that finishes last in Group E will not have a play off match, and will automatically receive a placing of 17th.

Important Notes

- Play in the earlier stages of the day is likely to be less competitive, as pool groups from the beginning will contain a full spread of team levels due to grading being incorporated into the structure
- The final standings at the end of the tournament will be a ranking of the entered teams from 1st to 17th
- There will be no finals for divisions in the way we historically have had at the Coupe de France de Netball, however each team (except for the 17th team) has a 'placing' match to determine their final placing in the tournament
- Where a team historically won the troisième division, this team will now simply receive a ranking of 11th
- Teams are reminded that they will need to pay particular attention to their schedule (including their umpiring commitments) throughout the day, as they will receive codes/updates to their schedule following both Group Stages. These will be announced over the PA, updated on tournify, 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.
- The table for each group stage (and to determine who moves through to where following each group stage) will work as follows:
 - Teams will be ranked based on points from the result of matches (2 points for winning a match, 1 point for drawing a match, 0 points for losing a match)
 - Where points cannot separate the teams, goal difference (GD), i.e. goals for – goals against, will be used
 - Where points, or goal difference cannot separate the teams, goals for (GF), i.e. number of goals scored, will be used
 - Tables will reset at each group stage, however where two teams have played each other in an earlier group stage, this result will be included in the current group stage's table
 - Final placings in the tournament at the end of the day will be determined by the placing matches
- Formal recognition during presentations will only be provided to the Gold, Silver, and Bronze medal teams in the Open Competition, and Finalists (Champion & Vice-Champion) in the Junior Divisions



18U competition

The 18U competition will run as a round robin style tournament with two divisions. Divisions have been created based on teams self-indicating their level.

In the première division, each team will compete against all other teams in their division once. At the end of the division round, semi-finals will be played with 1st v 4th and 2nd v 3rd. The winners of the semi-finals will proceed to the final of the division.

In the deuxième division, each team will compete against all other teams in their division once, prior to a final between the top two teams of the division.

The 18U divisions will commence immediately with their round robin tournament, and their schedule for the day (outside of finals) is fully listed on the schedule.

finals

The Bronze Medal match of the Open Competition will be played at 17h19. Please note this match will be played at the same time as the 5th-10th Open Competition Placing matches taking place on Courts 2-4.

Following the Bronze Medal Match, all attendees must, along with all their belongings, move into the fenced court area to sit on Court 2, ensuring they have removed all litter and left the area as they found it, in order to watch the finals matches and presentations. 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 18U Deuxième Division Final to avoid distracting players and umpires participating in the match.

The 18U Deuxième Division Final will be played at 17h55 on Court 1, followed by the 18U Première Division Final at 18h25 on Court 3. The Gold Medal match of the Coupe de France de Netball 2024 will be played at 18h55 on Court 1.

If teams are not participating in finals, they must return all borrowed equipment to the info desk prior to the start of 18U Deuxième Division Final.

We request that all attendees make a strong 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 19h20, 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 (20h00), ensuring to take all their belongings with them and dispose of any rubbish appropriately.

TOURNAMENT RULES

Matches will be played following the new rules – i.e. the Rules of Netball (2024), written by World Netball. The rules, and educational resources including video & PDF explanations, can be found online at <https://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, particularly updates regarding tactical changes, centre pass checks, game management, throw ins, the removal of toss ups, and goals after the siren.

As a quick recap of the new rules, the most significant changes (and short explanation videos from World Netball) that players should be aware of are:

- Rolling subs (i.e. tactical changes) are now able to be implemented – these must be indicated to the umpire prior to a goal being scored. The umpire will call for the change to be made following the next goal scored. Changes must be immediate and time will not be stopped – <https://youtu.be/dRf3imEFZjo> ;
- Cautions have been removed from the game management protocol, which means that after proactive advice athletes may be elevated directly to a warning – <https://youtu.be/9CDVN94eEoQ> ;
- If the shooter releases the ball prior to the siren, and the shot is successful, the goal stands – <https://youtu.be/RfPna2X94dw> ;
- Toss ups have been removed – <https://youtu.be/qOPbxtv60b0> ; and
- You no longer need to wait for all players to be back on court prior to taking a throw in – https://youtu.be/kYDtvjW_MN4 .

Junior matches will not be played in a modified format and will also follow the World Netball Rules of Netball (2024). This includes the use of full-size posts (10 ft/3.05m) and balls (size 5).

gender

The Coupe de France de Netball 2024 is a mixed tournament open to all genders. There is a maximum of 10 players per team (open competition) and a maximum of 3 male players on the court at a time (all competitions), with a maximum of one male player in each position group at a time (Attack – GS, GA; Mid – WA, C, WD; Defence – GD, GK). The CDFDN24 is a mixed event, and whilst there is no requirement for your team to be mixed, please note that all participating teams must be prepared to play against mixed teams.

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 – athletes under the age of 18 in this competition will be required to submit a Youth Athlete Welfare Form.

18 and Under teams are limited to athletes born in 2006 or later, with a minimum age of 9.

eligibility

The Coupe de France de Netball is designed to be the premiere netball competition for clubs in France. The intent of the eligibility regulations were to ensure that the spirit of the event is protected, and that clubs are sending active members of their club, i.e. members that attend training sessions, league matches, and/or tournaments outside the coupe for the club throughout the season.

However, upon reflection and discussion, we acknowledge the guidelines weren't clear and were open to interpretation. In light of this, the CDFDN24 Work Group and Netball France Board decided, to prevent athletes and teams from receiving any untoward comments and to protect the spirit of the event:

- For the CDFDN24:
 - All clubs are required to sign the declaration circulated by email, confirming all players representing their club at the CDFDN24 are eligible as per the guidelines as they were written this year
 - Any highlighted athletes to sign an individual declaration confirming they are eligible to represent the relevant club as per the guidelines as they were written this year
- For future CDFDN24 events:
 - The eligibility guidelines and regulations will be rewritten to be clearer and avoid misinterpretation in future CDFDN events

Declarations have been circulated by email and are being collected by the CDFDN24 Work Group & Netball France Board.

jewellery/nails

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

- a) No body piercings including earrings may be worn.
- b) No adornment that may endanger player safety may be worn.
- c) No communication devices may be worn.
- d) Any other adornment worn must be securely covered with tape and/or padding.
- e) Medical devices may be worn provided they are securely covered with tape and/or padding.
- f) Player monitoring devices may be worn provided they are secured within the playing uniform.
- g) Fingernails must be short and smooth.
- h) Hair must be suitably tied back (for example in a ponytail, plait, or braided) and free from any adornment.

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 have been asked to nominate a captain via email. 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. This must be approved at the info desk by the Tournament Manager.

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 competition of the Coupe de France de Netball 2024 will be umpired entirely by external qualified umpires, with the junior divisions umpired by a combination of external qualified umpires and 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.

Cassandra Austin Mackenzie and Shaheen Lodhi are the Head Umpires of the tournament. Any questions, queries, or complaints regarding the rules of netball, the application of those rules during matches, decisions taken by umpires, matching uniforms, and other on court decisions will be directed to the Head Umpires. Their decision will be final.

TIMING

Timing will be done through a central timer run over a PA/klaxon system (except for court 4, the indoor court, which will be managed by volunteers due to not being able to hear the outdoor sound system/klaxon). 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 semi final & finals matches (16h04 time slot for 18U Première Division Semi Finals, 16h30 timeslot for Open Competition Semi Finals, Open Competition Bronze & Gold medal matches, and 18U Première Division & Deuxième Division Finals) where the following will occur:

- The controlling umpire will indicate for time to be held;
- Once ensuring all players are aware that the match is a draw and what will now happen, the umpires will direct the players for play to restart from the next centre pass;
- Play will then continue for two (2) minutes or until one team has a two (2) goal advantage, whichever occurs first;
- If 2 minutes passes and no team has a two (2) goal advantage:
 - Should one team have a one (1) goal advantage, they will be declared the winners;
 - Should the score still be tied, the controlling umpire will blow the whistle to hold time and ensure all players on court understand that it is a draw and what will happen. Once all players understand, play will continue from the place and with the player who had possession of the ball when time was held. The next team to score will win the match.

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 competition, at the end of each match each team is responsible for voting for one MVP on the opposition team (3 points). In both the open and junior competitions, at the end of each match the umpires are collectively responsible for voting for three MVPs on both teams. 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 and the umpires fill this out.

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 2024 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 (Courts 1-3), and 1 x indoor court (Court 4). 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, however unfortunately shower facilities are unavailable.

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.

TALENT IDENTIFICATION & NATIONAL SQUADS

Netball France selectors will be in attendance at the CDFDN24. They will be introduced during the Opening Remarks, and will be performing talent identification across all age groups and divisions.

Both Open & Junior National Squad Trials will be held on Sunday 22nd September. Registrations to trial are now closed.

Selectors may invite select athletes who have not registered to also attend the trial.

FOOD/DRINKS

Lunch will be provided for the teams who have ordered in the form of a snack box upon arrival, and a picnic hamper at lunch time. Each team will be able to collect their hamper from the refectory from 12h00.

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. Please note that there are no places to purchase food/drinks in walking vicinity of the venue.

The BSPS (British School Parents Society) will be running a charity tea, coffee, and cake stall during the event, including hot dogs available at the end of the day. 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.

David, the Open National Squad team physio, will be the attending physio on the day. He will be introduced during the Opening Remarks, and if you have need of him and cannot see him at a court, he can be found at/contacted by the info desk.

COMPLAINT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE

As the longest standing Netball France volunteer umpires, and in respect to their qualifications and experience, Cassandra Austin Mackenzie and Shaheen Lodhi have been appointed co-Head Umpires of the tournament. Any questions, queries, or complaints regarding the rules of

netball, the application of those rules during matches, decisions taken by umpires, matching uniforms, and other on court decisions will be directed to the Head Umpires. Their decision will be final.

Any minor complaints (such as logistic or facility issues) not regarding umpiring 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 minor disputes is final.

Any major complaints can be sent via email to the Netball France Board within 14 days of the event, using the CDFD24 Complaint Form.

For the full Complaints Management Procedure, and the CDFDN24 Complaint Form, please see the CDFDN24 Complaints Management Procedure – attached to the Welcome Pack email, and available at <https://netballfrance.com/event/coupe-de-france-de-netball-2024/>

FUN ACTIVITIES

We know it's a long day, so this year, the CDFDN24 Work Group have put together some fun activities to keep you all entertained while you're not on court!

junior activity sheet

A junior activity worksheet can be found at the info desk, for all attendees (even those just spectating!) under the age of 18 to participate in! The worksheet has questions and activities such as 'who is your favourite netballer?' and 'take a selfie with a player from the 2023/2024 Open National Squad, Les Bleus!', and encourages our juniors to watch matches at the tournament and interact with players from other clubs! All who return a completed worksheet to the info desk (one per person) by 17h30 will receive a chocolate of their choice, and will be entered into the draw to win some Netball France merchandise, drawn during the finals & presentations!

photo 'booth'

Everyone loves a good team selfie! Whilst we unfortunately don't have capacity for a physical photo booth this year, for the first time ever we have our very own CDFDN24 Instagram story filters! Head to the @netballfrance Instagram page and click on the 'filters' tab to try them out for yourself. Remember to tap through each filter – there might be some surprising ways to show your love of netball and your team spirit!

Plus, use one of our filters, share your photo(s) to your stories, and tag @netballfrance by 19h20 to be entered into the draw to win some Netball France merchandise, drawn during the finals & presentations!

guessing goals

Think you know how accurate the teams are? Now's your chance to prove it! We will be running a guessing game throughout the day – guess how many goals will be scored across the final of each division – Open Competition Gold medal match, 18U Première Division Final, and 18U

Deuxième Division Final. The person with the most accurate guess will win a Netball France prize during presentations!

Guesses must be made by 18h25, and can be made using the QR code available at the info desk. One guess per person.

And if we have more than one accurate guess – we think human scissors, paper, rock during presentations sounds like a great way to break a tie!

finals music

Have you ever wondered what gets Les Bleus pumped for their matches? Wonder no further! During the finals timeslots, whilst matches aren't in play, unofficial Les Bleus team DJ Emilie O'Neil's playlist will be playing to get you all in the finals spirit to cheer on the competing teams!

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

In our largest Coupe de France yet, we are delighted to have 26 teams joining us across the two competitions. Keep an eye out on @netballfrance social media in the leadup to the tournament as we introduce the competing clubs!

OPEN

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| LMML Pink | Netball Paris Bleu |
| LMML Black | Netball Paris Rouge |
| Netball Côte Basque Mendiak | Netball Paris Blanc |
| Netball Côte Basque Olatuak | Netball Paris Vert |
| Netball Flamingos Unique | Netball Toulouse-Léguévin |
| Netball Flamingos Fusion | Valley Vipers 1 |
| Netball Nice Sunset | Valley Vipers 2 |
| Netball Nice Sunrise | Vasles (Netball NAQ) |
| Netball Nice Sunshine | |

18U PREMIÈRE

British School of Paris (BSP) Red
LMML Pink Panthers
Netball Nice Sunbursts
Netball Toulouse-Léguévin Noir

18U DEUXIÈME

British School of Paris (BSP) Blue
LMML Pink Pivots
Lycée Sharks
Netball Nice Sunbeams
Netball Toulouse-Léguévin Rouge

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