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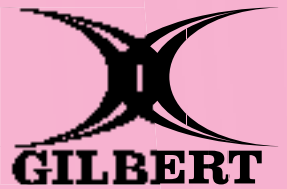


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Twelve Teams: One Golden Goal

For netballers, the Commonwealth Games is our Olympics: the opportunity to showcase the pace, accuracy and excitement of top quality competition between the world's leading teams at a global multi-sport event.

The Commonwealth Games was first staged in 1930, when it was known as the British Empire Games, and has taken place every four years since (except in 1942 and 1946, when they were cancelled due to World War II). It is the world's third largest multi-sport event, after the Olympic Games and the Asian Games.

Netball is a truly Commonwealth sport – all of the winners of the World Championships since its inception have come from across the Commonwealth and the sport's importance to all the participating nations is reflected in the fact that it is one of only ten core sports which must be included by host countries when organising their Games schedule.

It is also one of the longest running competitions at the Games – in Glasgow, group matches start on 24 July (the day after the Opening Ceremony) and will run until the final on 3 August.

Following high demand, the competition organisers moved the netball at this year's Games to the newly completed SECC facility, thus creating an additional 4,000 seats at the tournament. Like the original allocation of tickets, these too sold out in record time – netball has proved to be one of THE hot tickets at this year's Games.

Twelve teams will take part in this year's Commonwealth netball tournament: hosts Scotland will line up alongside 11 of the world's other leading sides, which initially will compete in two round robin groups of six teams. The two leading teams in each group will move forwards to the semi-finals and finals, while the remaining teams will play off against each other to decide the final classification.

The Groups



New Zealand
Jamaica
Malawi

Northern Ireland
St Lucia
Scotland

Australia
England
South Africa

Wales
Trinidad & Tobago
Barbados



The Winners 1998-2010

Since the introduction of netball to the Commonwealth Games schedule in 1998 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, only four teams have taken medals at the competition, with New Zealand and Australia sharing the gold medals between them.

Year	Location	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1998	Kuala Lumpur	Australia	New Zealand	England
2002	Manchester	Australia	New Zealand	Jamaica
2006	Melbourne	New Zealand	Australia	England
2010	Delhi	New Zealand	Australia	England



So which will be the teams – and the faces – to watch at this year's Commonwealth Games? We take a look at the teams taking part, and some of the key players who will be featuring on court:

New Zealand



Can the Silver Ferns make it three Commonwealth titles in a row? The shock retirement of the world's most capped international, Irene van Dyk, prior to the New Zealand selectors making their announcement of the squad for Glasgow may have surprised many, but in Cathrine Latu, New Zealand have a strong and accurate alternative, while squad debutante Ellen Halpenny brings a new option for the team.

One to watch: Long bomb shooting queen Maria Tutaia has the accuracy to trouble any defensive line up, and her understanding with centre court dynamo Laura Langman will keep opponents guessing. Can she repeat her heroics of the Delhi final, where her calm, collected finishing under pressure broke Australian hearts?



Australia



Reigning World Champions, the Australian Diamonds, will be keen to recapture the title which has eluded them at the past two Commonwealth Games, most recently after an overtime thriller in Delhi. Lisa Alexander's young squad may have experienced mixed results in the past couple of years (including a first ever series loss to

England) but the Aussies are always formidable opponents and the players arrive in Glasgow fresh from a highly competitive ANZ Championship season. It is hard to argue with the idea that they will be competing for gold at the sharp end of the competition.

One to watch: Renae Hallinan, the Diamonds' specialist WD, has had a mixed season with the Adelaide Thunderbirds. Expect her to return to international duty fired up and ready to disrupt even the most organised attacking lines with her uncanny ability to read the game several moves ahead, and pick up a steady stream of interceptions.

England



Boosted by the return of its four ANZ Championship players after strong seasons, the England squad has the ability to trouble the very best. Captain Pamela Cooke was ruled out of contention with a ruptured Achilles tendon in the last Superleague game of the season but teenage shooter Helen Housby looks set to boost her burgeoning reputation in her debut appearance in an England dress.

One to watch: While GK Geva Mentor has cemented her reputation as the world's best after another stellar ANZ Championship season, captain Jade



Clarke is the engine room of the side. Always ruthlessly efficient, Clarke puts in a significant amount of work throughout the court and can be relied on to take key interceptions just when her team needs them.

Jamaica



Athletic and supremely talented, the Sunshine Girls will be looking to dazzle opponents with their Caribbean combination of flair and pace. Famed for their aerial style of play, Jamaica will be looking to cut down on their error rate under the watchful eye of former Australia coach Jill McIntosh, their new technical director, and coach Minette Reynolds. Towering shooters Jhaniele Fowler-Reid and Romelda Aiken have both enjoyed ANZ Championship success this year – how they combine for their country could determine the Jamaicans' Commonwealth fate.

One to watch: Dogged defender Kasey Evering returns to the international scene after a brief period in retirement. Good in the air and happy to hunt for the interception outside the circle, expect to see Evering's close man-to-man marking and constant pressure yield plentiful interceptions for Jamaica.

South Africa



South African netball has enjoyed a resurgence in recent years, with determined coach Elize Kotze instilling new training and performance values in the side. The involvement of world-renowned sports psychologist Dr Sherylle Calder has given the Proteas renewed confidence and the side's win over England at the end of 2013 showed that, on their day, South Africa are a match for any of the world's top sides.

One to watch: In Chrisna van Zyl, South Africa has a clinical finisher who will punish any opposition mistakes. Tall and rangy, van Zyl can play a mobile or holding shooter's game, keeping defenders guessing throughout. A proven match winner.

Malawi



African netball stars Malawi were, until relatively recently, unknown on the world stage, but increased opportunities to travel and compete have enabled the Queens to share their unique playing style and exuberance. With the irrepressible Mary Waya now coaching, expect to see flick passes, aerial interceptions and some of the most joyful celebrations ever seen on a netball court. Not a side to be underestimated.

One to watch: Defenders underestimate rangy shooter Mwai Kumwenda's slight physique at their peril. A fearsome competitor with an accurate shot and very fast feet, Kumwenda was named the ANZ Championship's Best New Talent for 2014 and at only 24 years of age, she looks set to create an international reputation to rival her mentor Waya's in the years to come.



Northern Ireland



A ground breaking partnership between Netball Northern Ireland and Team Northern Ireland this year saw several of Northern Ireland's squad gain valuable court time in the UK's Netball Superleague. A quad series featuring Botswana, Barbados and St Lucia played at the end of 2013 also gave many of the squad their first exposure to new playing styles and although Northern Ireland ended the tournament in second place, the team's new-found confidence could see them spring some surprises in Glasgow.

One to watch: Fionnuala Toner's anticipation and speedy ability to turn defence into attack won her many plaudits in the 2014 Netball Superleague season. Expect to see the WD at the heart of the action when the team take to the court.

Wales



Buoyed by recently qualifying for the Netball World Cup in Sydney 2015, the Welsh side is led by fearless midcourter Suzy Drane. With newly-promoted head coach Laura Williams in charge, expect a tireless work ethic and strong team spirit to motivate the side, many of whom appeared for Celtic Dragons in the UK Netball Superleague.

One to watch: Returning to the Welsh side after the birth of her two children and a spell playing in New Zealand, Ursula "Billy" Pritchard epitomises the Welsh team spirit. A determined and ruthless defender, Pritchard's "never say die" spirit will inspire and motivate her team-mates to greater things.

St Lucia



St Lucia has not taken part in a major world tournament since 2003, when the side placed 15th at the World Championships. Despite losing a warm-up series to Barbados ahead of the Glasgow competition, St Lucia were highly competitive throughout and with a playing style that combines aerial flair with rapid-fire passing could prove problematic for teams which underestimate their abilities.

One to watch: Named player of the tournament when St Lucia travelled to Northern Ireland in 2013, shooter Shem Maxwell has the elevation and accuracy to trouble defenders of all sizes.

Trinidad & Tobago



The Calypso Girls are one of Trinidad and Tobago's most successful international sporting teams, and shared the title at the 1979 Netball World Championships with New Zealand and Australia. Placed 7th at the World Championships in 2011, the side will be looking to chase an upset or two with an aerial game in Glasgow.

One to watch: Towering shooter Anastacia Wilson caused problems

for teams across the league when she played in the UK's Netball Superleague for Northern Thunder in 2010. With her long reach and accurate shot, Wilson can play either shooting position and can be hard to shut down, with her clever changes of direction and body position.

Scotland



Under Kiwi-born coach Gail Parata, Scotland's Thistles are determined to mount a serious challenge at these championships. Increased competitive opportunities over the past few years have shown that the Scots have the ability to learn from and adapt to challenges quickly, making them a team that should not be underestimated. Although the Thistles lost their latest Test Series in South Africa, they narrowed the losing margin on each occasion and gave the Proteas plenty to consider.

One to watch: Lesley MacDonald is Scotland's most capped player, with 114 caps to her name. An accurate shooter, the 34 year old is looking forward to leading her country at the Commonwealth Games in her home city.



Photo: Ian Steele

Barbados



Having defeated Caribbean rivals Trinidad and Tobago 60-59 in the thrilling play-off for 7th and 8th place in Delhi in 2010, Barbados will be keen to improve on that result in Glasgow. Despite losing a closely-fought friendly series against Jamaica recently, Barbados will take heart from defeating local opposition St Lucia as part of the squad's preparations for Glasgow and will be looking to cause some shocks when play starts.

One to watch: Shooter Nikita Piggott played in the UK's Netball Superleague for the Loughborough Lightning franchise and impressed many with her fast hands and accurate shot.

Lead the Change, Be the Change



Goal presentation

'Lead the Change, Be the Change' – the theme from the IWG 6th International Conference on Women in Sport is still running through my head as I board the flight home from four inspirational days in Helsinki.

Twenty years on from the creation of the Brighton Declaration at the first International Conference on Women in Sport, this conference had much to celebrate. Women's participation in sport has increased significantly over this period – 44% of the athletes at the London Olympic Games and 40% of those at the Sochi Winter Games were women. However, in the field of sports administration there is still much to be done. Some countries and organisations set quotas for women on their sports boards such as 25% or 30% and this seems to be creating a step change. Thomas Bach, International Olympic Committee (IOC) President, described to the conference how the IOC achieved its target of having 20% of leadership roles fulfilled by women by 2005, and stated that four of the 15 members of the current IOC Executive Board are female. Bach also explained that 22 more women

have been added to the various IOC Commissions following the latest series of appointments earlier this year.

Presentations like this make me realise just how privileged we are in netball and how we lead the way – we can provide opportunities for girls and women in all areas including umpiring, coaching and administration. Furthermore we have female role models worldwide who our aspiring leaders can look up to.

GOAL

As a predominantly female sport, netball can provide a safe and nurturing environment for our participants to develop their skills and experience. Kalyani Subramanyam, Program Director from the NAZ foundation in India, inspired conference delegates with her stories of the impact of netball and the Goal Programme which she directs, on the lives of the girls from the slums of Delhi. Goal is a community programme with transformational impact; it builds self-confidence and gives adolescent girls a better chance at life. The programme empowers these adolescent girls, gives them skills for life, provides technical knowledge in the sport of netball and offers them a safe place to play.

Netball Australia works with Goal as a

strategic partner through the Australian Sports Outreach Program (ASOP), making this work even stronger.

Netball Australia provides technical support to deliver high quality netball activities and competitions. Netball is also empowering women to take control of their health. Olivia Philpott (International Development Manager, Netball Australia) and Katalin Baranyi (National Operations Manager, Tonga Netball Association) presented the 'Kau Mai Tonga; Netipolo!' (Come on Tonga, Let's Play Netball!) programme from Oceania that is using exercise to help to tackle non-communicable diseases such as type 2 diabetes and coronary heart disease in women aged from 15 to 45. In its third year the programme has been exceptionally successful and has been recognised as best practice by the World Health Organisation.



Botswana take on the challenge



Clare Briegal, Katalin Baranyi, Olivia Philpott and Kalyani Subramanyam



Thomas Bach, IOC President

I was delighted to be able to present Katalin with the Membership Certificate for the Tonga Netball Association – following the ballot to Members the association is now a full member of the INF.

In four years' time this conference will be held in Botswana. At this year's closing ceremony delegates from this southern African jewel, including the Minister for Trade and Industry and our own INF Board member Tebogo Lebotse gave a rousing performance of local songs and dances. Everyone in the conference hall was up on their feet joining in and vowing to be there in 2018.

COMMITMENT

Conference delegates were asked to make their own personal commitment to 'Lead the Change, Be the Change', whether it was as a mentor to a girl or woman who would benefit from support or on a broader scale such as leading a Board to develop targets for equity. For me, as CEO of the INF, I have the opportunity to raise the awareness of the Brighton Declaration and encourage all our Members to pledge their support to creating equity for women in sport. INF has signed the pledge, now it's your turn to 'Lead the Change, Be the Change'.

Clare Briegal

WEBSITES

IWG 6th International Conference on Women in Sport

www.iwg-gti.org/

Goal Programme

www.nazindia.org/goal.htm

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Changing the Rules

Netball is a unique, exciting and challenging game of fair contest. Ensuring that the rules of netball continue to support this is important to the INF, and the focus of the current Rules Review. We spoke to Cheryl Danson, Chair of the INF's Rules Advisory Panel (RAP), to see how they are meeting this challenge.

What's behind the Rules Review?

We want to keep the game evolving, modern, and attractive to participants, spectators and the media. We want the rules to be clearer, easier to understand and equitable for all players. We want the officials to be able to officiate effectively in a faster game where players are getting stronger and more physical, and we want more consistency of interpretation. Importantly, we want the game to stay as netball and be identifiable as netball.

How have Members contributed to the Rules Review?

All INF Members were invited to submit ideas for the Rules Review. A very good response was received, with many suggestions for rules changes – some minor, some major. These were considered by RAP and proposals put to the INF Board.

Five of these rules proposals were submitted to Congress in 2011 (although this was outside of the normal seven-year cycle) and three were accepted for immediate implementation. These were: Procedure for Extra Time, Visual Clock and Stoppages.

Two of the proposals – Penalty Pass/ Shot and Positioning of Players for Start of Play at Centre Pass – were discussed at Congress in 2011, and further work and/or a trial was recommended.

In addition, RAP receive rules queries from member organisations to which we respond as they are received and these help to inform what changes may be required to the rules.

What challenges does RAP face when reviewing the rules?

There is a lack of consistency of



interpretation of the rules. Some of this is due to the education and training of all those involved in the game, but some is due to lack of clarity of the written rules.

We need to ensure that the rules are written in language that can be understood by all of our members, by simplifying the language used. We are also looking at the layout of the rules book and looking at best practice across other sports.

We're very aware of the need for the game to remain modern and keep evolving. The next full Rules Review isn't due for completion until 2023, so we need to ensure that the rules are appropriate to last until then.

How have the rules been trialled?

A number of rules trials were identified by RAP, in conjunction with the Match Officials Advisory Panel (MAP) and the Coaching Advisory Panel (CAP), and approved by the INF Board. All Members were invited to participate in the trials, and provided with a brief for this.

Some of the rules have been trialled, for example by England Netball in their Superleague, Netball New Zealand at their national U23 and U19 championships and Jamaica in their semi-pro league.

We also have the experience of Fast5, where some of the same principles of the rules are used. This includes less whistle, and a different division of the court for the umpires.

What happens next, and when will the new rules be put in place?

RAP are meeting in July before the Commonwealth Games, to review the written submissions and trials, and to start work on the format of the rules book and detailed wording of the rules.

A further meeting of RAP and a combined meeting with CAP (the Coaching Advisory Panel) are planned for November, where we will review the detailed wording and the new format rules book. At the same time we will start work on preparing supporting video of the new rules.

By March 2015, the rules text will be issued to members for them to review for wording and consistency, and any errors or omissions within the rules identified by members will be requested for feedback by June.

A final updated text will be issued to members in readiness for Congress 2015, which is being held in August. The new rules will be implemented for international matches from January 2016.

Leading Women

What happens when 36 women from sports organisations in 14 countries gather for a week to explore and develop their leadership skills? Julia Symons from Netball Australia attended the inaugural Women's Sport Leadership Academy (WSLA) at the University of Chichester in Bognor Regis, England and reports for Netball World.

From the first session, it was clear that there was something unique about WSLA – a predominance of female attendees at a sports leadership course is, in itself, a fairly unfamiliar scenario. Many, if not most, attendees work in sports organisations in their home countries where they are the exception, not the rule, in terms of gender balance in their offices.

There was a strong international netball contingent amongst the group, including Nisha Rupnarain and Zola Starke from Netball South Africa, Mary Waya from the Netball Association of



WSLA 2014 participants and organisers

Malawi, Geraldine Moore from Netball Scotland, and myself from Netball Australia. Despite our common sport, only Nisha and Zola had previously met, but it was not long before connections were made, international matches were regaled and plans to run an international 'friendly' match one evening during the course were made.

WSLA was the dream of Dr Anita



Coaching tips from Mary Waya

White OBE, founder of the Anita White Foundation, and co-founders of Females Achieving Brilliance (FAB), Lucy Faulkner and Pauline Harrison. With women under-represented in positions of leadership in sport internationally, WSLA aims to provide attendees with the opportunity to critically review, evaluate and develop their own leadership skills, with a view to creating their own leadership development plan and establish networks for mentoring.

Shared stories and challenges emerged as the week progressed, with every element of the daily programme tailored to create the ideal environment for reflection, collaboration and learning from fellow attendees. Time was also allocated for physical activities to allow the group to get to know each other in a more social setting and on the second day of the course, this took the form of a netball match.

In what was a highlight of the week, a group of first-time players from countries including Germany, Uganda, Guatemala and Burundi, as well as 'seasoned' players from the UK, Australia and New Zealand took to the local netball court. Those new to the sport were in good hands, particularly with helpful tips from Mary, who will coach Malawi's national team at the Commonwealth Games in Scotland.

Whilst our professional and personal lives differed in many ways, several common themes weaved throughout the week's discussions: passion, resilience, humour and an inherent belief that we are all capable of, and indeed responsible for, creating change in our respective roles and communities.

At the conclusion of the course, participants had made a series of commitments, both to their professional development and to aid the cause of the continued growth of WSLA, to ensure the legacy of the time spent in Bognor Regis continues well beyond the end of that week. An international network of women's sporting leaders has now been formed, with limitless potential for collaborative and innovative initiatives that will help to support women in sport in all its avenues.

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President Boosts Netball's Profile in Run Up to the Games



Molly Rhone & Shona Robison

INF President, the Hon. Molly Rhone OJ, CD, visited the UK recently to promote netball in the media. During her visit, she met with Shona Robison, the Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary with

responsibility for Sport and Commonwealth Games, to discuss the health benefits netball brings to young women and girls, and was interviewed on the topic by BBC Radio Scotland. She also visited the SSE Hydro, where the netball finals will be played, and met some of the Games' netball volunteers.

Molly then travelled to Manchester to support the Queen's Baton Relay and was interviewed by BBC TV, alongside former England player and Superleague coach, Tracey Neville.

Cardiff, and the Netball Europe World Cup Qualifiers, was the next stop for the INF President, who took the

opportunity whilst there to present England umpire Kate Stephenson with her International Umpire Award (IUA). Kate's officiating career took off in 2010 when she qualified as an A Award umpire. Kate has umpired at events in Europe, at the World University Championships in South Africa and at the Fast5 World Series in New Zealand.



Molly Rhone & Kate Stephenson

Netball Joins the ANOCA Youth Games

Uganda won the inaugural netball competition at the ANOCA (Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa) Youth Games in Gabarone recently, beating Kenya and Botswana into second and third places. This is the first time that netball has ever taken part in the Games, joining 20 other sports from 54 countries, with 2,500 athletes taking part.

INF President, the Hon. Molly Rhone, OJ, CD, officially opened the netball competition acknowledging that the inclusion of netball in the event was an important milestone for the sport in Africa where it is growing at a rapid

rate. There are currently 17 countries in Africa affiliated to the INF, with Malawi and South Africa placed fifth and sixth in the World Rankings and, in 2017, Botswana will be hosting the World Youth Cup, one of the INF's flagship events. Africa's first ever semi-professional league, the Brutal Fruit Cup, sponsored by Gilbert, has also just been introduced in South Africa, emulating the leagues of the netball powerhouses in Australia, New Zealand, England and Jamaica.

Molly Rhone said: "I am thrilled with the way in which netball in Africa is growing and developing throughout the region. The standard is high, as is the enthusiasm – netball here is played with pride and passion.

"The introduction of the Brutal Fruit Cup will spur thousands of young



Molly Rhone at the ANOCA Youth Games

women and girls on to achieve their dream of playing netball on the world stage and will provide much needed role models for future generations of young African netballers to look up to.

"This is an exciting time for netball in Africa and we are very much looking forward to following its progression and to the World Youth Cup 2017 in Botswana."

Fundraising Effort for Malawi Reaches Target

Netball Mainland and Mwai Kumwenda are delighted to announce that fundraising efforts to send donated goods all the way from Christchurch, New Zealand, to Malawi via Mozambique have been successful enough to send an entire container unit.



Mwai Kumwenda

EasiYo Tactix shooter Kumwenda, who comes from a small village in Malawi, was overwhelmed with donated goods to take home with her to Africa following the close of the 2014 ANZ Championship last month. The goods included bikes, toys, netball uniforms, clothes, balls, school desks, baby gear and other assorted goodies.

Netball Mainland CEO Brigit Hearn says the generosity of people has been heart-warming for everyone involved: "We are beyond delighted to know that the goods will actually make it to Malawi and we know Mwai will be so excited when she hears the news. Everyone has been so generous and we want to thank Mainfreight and the New Zealand public for digging deep and making a difference – thank you all."

Mainfreight came to the rescue and generously assisted with transport of a 20 cubic metre container of goods and also covered costs for the shipment from New Zealand to Mozambique port, although leaving a significant shortfall for the goods to reach their final destination of Malawi. Mainfreight staff and families donated \$1,000 towards the cost and with other reductions from shipping lines, the shortfall was targeted in a fundraising effort which



reached the netball community and the nation following extensive television coverage.

Mwai Kumwenda is currently in the United Kingdom with the Malawi Queens for the Commonwealth Games and will distribute the goods when she returns home from Glasgow. The fundraising account is now closed and any money raised over and above what was needed will be sent to Mwai for netball-related activities in her Malawi village and local orphanage, with a new outdoor netball court on the wish-list.

Melbourne Vixens Triumph at ANZ Championship

Veteran Australian shooter Catherine Cox was given the perfect send off to her elite netball career when the Melbourne Vixens scooped the 2014 ANZ Championship title with a 53-42 win over the Mission Queensland Firebirds in the Grand Final.

Introduced for the final quarter, with the Vixens leading by three

goals, Cox proved herself the perfect impact player, re-energising the Vixens attack to pull away

from the dogged Firebirds, who ended as losing finalists for the second successive year.



Australia Lead World Rankings

The INF has announced the latest World Rankings, with Australia now convincingly moving to the top slot, with a rating of 189, pushing New Zealand back into second place with a rating of 177. The new ratings take into account results from events which have taken place between 2nd April and 30th June 2014.



England maintain third position with 163, however are edging closer to New Zealand with only a 14 point difference, and widening their gap with Jamaica who just keep their fourth ranked position on 137. Jamaica now face close challenges from Malawi on 136 and sixth place South Africa on 133. The rest of the top ten remain the

same, however Scotland has risen from 12 in the rankings to 11, taking Northern Ireland's slot and pushing them back to 12.

Other notable moves are Tanzania, moving up two places to 14, Canada moving up three places to 20 and St Lucia dropping three places to 18. Two teams, India and Lesotho, lose

their rankings having failed to play eight matches since 1st July 2011 and St Vincent lose their rating altogether, having not played at all in the last three years.

For the full updated rankings go to:

www.netball.org/thrilling-world-class-events/current-world-rankings

Netball World Cup Qualifiers Underway

With the announcement of the latest World Rankings, Australia, New Zealand, England, Jamaica, Malawi and South Africa all qualify for the Netball World Cup 2015 after their top-six ranking was confirmed.

These countries join Wales, Scotland, Fiji and Samoa who booked their spots at Regional Qualifying events earlier in the year. Wales and Scotland sealed their places in Sydney 2015 by finishing ahead of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland during a three-day tournament in Cardiff. Wales finished ninth in Singapore in 2011, while 2015 will be Scotland's first World Cup since 2007 in Auckland.

The second Qualifying Event, held in Rarotonga in the Cook Islands, saw Fiji

and Samoa overcome the Cook Islands and Papua New Guinea.

Canada, Singapore and Botswana will host the Americas, Asia and Africa events respectively, with the top

two finishing nations at each event qualifying for Sydney.

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