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FAST5 Netball World Series to be held in Melbourne in 2016

The International Netball Federation (INF) is delighted to announce that the FAST5 Netball World Series will be held in Melbourne, Australia, from 2016-2018.

The three-year agreement with Netball Australia follows on from a highly successful tournament held in Auckland, New Zealand, from 2012-2014, with a break for the INF Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015 which took place in August.

The event will see the world's top six netballing nations compete in netball's fast and exciting modified version of the game, one of the most popular events on the INF calendar with fans, players and broadcasters alike.

The Hisense Arena, in the Melbourne and Olympic Park, home to many world-class sporting events, will be the venue for the event, which is planned to take place during the weekend of 29-30 October 2016.

The Hon. Molly Rhone, OJ, CD, President of the INF says:

"Australia is a fantastic country to host a world Netball event as we witnessed with the spectacular Netball World Cup in Sydney this year. The FAST5 Netball World Series has been a phenomenal success and I have every confidence that Netball Australia will build on this and take it to the next level and to an even wider global audience."

Marne Fechner, Deputy CEO, Netball Australia, says:

"This announcement caps off an outstanding year for the sport and another vote of confidence in Netball Australia to deliver a world-class event after the organisation hosted the most successful Netball World Cup in August.

"We're absolutely thrilled to be hosting the Fast5 Netball World Series and look forward to welcoming the world's best players to Australia's sporting capital, Melbourne, for the next three years.

"The Fast5 Netball World Series weekend is a celebration of netball with its party-like atmosphere off the court and exciting netball on the court, making it popular with players and fans around the world."

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Notes for Editors

The INF is the global governing body of netball, the world's leading women's team sport. Over 20 million people play netball around the world. The INF has 79 national netball association members, grouped into five regions – Africa, Asia, Americas, Europe and Oceania – each with a Regional Federation.

The INF mission is for netball to become one of the world's most popular and exciting team sports through increased participation, outstanding events, and the pursuit of organisational excellence.