



2024 U.S. Open Netball Championships® Registration Rules

About the event

We are excited for you to join us at the U.S. Open Netball Championships® 2024 from November 8th to November 10th for an exciting display of athleticism and sportsmanship. You will compete against teams from around the USA and globally and showcase your skills in the fast-paced game of Netball. Don't miss this chance to be a part of a prestigious event that will push your limits and bring out the best in your team. Register now and get ready to experience the thrill of the U.S. Open Netball Championships® 2024!

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The goal of this Championships is to develop American Netball athletes, coaches, and umpires. American Netball has a variety of standards from social play to competitive play as well as athletes from other sports learning the game of Netball. Our aim is to provide opportunities for all genders at all levels of playing, coaching, and umpiring during this event. Based on availability we open this event up to Netball America non-member teams and individuals. **Non-member teams may apply to participate by emailing USOpen@NetballAmerica.com, and include your city, state, country, as well as a note as to how your team can contribute to the growth of American Netball.**

SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

<https://www.facebook.com/USOpenNetballChampionships>

<http://www.twitter.com/netballamerica>

<https://www.instagram.com/netballamerica>

WWW.USOPENNETBALL.COM

Event benefits

- World class organized event
- Championships played on 4 courts located indoors
- Top of the line venue with top of the line flooring
- Variety of competition and experience against teams from all around the world
- Virtual and in-person training options for athletes, coaches, and umpires 'Road to the US Open series'
- FREE Global broadcast – 100,000+ viewers
- Professional photographers for team and event photos
- Qualified officials
- Certified medics
- Qualified masseuse
- Souvenir event t-shirt, water bottle and other gifts
- Variety of awards and divisions

Free Global Broadcast

Event will be broadcast at www.USOpenNetball.TV.

Participant Event Communication and Championships Schedule

After registration a link and secure password to the event app will be sent out. The event app will allow your team to receive key event information such as schedule, agenda etc, communicate with event organizers, and set up a communication channel with your own team, while being able to coordinate ride sharing and communicate with other participants.



Brackets / Divisions

There are two (2) tournament categories: Ladies and Mixed.

To ensure the finals are comprised of teams with similar skill levels, there will be shorter seeding games on Saturday to separate teams into brackets for Sunday play-offs. The number of brackets for the ladies and mixed divisions will depend on the number of teams registered for the Championships. This will be released as part of the Championships Rules once team registration is complete. Each bracket will have its own Championship Trophy and awards to ensure that all levels of play have an equal and competitive group. This 2-day concept of 'seeding' and 'playoffs' has been in place since the start of the U.S. Open Netball Championships in 2009 and the algorithms used ensure maximum playing time for participants resulting in the outcome of having true matchups for the playoffs.

Registration

Rule 1.1 Team Registration Rule – Any team wanting to participate must register and pay the applicable Netball America Member or Non-Member team fee by the associated deadlines as outlined below. This fee will allow a team to register up to 12 participants (players or bench officials). If a team wants to register more than 12 participants (players and bench officials combined), then a request will need to be sent to the Organizing Committee for approval. Once approved an additional fee per participant will need to be paid by the associated deadlines outlined below.

If a team has been approved to register more than 12 players, the team can only list 12 players on the scoresheet as an 'active player' in any game. Any additional players deemed as 'inactive players' for that game may sit on the team bench during the game and must wear the 'inactive player' bib provided by Netball America. This will indicate that they cannot participate in said game as a player.

Rule 1.2 Participating in more than 1 team Rule - No player is allowed to participate in both ladies and mixed categories unless they have received prior authorization from the tournament committee before the September 15th, 2024 deadline. Individuals may apply after this date, however the schedule will already be set and there is no guarantees that games/finals will not be at the same time. Individuals can apply by emailing USOpen@NetballAmerica.com. An additional participation fee of \$100 will apply.

Rule 1.3 Mixed Category Rule - A mixed team must have a minimum of one (1) male and one (1) female player and may have up to a total of three (3) male or non-binary players on court at any one time. All players in the mixed competition should declare their identified gender at the time of registration.

Netball America is committed to providing a safe, fair, and inclusive sporting environment where all people can participate. Netball America supports players who wish to participate in netball on the basis of the gender by which they identify. This means that if a person identifies as male, female, nonbinary, or other gender non-conforming identity, they will be treated with dignity and respect attributable to any other person.

Rule 1.4 Registration Fees – Each team will receive their own registration link with applicable fees. The registration fee is a team-based fee and allows up to 12 participants. If your team has more than 12 participants, you will need to email USOpen@NetballAmerica.com to request the add-on team registration link and pay the applicable fee. **Early bird courtesy discount registration finishes September 15th, 2024, at midnight PST.** This early bird courtesy discount saves \$300 per team. **Event registration closes October 6th.** The registration link sent to teams will have 2 options for payment: 1. Full team registration; or 2. A deposit of \$500 (+\$100 refundable breakage) to reserve a spot in the tournament, and balance owing must be **paid in full by Sunday October 6th, 2024, by 11.59pm PST.** **Any payments after this date will incur a \$100 late fee.** Payments made via the Whova Registration system must be through a credit card and the team will incur the credit card and any associated processing fees applied by the bank. Domestic USA teams will also have an ability to pay via check or Zelle at no additional fee. International teams wanting to do a wire transfer will incur a \$40 USD wire transfer fee.



If a team decides to make the \$500 deposit payment (plus the \$100 breakage fee) only and later cancels their registration, the \$500 deposit is forfeited (however the \$100 breakage fee is refunded). This deposit also cannot be transferred/applied to another team registration, even if it is the same club. If a team pays the full registration fee (member or non-member) and later cancels team registration, they will receive a refund less a \$500 cancellation fee. This cannot be transferred/applied to another team, even if it is the same club. This is only for cancellations up to October 6th, 2024. Any cancellations after this date will forfeit any deposit or full team payments made (except for the \$100 breakage fee will be refunded).

Rule 1.5 Team Breakage Deposit – The team registration fee on the Whova site has a \$100 breakage deposit added. This will be refunded within 30 days of the tournament end provided registration and tournament rules aren't broken. Breakage rules include:

- Teams do not forfeit games
- Teams providing officials do not show up to their assigned court as scheduled
- Teams pay registration fees for their member/non-member level by the applicable deadlines
- Unregistered participants do not sit on a team bench, play, approach officials nor participate in a ceremony
- If non-member teams commit to providing officials the volunteers show up for their assigned times
- Teams do not damage venue or equipment
- Follow the code of conduct and there is no abuse on or off court to other players or volunteers
- Waivers not completed

Rule 1.6 Member Renewals – Member renewals are due by June 30th, 2024 in order to receive the heavily discounted member registration rate. This qualification does not allow for breaks in membership nor a team's intention to only register tournament players versus a full club. Any membership renewals after July 1st, 2024 will require an additional \$250 USD per team for tournament registration.

Rule 1.7 Officials – Only non-members/international teams need to provide 2 officials or pay the official fee of \$250 USD / team. The officials may be players and the schedule will be based around your playing time.

Rule 1.8 Waivers – Every participant including athletes, coaches, team bench officials, officials, volunteers, and anyone stepping onto the netball courts must complete an online waiver by October 31st, 2024. Teams will be sent the team waiver and will be responsible for obtaining their participants signatures.

OTHER MATTERS

Transportation and Lodging

The closest airport is the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX).

Participants are responsible for their own airfare to/from the hotel and transportation to/from the team check-in and event venue. Hotel options will be made available in March 2024.

Code of Conduct

All players, coaches, managers, umpires, bench officials, volunteers and tournament personnel are required to participate in the Championships in a manner that enhances the image of the game. The expected code of contact for everyone is:

- Promote a safe and inclusive environment for all
- Do not spoil the enjoyment of the Championships for others
- Respect each other, including other players, officials, volunteers, and fans attending the event
- Promote inclusive behavior regardless of a person's age, gender, ability level, race, sexual orientation, culture, or religion.
- Do not engage in violent and abusive behavior, sexual harassment or intimidation.
- Promote sportsmanship and fair play
- Know the tournament rules and abide by them
- Be on time to your assigned court, whether as a player or official
- Never deliberately foul or provoke an opponent



- Do not argue with officials, tournament organizers or volunteers
- Team managers/captains are responsible for the on and off court behavior of the team. Also, if there are spectators clearly associated with a team then teams are responsible for ensuring they don't abuse officials, players or volunteers.