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## **NEW NAME, NEW RULES FOR IFNA WORLD EVENT**

The International Federation of Netball Associations (IFNA) announced today that this year's Netball World Series will showcase a new look with new rules and a new name.

The Fast5 Netball World Series was awarded to Netball New Zealand (NNZ) and the three day tournament will take place at the superb Vector Arena in Auckland, New Zealand from 9-11 November 2012.

The name Fast5 reflects the innovative rule changes with on-court team numbers reduced from 7 players to 5 and three goal scoring zones.

The top six Netball teams in the world, according to the IFNA World Rankings, will compete in the new Fast5 format which has a number of key changes to the previous competition. Fast5, developed by IFNA in collaboration with the international netball community, is a high-speed, high-octane variant on the traditional game. Since its original launch as FastNet in 2009 it has proven a hit with players and spectators, including an international TV audience. The evolution of the game to Fast5 will provide fans with an even greater spectacle.

The Honourable Molly Rhone OJ CD, President of IFNA, said she was delighted to announce the new look and feel of Fast5.

"This is an exciting development for our sport. There has been a lot of work trialling and testing Fast5 and we are thrilled to be able launch this new game in New Zealand in November", she said.

"We congratulate Netball New Zealand on their successful bid to stage this exciting event and thank the New Zealand Government for their \$600,000 investment in this event over the next three years."

"Fast5 is an exciting game at the international level, but for the netball fans all around the world this provides an opportunity for them to play another dynamic version of the game" she said.

All Fast5 games will be shown live on SKY Sport in New Zealand.

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### **Notes to Editors:**

#### **Fast5 Netball World Series**

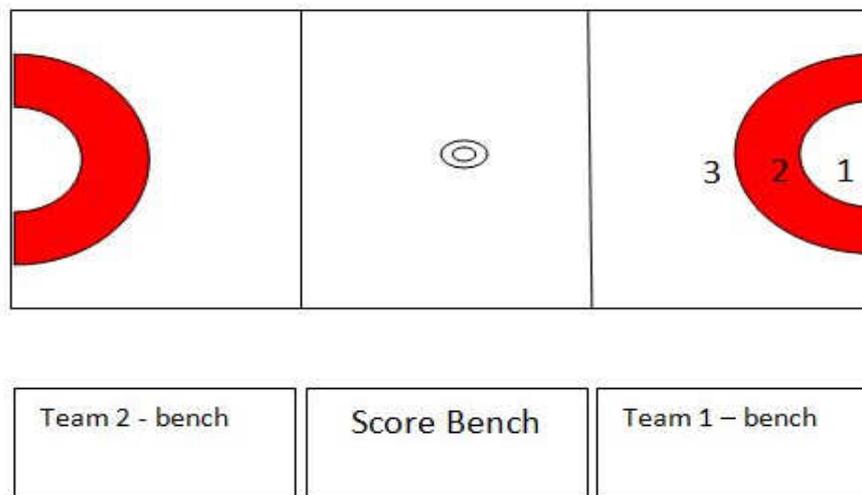
The Fast5 Netball World Series is a new event created to showcase netball to the world using a new set of rules. The Fast5 format provides a fast, dynamic and exciting environment for players and spectators.

The main rules are as follows:

- A squad of 10 in total and five Players on court for each team

- The positions on court are: Goal Shooter, Goal Attack, Centre, Goal Defence and Goal Keeper
- Three goal scoring zones as shown in the Court Layout diagram
  - Zone 1 = 1 Goal Point shot from within the goal circle – 3.5m or closer
  - Zone 2 = 2 Goal Points shot from within the goal circle - greater than 3.5m
  - Zone 3 = 3 Goal Points shot from outside the goal circle
- Players who can score goals are:
  - Goal Shooter and Goal Attack who may shoot from Zone 1,2 & 3
- Rolling Substitutions
  - Unlimited substitutions may be made at any time during the game
- 4 x 6 minute quarters
- Power Play quarters
  - Each team will have a Power Play quarter where all goal points are doubled

The Court layout for Fast5



Fast Net made its international debut at in October 2009 in Manchester and was held in Liverpool in 2010 and 2011. The new Fast5 format will provide competitors and fans alike with an exciting new variation of the game to experience.

For further details please visit: [www.fast5worldnetballseries.co.nz](http://www.fast5worldnetballseries.co.nz)

### **The International Federation of Netball Associations (IFNA)**

IFNA is the sole, recognised, international governing body for the sport of netball. Netball is a recognised Olympic Sport and IFNA is therefore affiliated to the General Association of International Sports Federations, the International World Games Association and the Association of Recognised Sports Federations.

Currently, more than 70 National Netball Associations are affiliated to IFNA, grouped into five Regions - Africa, Asia, Americas, Europe and Oceania - each with a respective Regional Federation.

IFNA also organises the World Netball Championships and the World Youth Netball Championships. For further details please visit: [www.netball.org](http://www.netball.org)