



About the U.S. Open Netball Championships®

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS OR INTERNS, PERFORMERS, INTERVIEWERS & ANNOUNCERS, CONCIERGE, VIDEOGRAPHERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS, BROADCASTERS, SETUP & REGISTRATION, SOCIAL MEDIA, EDITORS, MASSEUSE, FIRST AID, TRAINERS, SECURITY, AIRPORT GREETERS, SPONSORSHIP, PROJECT & EVENT MANAGEMENT

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the largest and most prestigious Netball event in the USA, the U.S. Open Netball Championships[®]. Since 2009, ladies and co-ed Netball teams from around the world compete for the titles of U.S. Open Netball Champion! Netball is played by 20 million people in over 70 countries and was the original women's basketball, however the biggest differences today are no backboard, no dribbling, no contact and 3 seconds to make a pass. Netball is a grass-roots sport in the USA, so we have various levels of ability, from highly competitive to social teams. The event aims to develop American athletes, coaches, and umpires.

WATCH OUR SHORT EVENT PROMO VIDEO

GLOBAL BROADCAST OF EVENT REACHES 100,000+ VIEWERS

Friday November 8 - Sunday November 10, 2024

Location: Arizona Athletic Grounds, 6321 S Ellsworth Rd, Mesa, Arizona, 85212

The competition will host ladies and mixed categories – ages range from 16yrs and over.

Volunteers are the backbone of Netball America, and we could not achieve our accomplishments without our dedicated volunteers who give so freely of their time. We do have some limited positions in which we would cover a daily stipend for services, especially in the areas of broadcast, media and medics.

BENEFITS

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- ✓ Great opportunity to gain experience in the not-for-profit, event management or sporting industries.
- Gain experience in project management, sponsorship, media and press relations, creating content and assisting with the global broadcast, photography, videography, interviewing and public speaking, etc. We have projects large and small, leading up to the event, during and post event.
- ✓ Opportunity for internship / college / school credits. Looks great on your resume.
- ✓ Volunteering provides opportunities to develop teamwork, communication, organization, and problem-solving skills.
- Grow your network. Our volunteers represent a culturally diverse range of people, including players, coaches, officials, and
 organizers, which can lead to valuable connections and opportunities.
- Contribute to the community. Volunteering allows individuals to make a positive impact on the local and global netball community by supporting this event.
- ✓ Help to create a successful and enjoyable tournament can bring a sense of fulfillment and pride in one's contribution.



EXPECTATIONS

- Positive and helpful attitude
- Respect for the diversity of all attendees
- ✓ Follow instructions, safety protocols and event policies, and show up as scheduled
- ✓ Responsive to communication requests
- ✓ Willingness to learn and adapt to different tasks / jump in where needed

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Event planning is already underway, and we need volunteers to join the organizing committee now! The actual event staging onsite in Phoenix/Mesa areas will commence the week of November 4. Various activities are happening this week and depending on your role we may ask you to arrive earlier. The actual Championships venue setup will commence at noon on Friday November 8, 2024. Championships will commence at 8 am Saturday morning and event concludes at 3pm Sunday afternoon.

EVENT PLANNING/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- Work as part of the Organizing Committee to manage the event project, schedule, budget and logistical requirements. Stakeholder management [can be done remotely].
- > Assist in creating run sheets, volunteer meetings and assignments.

MARKETING, MEDIA, AND SPONSORSHIP

- Work with the local sports and tourist commission on the event media kit / press release, connect with media outlets and online platforms, work with local event calendars, manage media passes, event newsletters for attendees. Coordinate media coverage and respond to media inquiries for the event. [can be done remotely]
- Social media outreach to promote attendance, registration, volunteer opportunities and engage with attendees, fans, and partners. [can be done remotely]
- Manage PR, press conferences, interviews, and media access at the event. [in person]
- Run the event social media and create compelling content to engage fans, share updates, and promote interviews, images, and results. [in person]
- Brand Management Ensure consistency in messaging, branding, broadcast and communication strategies across all media channels and platforms to reinforce the tournament's brand identity and values within Netball America. [can be done remotely].
- Conduct research on appropriate partnerships for the event. Assist in setting up sponsor and partner meetings. Tailor sponsor documents and proposal letters as needed.

EVENT AND MEDIA PRODUCTION

- Create fun campaigns to engage attendees, volunteers, and fans on social media about the event. Coordinate filming and editing to deliver content for social media platforms. [can be done remotely]
- Assist with the Netball podcast, scheduling, and editing. [can be done remotely]
- Create promotional videos/banners using Broll and other footage/videos for social media/broadcast. [be done remotely]
- > Design fun banners for use at event, event hotels and other locations promoting the event. [can be done remotely]
- Help run the global broadcast (using Slingshot studio) [in person]
- Create broadcast run sheet [can be done remotely]
- Collate media packages for the broadcast [can be done remotely]
- > Coordinate vendors, equipment and media volunteers. [can be done remotely]
- Perform Videography and Photography the event, the attendees, red carpet etc [in person]
- Be a guest presenter, interviewer, announcers, entertainer and/or commentator [in person]
- Create and maintain the main event run sheet [remotely and in person]
- Media floor manager Oversee the setup, maintenance and packup of all media equipment [in person]
- Entertainment floor manager oversee the arrival/departure of entertainment and timing [in person]
- Technical support Setup and ensure proper functioning of audiovisual equipment, microphones, walkie talkies, speakers and other technical components to be used during the event.

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- Assist with team check-in from Thursday Nov 7 through Saturday Nov 9. [in person]
- Be the welcome greeter for teams, volunteers and fans at the airport. [in person]
- > Help prepare registration and thank you gifts for participants. [in person]
- > Hand out registration packets for teams and ensure their checklist of items have been completed. [in person]
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- Be a welcome greeter at the airport. [in person]
- Have all the details about local food, medical centers, pharmacies, emergency contacts, knowledge of venue layout etc to assist participants. [in person]

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

- Schedule volunteers to shifts and help manage the schedule. [can be done remotely]
- Set up volunteer pre-event meetings to review schedules. [can be done remotely]
- Coordination of information needed from volunteers. [can be done remotely]
- Oversee volunteer check in, hand out volunteer shirts, thank you gifts. [in person]
- Coordinate ordering and scheduling of lunch for all volunteers. [in person]

SCORERS

- Assist the head scorers to assist at the score tables simple to learn 1 point per goal [in person]
- > In person scorers and timers to attend score table setup and training on Friday November 8 from 12pm.
- Record and update the game scores through the match accurately. One scorer will record on the scoresheet while the other scorer records it on the electronic scoreboard. For Court 1 there will be an additional scorer to update the score for the broadcast. [in person]
- Confirm the score with the teams/umpires at the end of game and ensure scoresheet signoff and that the score is posted to the correct team. Obtain team captains sign off on final scores. [in person]

BALL PERSONNEL

- > Provide oversight or the tournament balls, inflation/deflation as well as monitor during game breaks.[in person]
- Provide courtside assistance to catch or chase runaway balls.[in person]
- > Ensure each court has the allocated number of balls and that they stay at the court. [in person]
- Running the scoresheets to/from the operations table to the score tables. [in person]

VENUE MANAGEMENT

- Setup and oversee signing, seating arrangements, banner placements. Runs from noon to 5pm on Friday [in person]
- Ensure compliance with safety regulations, venue policies, and local laws to maintain a secure and comfortable environment for everyone. [in person]
- > Packing up and tear down of the courts/equipment. Runs from noon to 5pm on Sunday. [in person]

EVENT SECURITY

- > Follow protocols to ensure safe arrival / entry / departure of VIPs and participants.
- Monitor spectator and team bench areas, entrances, and exits to ensure crowd control, compliance with venue rules.
- Coordinate activities with the local venue security and local police and respond to concerns by participants.
- Respond promptly to any disturbances, emergencies, or medical incidents in collaboration with, medical staff, and event organizers.

MEDICAL TEAM

- Assist the medical team where needed, to help monitor courts and whether a medic is required, fetch equipment or items needed such as ice packs, document injuries treated. [in person]
- Maintain readiness and capability to respond to medical emergencies and coordinate with emergency medical services (EMS), paramedics, and hospital facilities for rapid transport and advanced care if needed. [in person]
- > Research local pharmacies, outpatient and hospital addresses, locations, directions. [can be done remotely]
- Scheduler to create team massage schedule and medical team schedule. [can be done remotely]
- Medical team (whether First Aid, EMT, sports trainers, nurses etc) or trainees to train under our qualified athletic trainer. [in person]
- Masseuses needed. [in person]

WHAT NETBALL AMERICA WILL COVER

- ✓ Lunch, drinks and snacks
- ✓ Event Tshirt
- ✓ A fun time and great experience for II

APPLY TO BE A VOLUNTEER NOW – include a short reason why you want to join our team!

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