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Two of Australia's Largest Sports Join Forces in the USA: USAFL and Netball America®!

PARTNERSHIP BRINGS A SHARED MISSION OF ADVOCATING AND GROWING AUSTRALIAN SPORTS IN THE UNITED STATES

USA – [Netball America®](#), the largest Netball association in the USA and the [United States Australian Football League \(USAFL\)](#) is thrilled to announce a strategic partnership bringing together two sister organizations with a shared mission: to advocate for Australian sports in the USA, grow participation at every level, and advance opportunities in sport, particularly for women and girls.

"The USAFL is proud to join forces with Netball America® to champion Australian sport in the United States. This partnership creates new opportunities to share our love of the game, engage diverse communities, and provide pathways for more women, youth, and families to get involved. Together, we can amplify the reach and impact of both our sports while celebrating the values of teamwork, inclusion, and cultural exchange," says April Munn, President, United States Australian Football League.

This partnership will launch at Netball America's® My Netball International Sports Academy. This training weekend will bring together both Netball and AFL players and coaches to receive training from world champion professional athletes and coaches including a World Series Baseball Champion – Brian Anderson, the G.O.A.T. of Netball and former pro basketball athlete – Gretel Bueta, a former Division 1 athlete and doctor in sport social work – Dr Marlene Holmes, a former pro rugby athlete and international coach Nigel Prasad, Mo'ana Gerrard, a world Netball champion will be joined with April Munn.

At this event the USAFL athletes will take on the Netball America® athletes in agility, speed and balance testing performed using an amazing AI tool provided by Talentlockr who'll provide strength/weaknesses feedback.

Event Schedule:

- Saturday, August 23: 11:30 AM – 5:00 PM & Sunday, August 24: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- **Venue:** Rock Hill High School, 320 W Springdale Rd, Rock Hill, SC 29730
- **Visit the [event website](#) for information and registration.**
- **Leading up to this event,** The USAFL Los Angeles Dragons will undergo the Talentlockr testing on August 20th, along with the Santa Monica Spirits Netball Club.

"[Netball America®](#) is excited to bring more growth opportunities to two amazing Aussie sports making headway in the United States", says CEO Sonya Ottaway.

What is the USAFL: The United States Australian Football League (USAFL) is a non-profit amateur sporting organization dedicated to promoting and developing Aussie Rules across the United States. Established in 1997, the USAFL supports more than 50 clubs nationwide, providing opportunities for men, women, and juniors to play, coach, and umpire the sport. Through national tournaments, regional championships, and grassroots programs, the USAFL fosters a vibrant community built on athleticism, sportsmanship, and the spirit of Australian culture.

What is Netball America®: The premier USA Netball organization with over 50 member clubs in 33 States and Canada. Established in 2008 as a non-profit organization who is creating an exciting atmosphere of participation and supporting individual progress, team unity, good health and education of young people, using the sport of Netball as the vehicle to improve social-emotional wellbeing, nutrition education and increasing physical activity.

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