

THE OFFICE OF DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION RECOGNIZES NETBALL AMERICA AS A NYSS CHAMPION

(January 15, 2022 – Washington, DC) The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is pleased to recognize Netball America (www.NetballAmerica.com), as a National Youth Sports Strategy (NYSS) Champion.



As an NYSS Champion, Netball America has demonstrated their organization’s commitment to support safe, fun, inclusive, developmentally appropriate, and accessible youth sports opportunities. **Netball America is recognized along with other NYSS Champions on health.gov ([NYSS Champions | health.gov](https://www.health.gov)) as part of a growing network of organizations partnering with HHS to improve the youth sports landscape in America.**

“We know children who obtain regular physical activity gain important physical and mental health benefits, which are more important than ever during the CPVID-19 pandemic,” explains RADM Paul Reed, M.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health at HHS. “I’m thrilled to acknowledge the work of the NYSS Champions you are helping to foster a lifelong love of sport and physical activity for our Nation’s youth.”

“On behalf of the Netball America team, we are grateful and humbled by this recognition of Netball America and its mission to show how Netball creates an exciting atmosphere of participation and supports individual progress, team unity, good health and education of youth, while uniting communities for positive change,” said Sonya Ottaway, Netball America Co-Founder. **“Being a National Youth Sports Strategy Champion reflects how Netball America’s Global Award Winning Be An Inspiration Program is delivering unique youth programs that uses sport as a platform to empower youth for peace and strong futures, while increasing participation in sports, reducing childhood obesity, breaking down barriers to reduce discrimination and increasing social-emotional well-being.”**



The NYSS is a federal roadmap with actionable strategies for youth, adults who interact with youth, organizations, communities, and public policy makers to increase participation in youth sports and improve the youth sports experience. The NYSS vision is that one day all youth will have the opportunity, motivation, and access to play sports. NYSS Champions are recognized for working towards achieving this vision.

About Netball America - Netball America is the leading authority on Netball in the United States with members in 33 U.S. States. However, our programs expand internationally including Canada, US Virgin Islands, Columbia, South Africa, and Uganda. We are using Netball as a platform to empower youth for peace and strong futures, while helping to reduce childhood obesity, breaking down barriers to reduce discrimination and increasing social-emotional learning.

About the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion - ODPHP plays a vital role in keeping the Nation healthy through Healthy People 2030, the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, the President’s Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition, and other programs, services, and education activities. ODPHP is part of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. To learn more about ODPHP visit [health.gov](https://www.health.gov) or follow @HealthGov on Twitter.