



ESPN Wide World of Sports Unveils Disney International Youth Netball Tournament for 2014

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla (March 7, 2014) — Underscoring the vast variety of sports events for athletes at Walt Disney World, the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex will host the inaugural Disney International Youth Netball Tournament in 2014.

The tournament, October 27-31, will feature international teams competing and training for a week while also enjoying vacation time at the world's leading family vacation destination.

Netball, which is popular among young women in the UK, Australia and New Zealand, is a fast-paced team game based on running, jumping, throwing and catching. Teams may include up to 12 players but only seven are allowed on the rectangular court at a time. Each player has a playing position determined by the areas on the court where they may move. The major aim of the game is to score as many goals as possible from within an area called the Goal Circle, which is a semi-circle centred on the goal line and measuring 16 feet in radius (4.9 meters). Only two players from each team may score goals - the Goal Attack and Goal Shooter.

Disney, along with Visions in Education, a leading UK-based youth and school tour operator, are the developers and operators of the tournament, which is being supported by **Netball America**. "We are excited about the opportunities and growth this event presents for our members in youth netball in North America and the entire international netball community," Sonya Ottaway, President of Netball America, said.

Teams from the UK, US, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, Israel, the Caribbean and Asia are expected to compete in the Disney International Youth Netball Tournament in U16, U19 and U23 age divisions.

"We are delighted with the initial international response from teams across the globe," said Nigel Parker, Managing Director of Visions in Education. "Being able to bring girls together on a global scale to an event such as this is incredible. Having it hosted at Walt Disney World Resort ensures it indeed will be the top Netball youth event over and above those found anywhere else in the world."

For more information on registration packages, which include lodging, meals and transportation, **please email disney@netballamerica.com or contact 802.239.3010 in the US or 01444 226348 in the UK.**

About ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex

ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, which hosts more than 350 events a year, is the leading multi-sport venue for amateur and professional sports in the nation, accommodating 70 different sports and athletes from more than 70 countries. Designed to take youth sports to the next level, the 230-acre facility features multiple competition venues, including *Champion Stadium*, the HP Field House, the Jostens Center, the Hess Sports Fields, a track & field facility, a tennis complex and a baseball/softball sportsplex. It is also home to the ESPN Innovation Lab, a real-world testing ground for the ESPN Emerging Technology Group that develops ground-breaking on-air products like Ball Track and ESPN Snap Zoom. In addition, the complex features 56 high-definition cameras and 40 high-definition video screens, including three jumbo screens, which can capture and display footage from any event taking place at the complex. The camera and video screens, as well as a 20-zone audio system, are controlled through the state-of-the-art HD and 3-D Production Center with direct links to ESPN facilities in Bristol, Conn., New York and Los Angeles. For more information, visit www.disneysportsnews.com for press releases, photos and videos. Follow us on Twitter at @DisneySports and on Facebook.

About Netball America

Netball America is the leader in bringing Netball to the USA. Our aim is to encourage children and families to be physically active, maintain a healthy lifestyle and includes those with disabilities to ensure they feel part of their community. Netball America is a national not-for-profit group of compassionate, committed individuals from across the USA who, together, share a common belief that Netball is a vehicle for the promotion of participation, individual progress, team unity, good health and education of youth. Netball America is the largest body of Netball in the USA. For more information, visit www.netballamerica.com.

About Visions in Education

VIE is an international school tour operator offering specialized educational tours throughout the world. VIE specializes in Sports tours and events, Science & Technology tours, Performing & Expressive Arts tours as well as Skiing & Boarding tours specifically for schools and youth organizations. VIE offices are located in Missouri, the UK and Singapore. For more information, visit www.visions-in-education.com or contact us at 802.239.3010.

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