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TEAM SPORTS CONFIRMED FOR TRINBAGO 2023

Team Scotland is delighted to announce that we will be represented across all seven sports at this year's Trinbago 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games, following confirmation of team sport participation.

Invites were accepted from the Commonwealth Games Federation for Scottish participants in the Women's Beach Volleyball, Netball and Men's Rugby 7s, with those team sports joining young Scottish athletes in Athletics, Cycling, Swimming and Triathlon.

Having begun in Edinburgh in 2000, the seventh edition of the Youth Games will take place from 4-11 August this year in Trinidad and Tobago, with seven sports split across the two islands. All three team sports will take place on Tobago along with Triathlon, with the rest on Trinidad.

Trinbago 2023 will see the first appearance of a Scottish Men's Rugby 7s team at a Youth Games since the Isle of Man Games in 2011. Several players from that team went on to represent Team Scotland at a senior Games including Birmingham 2022 captain Jamie Farndale, who took on the same role for the Youth Games side in 2011.

Beach Volleyball made its Youth Games debut at the last edition, Bahamas 2017, where Emma Waldie and Jennifer Lee took 4th place. It is set for its second appearance at Trinbago 2023, with a 12- team tournament taking place at Pigeon Point Beach.

Netball makes its Youth Games debut in a Fast 5 format with five players to a side, shorter quarters, power plays, and super shots. Team Scotland will be one of eight teams taking to the courts at Tobago Shaw Park Cultural Complex.

Team Scotland Chef de Mission, Chris Purdie said: "I am delighted that we have received and accepted invitations from Trinbago 2023 to compete in Beach Volleyball, Netball and Rugby 7s, meaning Team Scotland will be represented in all seven sports on the programme.

"The team sports bring a special dimension to the team and we hope that the opportunity to experience a multi-sport Games will be an important part in the development for all athletes selected."

Individual athlete selection for all three team sports and the four individual sports will be made over the coming months.

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NOTES TO THE EDITOR

Imagery

Free to use imagery from past Commonwealth Youth Games is available via the Team Scotland Dropbox:

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About Trinbago 2023

- The seventh Commonwealth Youth Games will take place on the Islands of Trinidad and Tobago between 4-11 August 2023.
- The sports programme will feature 7 sports
 - o Athletics and Para Athletics, Beach Volleyball, Cycling (Road and Track), Netball (FAST5), Rugby (Sevens), Swimming and Triathlon.
- 1000+ athletes and para athletes between the ages of 14-18 will participate in seven sports managed by 500+ officials.
- The Commonwealth Youth Games is an invaluable springboard for the stars and leaders of tomorrow, contributing to the further development of youth sport throughout the Commonwealth. The Games have traditionally taken place every four years with the first event being hosted in Edinburgh, Scotland in 2000.
- Trinidad and Tobago were initially awarded the 2021 Commonwealth Youth Games in June 2019, but the Games were postponed due to the impact of the pandemic on the international sport calendar.

About Commonwealth Games Scotland

- Commonwealth Games Scotland is one of 71 Commonwealth Games Associations who are members of the Commonwealth Games Federation.
- Commonwealth Games Scotland is the lead body for Commonwealth sport in Scotland, and is the organisation responsible for selecting, preparing and leading Team Scotland at the Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Youth Games.

- The Commonwealth Games is the only multi-sport event in which Scots can compete as Scotland.
- Scotland has competed in every Games since the first Empire Games in 1930 and has hosted the Games three times: - twice in Edinburgh 1970 and 1986 and most recently in Glasgow in 2014.
- Scotland's most successful Games were at home at Glasgow 2014, when Team Scotland won a record 53 medals (19 gold, 15 silver and 19 bronze) to finish fourth on the medal table.
- Working closely with Scotland's national governing bodies of sport and the sportscotland institute of sport, Commonwealth Games Scotland aims to have the best prepared team possible at every Games, creating the right performance environment and giving athletes every opportunity to excel at the Games, as part of a world class sporting system.
- Commonwealth Games Scotland and its member sports rely on investment, including National Lottery support, from sportscotland, the national agency for sport. CGS also actively seeks additional support for team preparations from commercial partners, fundraising activities and the Commonwealth Games Endowment Trust.