

FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP MIAMI 2016



THE CENTER COURT COURIER

DAY 1 July 11, 2016

Welcome to the eight nations and 130 athletes competing in this event: South Africa, Jamaica, Uganda, Namibia, United States, Australia, Trinidad & Tobago and University of Worcester from England plus all the 100+ volunteers from 17 nations. It is so incredibly exciting to host such an important, global event here in the USA, and especially in a beautiful location such as Miami. We have over 130 athletes competing and this event is being supported by over 120 volunteers and officials from 17 nations.



Nelson Mandela said, "Sports has the power to change the world. It speaks to youth in a language they can understand".

An international sporting event like this one has many advantages, the most obvious being that it brings people from various countries together in one location. While we are united here, we have the privileged opportunity to forget about our differences and simply concentrate on the common love we have for netball. Enjoy your time at the FISU 2nd World University Netball Championship and take advantage of all the opportunities we are providing to you during this event.

ATHLETES VILLAGE FACILITIES

- ◆ Swimming Pool—open down to dusk
- ◆ Gym—open from Monday July 11th inside the Fernandez Family Center
- ◆ Free wifi & a computer in concierge center "Cashia Hall" to check emails
- ◆ Forget your toiletries? Stop by the concierge desk "Cashia Hall"

MONDAY'S AGENDA

All day: Registration and Accreditation

5.30pm—7.00pm COACHES, PLAYERS AND UMPIRES CLINIC, Outdoor Training Courts

Players and Coaches clinic with Vicki Wilson and Umpire session with International Umpire Clare McCabe

Open to all volunteers, officials, and athletes

MEET YOUR EVENT CONCIERGE

Sarah Attwood is here to help you with any questions during your stay. Sarah can be reached at Info@Netball-WUC2016.com.

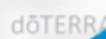
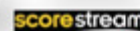
Contact Sarah through Whatsapp at +1(512)826-7709 or visit her at the Concierge Desk in the Athletes Village "Cashia Hall" OR in the lobby of the competition venue "Fernandez Family Center" during game times.



We invite you to enjoy your stay in the Miami area, especially at St. Thomas University, which is proudly and graciously opening their university as the official Athletes Village and Tournament Venue for this event.

On behalf of the FISU 2016 World University Netball Championship Organizing Committee and all event partners:

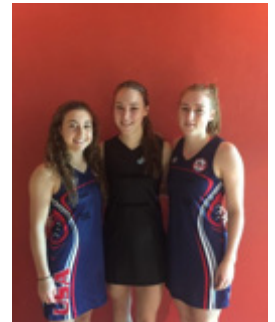
Welcome to United States of America and LET'S PLAY NETBALL!



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UNITED SISTERS OF AMERICA How three sisters are boosting USA's chances *BY: Shaloma Logan and Mischa Clark*



It's now just one day before the Opening Ceremonies, the Athletes Village is a hub of anticipatory energy as the USA teammates absorb the emotions of a week of preparations for the World University Netball Championship 2016. As to be expected, the USA girls are excited but three of them are particularly reflective. Kayla, Alyssa, and Greta, are just about two years apart and share an obvious love for netball. They also happen to share a last name. Meet the Spitzer sisters.

Question: How did you all start playing netball?

Greta: We all grew up playing netball at the same school, and at the same [sports] club. We're very fortunate because we all get along very well.

Kayla: Yes, we played with each other [then] so it's really enjoyable to be able to do it again after such a long time of not playing.

Question: How does it feel to play netball at an international level?

Alyssa: It feels like a dream, a bit surreal. I don't think any of us thought this was even possible or even imaginable. You get to play with individuals who are absolutely incredible and they give it their absolute all. We wouldn't even have come close to having a chance to do this growing.

Greta: I've had a bit of a break since playing in England [as a child] and coming to America and to this level of coaching with Coach Sandra and Coach Ilze is amazing. They're teaching us so much and we're improving with every session.

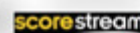
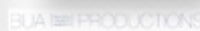
The sisters echo Kayla's sentiments as they concluded, "It's a privilege to be able to rep the U.S. There are so many notable American athletes, so it's an honor to put my name next to all of theirs."

Question: Alyssa, you just made team Captain! How do you feel?

Alyssa: It feels absolutely incredible. I can't have imagined ever getting to this spot in my entire life. I love the team for picking me and I hope I can do them justice in this position.

Question: Villanova recently won the NCAA men's basketball championship. Do you think your school will be as proud of you if you win the netball championship?

Alyssa and Kayla: Community is behind everything at Villanova no matter what sport you're in. They support us wholeheartedly and our friends are so excited. I think everyone will cheer on our successes and be with us in any of our failures. We've got support with us no matter the outcome.



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MEET YOUR HOUSING CONCIERGE

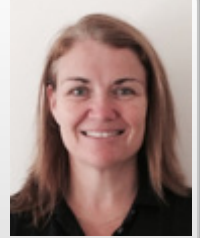


Matt Coen is here to ensure you all get checked into your lodgings at the Athletes village.

Contact Matt on +17143164553.

OC TECHNICAL MANAGER

Clare McCabe is here to answer your technical questions in regards to 'the Championship.



Contact Clare on whatsapp +61447572935 or ask at the concierge desk at the Fernandez Family

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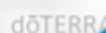
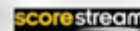
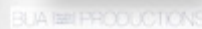


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Meet the FISU Netball Technical Director:

The Heléne Botha Story



A native South African, Heléne Claudia Botha is the World University Championship International Netball Technical Director.

“My job is to see that everything is adhered to on the regulations of Netball, to the international federations rules and regulations on the courts playing rules, and to the protocols, rules and regulations of FISU as the International Federation for University Sport.”

“I have seen netball progress so much in America within the last 4 or 5 years!” she exclaims. “I’m hopeful that it can soon be in the Olympics.”

If her title weren’t impressive enough, her resume boasts more with her

serving as sports manager for women’s sports at North-West University in her hometown, with three major high-performance sporting cards for netball, tennis and aquatics. In fact, her university team is one of the top three teams in South Africa. As the Netball Technical Director, Botha advises FISU (Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire), an organization that can be likened to the Olympic committee, which coordinates the activities of more than 100 international sports federations.

“I’m a link between the two,” explained Botha. “...between FISU and then with all these countries playing specifically netball.”

Her role with the World University Netball Championship this week is particularly special because of the newness of netball to the United States. Though more than 20 million women in more than 70 countries play the game, it wasn’t on Americans’ radar till the 1970s and didn’t gain momentum till the inception of Netball America in 2007. The uniqueness of the setup lies in that Americans have ready-made basketball courts and few netball ones. While the basketball court gives an appropriate surface for playing, courts have to be revamped with different lines and posts for a netball game that is up to protocol.

Botha was able to work alongside the team at St. Thomas University in Miami and Netball America President, Sonya Ottaway, to order the poles and get them sunk in the St. Thomas hall that was specially designed for this tournament. Also due to protocol, portable nets can’t be used for championship games. Once that was completed, the bulk of the technicalities were addressed. The new netball court is the only professional standing one in America.

“The challenge was to find a suitable hall that will take the netball size but St. Thomas did a beautiful job,” said Botha. “We were so lucky they allowed us to use their pristine basketball courts to resurface and sink poles.”

Botha is excited to see the upcoming games, but is even more excited for what this year’s university championship game means for the future of netball.

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