

# Netball & Education Trust

## - an introduction



### What is NET all about and who are you guys?

We are a group of coaches and players mostly based in India. We have been coaching netball at all levels including international and national and been involved in the sport for several years. We work with several schools in India including the Fabindia School, Rajasthan and SAMPARC, Maharashtra and several associations including the Jharkhand Netball Association.

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### What do we do?

Deliver a comprehensive and engaging programme that will introduce and coach netball to girls (and boys) studying in schools in South Asia. These kids will range from the age of 10 to 15 years. We will also create possibilities for netball to be played in these countries in clubs, schools, colleges and universities - in villages, districts, between states and at all levels. It is equally crucial that umpires and community coaches are trained and coaching provided to all those who are interested in playing netball for the game to achieve the degree of popularity that will lead to excellence in the region.

### Why Netball?

Netball is a non-contact team game that provides an excellent opportunity to both girls and boys to play together on the same team, learn to play together and bring about results and opportunities. It is relatively easily to setup and does not require high cost of equipment and facilities. Netball is fast and attractive, and if marketed correctly can be all the rage in these countries. Thereby providing a chance for the kids we will deliver the programme to discover their potential and improve their lives. Our aim is to raise the standard of the sport across the region and provide access to netball to as many individuals as possible. As the name of our organisation suggests, our emphasis is equally on the value and importance of a quality education and applied education; we will be involving teachers from several streams to include educational programmes within the netball coaching programme to make learning fun and engaging and to improve retention and application of knowledge as opposed to rote learning.

### Where do we do this?

All across the Indian Sub-continent, Nepal and Pakistan (especially in rural and areas where access to sports is limited or even non-existent) and North/North-East Sri Lanka (a region that was affected by a 25 year civil war).

### Why bother? and what do we intend to achieve?

Our mission is to identify and assist talent in India, Pakistan and Nepal to get an opportunity to improve their lives, to play sport and assist them to reach higher levels of excellence from the grassroots upwards, we will work with the netball federations to give these kids a chance to play at higher levels.

### **Okay... sounds great... but what about funding?**

Every individual in the group is self-funded and the costs are kept transparent and equitable. Volunteer coaches can also assist in raising funds for a specific task such as to procure kit and equipment, manuals and coaching aids, or to fund the upkeep of a netball ground, goal posts etc. Our local partners may lack finances in certain cases, but they will help with support and other resources - we seek to be a co-operative programme, not just doling out assistance or funding; but rather working with children and adults in their communities and using their skills to bring about change in their lives and assist them to discover their potential.

### **Who can join the programme?**

We will have those passionate about netball join us from the UK, Australia and other countries where netball is popular; most of these individuals are involved in playing, umpiring and coaching the game at home. However, we may also have those who have never played netball and just wish to join us to bring about change and positivity through sports and education. Our overseas volunteers will be joined by players, umpires and coaches from the countries we visit and ideally we will pair off one with the other to set up a focused group to train children, umpires and those interested in turn to coach netball in the areas we visit. We really look forward to teachers joining our fold and for the game of netball to kick off big time in the Indian sub-continent, for this to happen we must penetrate all the levels and regions of the country and also train coaches and umpires to take the game forward and upward.

### **I have never coached... I don't think I could do this!**

You will not require prior coaching experience... and in any event, we will pair you off with an experienced coach if you feel you lack the necessary skills.

### **I've never been overseas, will I be safe in the areas we will coach in?**

Our first priority will be the safety and security of the team, this includes everyone without exception. We will be assisted and accompanied by government and non-government local organisations in all the areas we visit.

### **Where do we stay? What and where do we eat... how about clean toilets and medical assistance?**

We will usually stay in local accommodation provided by our partners on the ground in the area we visit, hygiene and safety will be priority... it may be a bit rough at times, but it also offers you a chance to really explore a country and meet people off the beaten track.

### **I don't speak the local language... how will I communicate with the kids?**

We ensure that you get paired with a local coach/partner who will speak the local language, so this will not be an issue... you'll get lots of opportunities to teach English to the kids as well as learn their language!

### **So this is only a sports development programme... won't we get bored?**

We will throw in a rest and recreation segment, explore cultures, sights, cuisine and travel in the regions we visit - so while not really a holiday, it will not only be netball... you will have some quality relaxation too!

### **Who's helping NET to make this possible?**

We will be working in each country and state directly with the netball governing body, the ministry of sports and the Olympic associations. We also seek financial and material assistance from local businesses. We will approach each school as an equal stakeholder, so it will be a participatory programme where all stakeholders will work together and bring about the change we wish to see. *We are a Share-ity, not a charity!*

*For more information and to sign up, please write to Aditya Bee at [info@netballschool.org](mailto:info@netballschool.org)*

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