## NETBALL

## TEAM POSITIONS



Goal Keeper (GK) - stop the opposing team from scoring. They are allowed in the goal third.

Goal Defence (GD) - stop the ball from going into the shooters. They are allowed in the defnesive goal third and centre third.

Wing Defence (WD) - stop the ball from going into the circle. They are allowed in the defensive goal third and centre third but not the goal circle.

Centre (C) - help pass the ball from one end to another. They are allowed everywhere exept the 2 goal circles. T

Wing Attack (WA) - pass the ball to the shooters on their team. They are allowed in the attacking goal third and centre third but not the goal circle.

Goal Attack (GA) - pass the ball to the shooter or have a shot themselves. They are allowed in the attacking goal third and centre third.

Goal Shooter (GS) - shoot the ball into the net. They are allowed in the attacking goal third.
RULES

## Offside

A player with or without the ball cannot move into an area of the court that is not for their position.

## Footwork

You cannot move with the ball. Your landing foot cannot move if you still have the ball.

## Obstruction

A player attempting to intercept or defend the ball must be at least $3 \mathrm{ft}(0.9 \mathrm{~m})$ away from the player with the ball.

## Contact

When attacking, defending or playing the ball, opposing players may come into physical contact with each other.

## Over a third

The ball cannot be thrown over a complete third of the court without being touched or caught by a player (i.e. it cannot cross two court lines).

## Held ball

A player cannot keep possession of the ball for longer than 3 seconds.

## Replayed ball

You cannot lose control of the ball and pick it up again. If you throw the ball, it must be touched by another player or the post before you can touch it again.

Breaking these rules will give the opposing team a free pass or a penalty pass.

## HISTORY OF NETBALL

- 1891 - The game was invented in USA and was originally called basketball.
- 1897 - Netball (the new name) was played for the first time.
- 1932 - The first national competition was played.
- 1963 - The first Netball World Cup won by Australia.
- There have been 15 Netball World Cups.


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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. When was the game of netball invented?
2. What two positions can shoot the ball and score goals?
3. A player cannot keep possession of the ball for longer than 3 seconds. What is this rule called?
4. Who won the first Netball World Cup in 1963 ?
5. Stop the ball from going into the shooters. They are allowed in the defensive goal third and centre third. What position is described here?
6. How many Netball World Cups have there been?
7. Who tries to stop the GS (Goal Shooter) from scoring?
8. What was netball originally called?
