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### FIBA'S WEB

FIBA recently signed a contract with Minick, to provide messaging services, to produce content and to market the FIBA labeled products for mobile phones. The contract has been set for an initial period until the end of October 2007. The negotiations have been facilitated by PRO.S - the sports marketing consultants specialized in media and mobile services.

**Candice Wiggins (USA)** – watch for her at the U19 World Championship for Women in Tunisia

### WHAT'S IN STORE

## WORLD TALENT IN TUNISIA AND ARGENTINA

Before the qualifiers for the FIBA World Championships 2006 in Brazil and Japan, the young players of basketball will get their chance to be in the spotlight. The draw, site visits, work and preparations are all ending to host two outstanding events in youth basketball, the U19 FIBA World Championship for Women and the U21 World Championship.

NBA Superstar Emanuel Ginobili along with Fabricio Oberto and Alejandro Montecchia will promote and encourage basketball fans to experience the thrill and excitement of the FIBA U21 World Championship 2005, this summer in Cordoba and Mar del Plata. The Olympic gold medalists will be traveling to the host cities. Part of the promotion will start with Oberto, participating in some events in the city of Cordoba for about five days. While Montecchia will be in Mar del Plata advertising and endorsing the event. Where great Manu will be is yet to be known.

The men's competition will be played in the proud basketball country of Argentina. Tunisia will be the first African country to host a FIBA World Championship.



Olympic Champion Oberto will promote the FIBA U21 World Championship.

The young stars of tomorrow will be the focus this summer. So far, some players such as Peter John Ramos (PUR), Steven Markovic (AUS), Erazem Lorbek (SLO), Sean May (USA) and Abubakar Usman (NGR); on the women's side: Candice Wiggins (USA), Kathleen McLeod (AUS) and Elena Danilochkina (RUS) may be representing their senior national teams in the future.

For more information or tickets, accreditation, go to the event website, [www.U21.com.ar](http://www.U21.com.ar) and [www.tunisiabasket2005.tn](http://www.tunisiabasket2005.tn) ■

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The following are the dates and groups:

**The U19 FIBA World Championship for Women dates are July 15 - 24, 2005 in Nabeul and Tunis, Tunisia with the following groups:**

**Group A:** Dem. Rep. of Congo, Korea, Puerto Rico, Russia, Serbia & Montenegro, USA

**Group B:** Australia, Canada, Hungary, China, Spain, Tunisia

**The U21 FIBA World Championship dates are August 5 - 14th, in Mar del Plata and Cordoba, Argentina with the following groups:**

**Group A:** Australia, Argentina, Canada, Greece, Iran and Israel

**Group B:** Lithuania, Nigeria, People's Republic of China, Puerto Rico, Slovenia, USA



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### ASIA NEWS FIBA ASIA CHAMPIONSHIP FOR WOMEN 2005

The first qualifier for the 2006 FIBA World Championship for Women in Brazil was played on June 19 - 26, 2005 in Qinhuangdao, China. The teams competing for the 3 spots to Brazil were: P.R. of China, Japan, South Korea, Chinese Taipei and Thailand. For results go to [www.asia-championship.com](http://www.asia-championship.com)

# FIBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: THE BATTLE BEGINS

After the U21 and U19 World Championships, the next focus will be the qualifications to the most competitive international basketball events, the FIBA World

Championships. The continental championships in each Zone have an allocated number of spots to qualify for the FIBA World Championships in Japan and

Brazil. The battle has started, see the dates below: For more information go to Zone websites or [fiba.com](http://fiba.com). ■

ON THE ROAD TO JAPAN 2006

DATE	EVENT	COUNTRY	CITY/CITIES	QUOTA 2006	PARTICIPANTS	NT
15.08. - 24.08.2005	FIBA Africa Championship	Algeria	Alger, Boufarik	3	ALG, ANG, CAF, CIV, EGY, GAB, MAR, MLI, NGR, RSA, SEN, TUN	25
24.08. - 04.09.2005	FIBA Americas Championship	Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo	4+1	ARG, BRA, CAN, DOM, MEX, PAN, PUR, URU, USA, VEN	20
08.09. - 16.09.2005	FIBA Asia Championship	Qatar	Doha	3+1	CHN, HKG, JPN, KOR, KUW, KSA, QAT, TPE, +8 QUALF	30
16.09. - 25.09.2005	FIBA Europe Championship	Serbia & Montenegro	Podgorica, Vrsac, Novi Sad, Belgrade	6	CRO, BUL, BIH, ESP, FRA, GER, GRE, ITA, LAT, LTU, SCG, SLO, RUS, TUR, UKR, +1 QUALF	37
17.08. - 21.08.2005	FIBA Oceania Championship	New Zealand	Waitakere, Wellington, Dunedin	2	AUS, NZL	2
<b>TOTAL</b>				20+4 wildcards		114



ON THE ROAD TO BRAZIL 2006

DATE	EVENT	COUNTRY	CITY/CITIES	QUOTA 2006	PARTICIPANTS	NT
08.11. - 19.11.2005	FIBA Africa Championship for Women	Nigeria	Abuja	2	ANG, MAL, MOZ, NIG, SEN, +7 QUALF	15
14.09. - 18.09.2005	FIBA Americas Championship for Women	Puerto Rico	Ponce	3+2	CUB, CAN, GUA, PUR, USA, +3 QUALF	20
19.06. - 26.06.2005	FIBA Asia Championship for Women	P.R. of China	Qinhuangdao	3	CHN, JPN, KOR, TPE, THA	14
02.09. - 11.09.2005	FIBA Europe Championship for Women	Turkey	Bursa, Izmir, Ankara	5	CZE, ESP, FRA, GER, GRE, LAT, LTU, ROM, RUS, SCG, TUR, +1 QUALF	37
24.08. - 28.08.2005	FIBA Oceania Championship for Women	New Zealand	Palmerston North, Napier, Counties Manakau	1	AUS, NZL	2
<b>TOTAL</b>				16		90



**LEGEND** Quota 2006: No. of teams who will qualify from Zone to 2006 FIBA World Championship  
 NT: No. of national teams who were playing in Zone to qualify for 2005 Zone Championship

## FIBA'S WORLD FIBA ORGANISER

FIBA provided its 212 member federations around the globe the brand new 'FIBA Organiser', a software package for sports administration developed by SportingPulse. The software aims to fully computerize all facets of sports administration such as competition management (schedules, results, and standings) and membership database (clubs, players, coaches, and referees).

'FIBA Organiser' has been specifically tailored to allow for integration with the Internet. This will enable the national federations to easily upload schedules, results, statistical information and standings to the Internet, which then could be displayed and viewed by the members of the sporting community. This would also allow national federations to gain web presence without major investment.

FIBA is looking into the possibility to provide that national federation with live statistics tools.

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### AMERICA NEWS SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR WOMEN 2005

The South American Championship will be held July 6-10 in Bogota, Columbia. The championship qualifies for the FIBA Americas Championship for Women which is the continental championship that qualifies 4 teams to play at the FIBA World Championship 2006 in Brazil. The following countries are competing: Group A: Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay, Group B: Argentina, Venezuela, Ecuador, Bolivia.

## FIBA CENTRAL BOARD

The FIBA Central Board was opening on June 18th at the UEFA headquarters in Nyon, Switzerland.

The Board decided to make slight amendments to the official FIBA Basketball rules regarding timeouts, free throws, for detailed information go to [www.fiba.com](http://www.fiba.com).

The Board has assigned the organisation of the FIBA U21 World Championship for Women 2007 to Guatemala. It is the first time a country from Central America is hosting a FIBA championship. The organisation of the FIBA U19 World Championship for Women 2007 has been assigned to the Slovak Republic.



New Internal Regulations were adopted and established. For the first time there will be regulations regarding coaches, player agents and leagues. For more detailed information go to [FIBA.com](http://FIBA.com). The date for the next FIBA World Congress, which is the general assembly of all 212 national federations of FIBA, has been confirmed for 28th and 29th August 2006 in Tokyo, Japan, during the course of the FIBA World Championship. ■

### BUSINESS CORNER

## FIBA WEEKLY TV SHOW

The FIBA TV Department has been very busy over the past weeks and has recently announced some exciting new developments.

The first development is that FIBA have entered into an agreement with the Sportsbrand company to produce a weekly television programme, "FIBA World Basketball" that will be distributed around the world. The programme will begin in October of this year and each 26 minute programme will feature basketball action from all around the world during the whole year. The show will include worldwide action featuring men, women's and junior players from the FIBA World and FIBA Continental Championships to regional and National League competitions as well as historical footage from the FIBA Archive

The Department are also finalising those outstanding television agreements for this year's FIBA World and Continental Championships and aim to have coverage in over 130 countries throughout the world. Additional agreements may also be made for radio coverage as well as some broadband coverage in those countries where there is currently no television broadcast partner for the events. Further announcements will be made as soon as the agreements have been finalised.

These exciting developments will mean that there will be the opportunity for the FIBA competitions to be accessed via, television, radio, broadband and wireless platform.

For further information please contact Stephanie Mignot or Paul Stimpson at [TV@fiba.com](mailto:TV@fiba.com) ■

## "HOUSE OF BASKETBALL" TO BE CONSTRUCTED

FIBA and the city council of Nyon and the Canton of Vaud, Switzerland announced on May 24, 2005 at the FIBA Central Board that FIBA plans to build a 'House of Basketball' in the city of Nyon.

Nyon is located on the lake of Geneva between Geneva and Lausanne. The building will serve as offices for the headquarters of FIBA, which are currently established in Geneva, Switzerland. The project would be concluded as early as 2009.

The building site is planned for the „Beau-Réveil" area on the shores of Lake Geneva. The city of Nyon has offered to grant to FIBA the surface rights to the site for 100 years. ■



### EUROPE NEWS EUROPEAN YOUTH TOURNAMENTS

The FIBA Europe Championships for the youth categories kick off in the month of July. The U20, U18 and U16 men and women preliminary rounds are being hosted by numerous cities around Europe. Watch for the young talents that could become the future European basketball stars.

For more information go to [www.fibaeurope.com](http://www.fibaeurope.com)



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**Rogge addressed Central Board**

The President of the International Olympic Committee, Dr. Jacques Rogge, addressed the members of the FIBA Central Board during their meeting on June 18, 2005.

Mr. Rogge gave an overview of the recent policies of the IOC, specifically on the periodical review of the Olympic Programme. For the sport of basketball Mr. Rogge had words of praise: „I would like to thank FIBA for the tremendous support it has given to the Olympic Movement, it has always been a pleasure to work with you I would also like to thank you for your exemplary cooperation in the fight against doping.“ ■



**Foreigners in Finals**

At the NBA Finals 2005, international players had a key role on NBA teams. San Antonio Spurs have the most foreign players on their roster in the League. Players such as, Manu Ginobili (ARG), Rasho Nesterovic (SLO), Tony Parker (FRA), Beno Udrih (SLO); compared to the Pistons who only have two international players: Darko Milicic (SCG) and Carlos Arroyo (PUR). ■



**BWB Instructors 2005**

In 2005 there will be 4 camps in the Americas (Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 30-July 4, 2005), Asia (Beijing, China, July 14-17, 2005), Europe (Treviso, Italy, July 28 - July 31, 2005) and Africa (Johannesburg, South Africa, September 7-12, 2005). With star players as instructors, to name a few: Dirk Nowitzki (GER), Andrei Kirilenko (RUS), Yao Ming (CHN), Tony Parker (FRA). ■

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**EVENT CALENDER**

**JULY**  
 15/07/2005 - 24/07/2005 U19 FIBA World Championship for Women in Nabeul and Tunis, Tunisia  
 26/07/2005 - 31/07/2005 Stankovic Continental Champions Cup in Beijing, China  
**AUGUST**  
 05/08/2005 - 14/08/2005 FIBA U21 World Championship in Cordoba and Mar del Plata, Argentina  
 15/08/2005 - 24/08/2005 FIBA Africa Championship in Alger, Algeria  
 17/08/2005 - 21/08/2005 FIBA Oceania Championship in Dunedin, Auckland, New Zealand  
 24/08/2005 - 04/09/2005 FIBA Americas Championship in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

24/08/2005 - 28/08/2005 FIBA Oceania Championship in Palmerstone, Napier, Auckland, New Zealand  
**SEPTEMBER**  
 02/09/2005 - 11/09/2005 FIBA Europe Championship for Women in Ankara, Bursa, Izmir, Turkey  
 08/09/2005 - 16/09/2005 FIBA Asia Championship in Doha, Qatar  
 14/09/2005 - 18/09/2005 FIBA Americas Championship for Women in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  
 15/09/2005 - 25/09/2005 FIBA Europe Championship in Vrsac, Podgorica, Novi Sad, Belgrade, Serbia & Montenegro

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