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THE ROAD TO BEIJING



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After basketball 10 championships, men's teams and women's teams have booked tickets Olympic Basketball tournaments Beijing 2008.

The remaining 3 Olympic spots for the men and the 5 spots for the women will be determined in the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments that will be played in mid-July 2008, in a place service is accessible to be determined by FIBA at its Central Board Meeting in Chicago on 8th and 9th December 2007. The organizers and venues of the two tournaments will be decided amongst the candidatures received from the 12 participant teams of each tournament.

> The tournaments for men and women will be played in four (4) groups of three (3) teams each. The two (2) best placed teams of

Each group will qualify for the Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals that will be played in qualification by elimination.

Gold for Russia at EuroBasket

Russia upset hosts and FIBA World Champions Spain 60-59 on 16th September to win the EuroBasket gold medal. Andrei Kirilenko, who was voted MVP of the EuroBasket, said: "This is the number one moment of

hot my career. Spain are a great team, but we put summer with full of them under pressure. This has been a team action effort."

> continental Kirilenko was joined on the all-tournament team by Dirk Nowitzki from Germany, Jose Manuel Calderon, Gasol (both from Spain) and Ramunas Siskauskas from Lithuania.

their Lithuania wanted gold but they're happy the with bronze after beating Greece 78-69, a result that qualifies the Baltic country for the Beijing Olympics. Greece, Germany, Croatia and Slovenia earned a spot at the FIBA World Olympic Qualifier.

1	Russia	9	Italy
2	Spain	9	Portugal
3	Lithuania	11	Israel
4	Greece	11	Turkey
5	Germany	13	Czech Republic
6	Croatia	13	Latvia
7	Slovenia	13	Poland
8	France	13	Serhia

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USA star Kobe Bryant has



ASIA NEWS 3 ON 3 IN MACAU AS TEST FOR YOUTH OLYMPICS

When the IOC has approved the idea to organize Youth Olympics for teenagers aged 14 - 18 starting in 2010, it was evident, that there might be a place for FIBA 3on3 basketball on the program. In cooperation with FIBA Asia, national selection teams from the region have been invited to take part in a test event. The teams from China, Hong Kong, India, Kazakhstan, Macau, Chinese Taipei, Iran, Philippines and Malaysia have accepted the invitation and will play as a demonstration sport at the Asian Indoor Games on 3rd November. The IOC will approve the sports program for the Youth Olympics in early 2008.

THE ROAD TO BEIJING CONTINUED

ANGOLA WIN FIBA AFRICA CHAMPIONSHIP

Angola won a ninth FIBA Africa Championship to earn a place at the Beijing Olympics with an 86-72 triumph over Cameroon in the final at Cidadela Desportiva Arena. Angola finished the 24th FIBA Africa Championship with an unbeaten 6-0 record, inflicting Cameroon's first defeat of the competition to leave them with a 5-1 record. Angola's Joaquim Gomes who poured in 13 points and grabbed five rebounds was elected Most Valuable Player of the tournament. In the Bronze medal game underdog Cabo Verde won in beating Egypt with 53 - 51. That historic Bronze medal gave them the right to participate together with Cameroon in the FIBA World Olympic Qualifier.

1	Angola
2	Cameroon
3	Cape Verde
4	Egypt
5	Nigeria
6	Tunisia
7	Central African Republic
8	Ivory Coast
9	Senegal
10	Morocco
11	Mali
12	Rwanda
13	South Africa
14	Mozambique
15	D.R. of Congo
16	Liberia



FIBA AMERICAS: USA GOLD - ARGENTINA SILVER

LeBron James and the rest of the United States squad made sure that what happens in Vegas doesn't stay in Vegas with a 118-81 throttling of Argentina in the gold medal game of the FIBA Americas Championship at Thomas & Mack Center. James scored a game-high 31 points including eight three-pointers as the U.S. continued its torrid shooting in the tournament by making 20-of-41 triples to Argentina's 9-of-27. Luis Scola, named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, led the Argentinean squad with 23 points, while teammate Leonardo Gutierrez chipped in 11 points. Bronze medal winner Puerto Rico, as well as Canada and Brazil earned a spot at the FIBA World Olympic Qualifying Tournament.

1	USA
2	Argentina
3	Puerto Rico
4	Brazil
5	Canada
6	Uruguay
7	Mexico
8	Venezuela
9	Panama
10	Virgin Islands



IRAN CLAIM GOLD AT FIBA ASIA CHAMPIONSHIP

An inspired Iran raised their game a couple of notches up to douse a red-hot Lebanon 74-69 in the final of the FIBA Asia Championship. Iran's triumph booked their ticket to the Beijing Olympics 2008, while Lebanon were consigned to playing the FIBA Olympic qualifiers together with bronze medalist Korea. Iran also became only the fourth team to win the Championship overall. Only China, Korea and Philippines have won the Championship before.

1	Iran	9	Philippines
2	Lebanon	10	China
3	Korea	11	Syria
4	Kazakhstan	12	Indonesia
5	Jordan	13	Hong Kong
6	Chinese Taipei	14	Kuwait
7	Qatar	15	India
8	Japan	16	United Arab Emirate



AUSTRALIA WIN THE FIBA OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIP

Australia steamrollered New Zealand in the second game of the three game series en route to a 93-67 victory to clinch a place at next year's Beijing Olympics and to win the series with 2-1 against the Kiwis.

NEW THAT

New Zealand are eligible to compete in the 2008 FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament.

RUSSIA, MALI AND USA BOOK TICKET FOR 2008

Russia has won the EuroBasket title for Women and the right to participate in the 2008 Olympics with a win against Spain (74-68). Spain, Belarus, Latvia and Czech Republic have secured with 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place the right to play in the FIBA Olympic Qualifier. Mali has qualified for Beijing in beating host Senegal 65 - 58 at the FIBA Africa Championship for Women in Dakar. Angola has earned the right to play at the FIBA Olympic Qualifier together with silver medalist Senegal in winning bronze against Mozambique (73-58). The USA has dominated the FIBA Americas Championship for Women and beat Cuba in the Final 101-71. Cuba, bronze medal winner Brazil and fourth placed Argentina have secured their spot for the FIBA Olympic Qualifier.

Directly Qualified:	Women	Men
The host nation	China	China
The gold medalist from the 2006 FIBA World Championship	Australia	Spain
Qualified through the Continental Championships in 2007:		
Africa	Mali	Angola
Americas	USA	USA
Americas	X	Argentina
Asia	Korea	Iran
Europe	Russia	Russia
Europe	X	Lithuania
Oceania	New Zealand	Australia
FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament for Women		
Date: 9th - 15th June 2008		
Site: Will be decided on 8/9 December 2007 in Chicago		
Teams eligible: Senegal, Angola, Cuba, Brazil, Argentina, Japan, Chinese Taipei, Spain, Belarus, Latvia. Czech Republic. Fiii	? 5 teams	
FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament for Men		
Date: 7th - 13th July 2008		
Site: Will be decided on 8/9 December 2007 in Chicago		
Teams eligible: Cameroon, Cape Verde, Brazil, Canada, Puerto Rico, Lebanon,		
Korea, Greece, Germany, Croatia, Slovenia, New Zealand		? 3 teams

FIBA WOMEN'S WORLD LEAGUE

8 of the best club teams in the world will meet from 22 - 27 October for the Final of the 3rd edition of the FIBA Women's World League in Ekaterinburg, Russia.

Clubs from four continents have reached the Final Round in two qualifying tournaments that were played last year in Hungary and

China and will play in two groups of four teams. The two best-placed teams will advance to the Semi-Finals and Finals.

Group A	Group B
Ekaterinburg, RUS	CSKA Moscow, RUS
BC Habana, CUB	Canberra Capitals, A
MiZo Pecs, HUN	TEO Vilnius, LTU
CBA Beijing, CHN	USA All Stars, USA





AFRICA NEWS ANGOLA WANTS FIBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

On the occasion of the FIBA Africa Championship in Angola, the Basketball Federation of Angola expressed an interest to organize the FIBA World Championship in Angola in 2014. The Angolan government had invested before the Afrobasket in the construction of 4 brand new arenas in Benguela, Cabinda, Huambo, and Lubango. It would be the first time that Africa would host a FIBA World Championship in the senior category.

FIBA'S WORLD

SERBIA FIBA U19 AND U21 WORLD **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The FIBA World Championships in the youth categories U19 and U21 for men and women were played in July in Serbia, Slovakia and Russia. Incredible talent was at display, and in some cases, huge surprises could be witnessed. The USA underlined their dominance in women's basketball with winning two gold medals, whereas Serbia took the gold in the s event.

The FIBA U19 World Championship for Men was played in Novi Sad from 12 – 22 July, and the home team won the gold medal in a thrilling final against USA74-69. The United States came back from 19 points down but could not stop Serbia on their home soil. The bronze medal went to France that beat Brazil 75-67. Serbia's Milan Macvan has been named Most Valuable Player.



The FIBA U19 World Championship for Women was played in Bratislava from 26 July to 5 August. The USA was able to defend their 2005 tile and dominated surprise package Sweden with 99-57 in the Final. Serbia picked up bronze after edging a low-scoring third-place game with Spain 52-50.



The FIBA U21 World Championship for Women was played from 29 June to 8 July in the Moscow Region in Russia. In a battle of superpowers in the sport, the United States turned back a brave Australian fight back in the fourth quarter to win the gold medal 96-73. France was able to secure another bronze medal in the youth categories in beating hosts Russia 10 Japan with 67-61



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2 USA 3 France

4 Brazil

5 Australia

6 Argentina

7 Turkey 8 Spain

9 Lithuania

10 Canada

11 South Korea

12 China

13 Nigeria 14 Lebanon

15 Mali

16 Puerto Rico

1 USA

2 Sweden

3 Serbia

4 Spain

5 Australia

6 Slovak Republic 7 Czech Republic

8 South Korea

9 Canada

10 Brazil 11 China

12 Lithuania

13 Japan

14 Argentina

15 Mali

16 Cote d'Ivoire

1 USA

2 Australia 3 France

4 Russia

5 Belgium

6 Canada

7 Hungary

8 Brazil

9 Spain

11 China

12 Mali

AND USA WIN HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

On 12th September 2007 the induction ceremony of the FIBA Hall of Fame's 2007 Class took place in Alcobendas-Madrid, Spain during the EuroBasket 2007. The ceremony drew a large crowd of officials, spectators and the media to the "La Esfera" hall in Alcobendas. With the exception of Mrs. Alexeeva and Mrs. Semjonova and the late "Kanela" Soares, all inductees were present personally to take their honors. Basketball icons like Bill Russell and Nikos Galis were delighted to receive their honors, but also paid tribute



to those who helped them in their careers. "Basketball a team sport,' Ġreek said legend Nikos "Without Galis. my teammates, my coaches, my clubs and

the Hellenic Basketball Federation I would have not been able to achieve what I have achieved." The gala that was followed by a cocktail luncheon in the FIBA Hall of Fame in presence of the inductees themselves, was a great success. Many personalities such as the Mayor of Alcobendas, Mr. Ignacio García de Vinuesa, the Spanish Secretary of State for Sports, Mr. Jaime Lissavetzky, the President of the Spanish Basketball Federation and FIBA Central Board member, Mr. José Luis Sáez, FIBA's President, Mr. Bob Elphinston, FIBA's Secretary General and IOC member, Mr. Patrick Baumann, and Mr. Pedro Ferrándiz joined the celebrations.

PLAYERS

Mr. Sergei BELOV (RUS) Mr. Dražen **DALIPAGIC** (SRB) Mr. Ivo DANEU (SLO) Mr. Oscar FURLONG (ARG) Mr. Nikos GALIS (GRE) Ms. Hortência MARCARI (BRA) Mr. Pierluigi MARZORATI (ITA) Ms. Ann MEYERS (USA) Mr. Amaury PASOS (BRA) Mr. Emiliano RODRÍGUEZ (ESP) Mr. Bill RUSSELL (USA)

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The complete biographical sketches of the 20 abovementioned inductees into the FIBA Hall of Fame can be found on www.halloffame.fiba.com.





ESPN CLASSIC O SHOW FIBA

FIBA and ESPN Classic, one of the world's premier non-live sports channels, announced a new collaboration providing the broadcaster with a selection of games from the FIBA Library.

multi-year agreement means that ESPN Classic will broadcast classic games from previous FIBA World and Continental Championships as well as legendary European Club Competition games.

FIBA Secretary General Patrick Baumann said: "We have been exploring various ways of utilising the FIBA archive of standout games and our partnership with ESPN Classic will now give basketball fans the opportunity to see and thoroughly enjoy some of the unforgettable games from the past. The planned programming will include men's and women's national team and club basketball on both a World and Continental level and will serve as a wonderful opportunity for fans of international basketball to relive these incomparable moments.

Tony Stimpson, ESPN Classic Director of Programming for Europe, commented: Classic continues to expand throughout Europe and we have found increasing interest for basketball content. By working with FIBA we will now be able to show the very best of international basketball through both pan-regional and country specific content. Our mission is to serve sports fans and, with this top quality programming from FIBA, we will deliver on this promise to all our European basketball enthusiasts".

The first ESPN Classic FIBA Basketball programming started on 1st and 2nd September that served as a lead-up to the 2007 FIBA European Championship (EuroBasket) to be held in Spain.

EUROPE NEWS FIBA EUROPE INTRODUCES PRE-TOURNAMENT CLINIC

For the first time FIBA Europe has incorporated a tournament clinic for referees nominated to EuroBasket. The first phase of the clinic started in Menorca during the three days of the Additional Qualifying Tournament, and continued in each of the cities for the preliminary round, under the guidance of four instructors at each venue. Daily meetings to review the quality of the officiating are the mainstay of the programme, and all performances of the referees are closely analysed.



FIBA had introduced a similar program at the 2006 FIBA World Championship in Japan.

PEOPLE FIBA AND FFBB DONATE TO MUTOMBO

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On the occasion of their 75th anniversary, FIBA and the French **Basketball Federation** donated 100'000.--US\$ to the Dikembe Mutombo Foundation his recently opened hospital in Kinshasa. The check was presented to Dikembe Mutombo

during half-time of the 75th anniversary celebration game between Switzerland and France in Geneva on 28th July. "I would like to thank FIBA for the donation to the hospital". said Mutombo.

"This generous gift will save the lives of many Congolese women and children in need of good quality health care in the Democratic Republic of Congo."

DR. HUGUET RECEIVES FIBA ORDER OF MERIT

The long time President of the FIBA Medical

Council, Dr. Jacques Huguet, has received from FIBA President В 0 h Elphinston



the FIBA Order of Merit. Huguet was leading FIBA's efforts in educating young players about the dangers of doping and the needs for a healthy living.

His passion for arts and drawings helped him to personally illustrate many of the material that was produced in that respect.

KIRILENKO AND SCOLA MVP

Andrei Kirilenko and Luis Scola were both voted Most Valuable Players at the Euro Basket





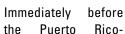
Secretary

and at the FIBA Americas Championship.

Kirilenko had this award sweetened by winning EuroBasket with Russia, Scola's team only finished second in the Americas, but earned a spot at the Beijing Olympics for Argentina.

MARCHAND RECEIVES OLYMPIC ORDER

Jenaro "Tuto" Marchand, General **Emeritus** of FIBA Americas. the IOC's received Order Olympic οn the occasion of the 1st "Tuto" Marchand Continental Cup in San Juan, the capital of his native country.



Canada game, Mr. Marchand received the Olympic Order from his compatriot Richard Carrión (IOC member and member of the FIBA Finance Commission of FIBA), and in presence of FIBA Secretary General and IOC member Patrick Baumann.

STAY TUNED IT CALENDAR

OCTOBER
01-07/10/2007 South American U16 Championship for Men in Misiones,
Argentina

18/10/2007 Start of FIBA EuroCup Women

22-27/10/2007 FIBA Women's World League in Ekaterinburg, Russia

30/10/2007 Start of FIBA EuroCup Men

01/11/2007 Start of South American League for Women's Clubs

07/11/2007 Start of FIBA EuroLeague Women

06-15/12/2007 South East Asian Games in Bangok, Thailand

01/02/2008 Start of South American League for Men

STAY TUNED

EETING CALENDAR

26-27/07/2007 FIBA Commission for Women's Basketball in Ekaterinburg,

NOVEMBER 12-13/11/2007 FIBA Commission for Legal Matters in Geneva, Switzerland

FIBA Commission for International Competitions in Geneva, Switzerland 19-20/11/2007

07-09/12/2007 FIBA Central Board in Chicago, USA

JANUARY 18-19/01/2008 FIBA Technical Commission in New York, USA

25-27/04/2008 FIBA Central Board in Beijing, P.R. of China

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