



FIBA OCEANIA YOUTH TOURNAMENT DATES:
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Teams for Youth Tournament Announced

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16 National Teams Announced:

The FIBA Oceania Management Committee confirmed the following teams to participate in the 2008 Youth Tournament.

The men's teams are Guam, Australia, Palau, Northern Mariana Islands, New Caledonia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu.

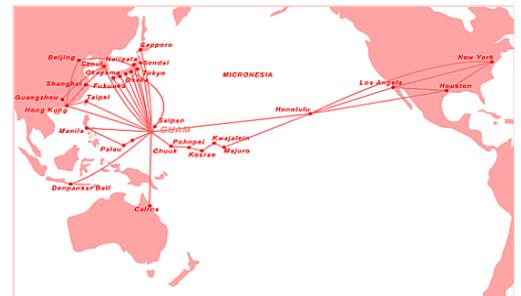
The women's teams are Guam, Australia, Palau, Northern Mariana Islands, New Caledonia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu.

23 teams nominated to participate in the tournament. The selection criteria used to determine the successful teams was advertised to all federations prior to their nomination.

Tahiti has been named as the first reserve federation, should any difficulties arise with the selected teams.

Each federation has been informed of the results, and we expect fundraising will start in earnest now that the teams have been announced.

Where is Guam????



Local Organising Committee:

The very active local organising committee is already hard at work, ensuring that Guam will host the best-ever Youth Tournament.

High in their priorities is a refurbishment of the floor in the air-conditioned University of Guam Gymnasium.



Special Points of Interest about Guam

- Hafa Adai.... Means hello
- Land area 549 sq km
- Language.... English and Chamorro
- Currency....US\$
- Temp... 26–30C all year
- Native Inhabitants ...Chamorro
- www.visitguam.com

Cultural Performances 2008.....

Who could ever forget the outstanding performance by the Tahitian and American Samoan teams in New Zealand? Proud, practiced and well dressed, the Tahitian and American Samoan teams gave us all an education on their culture, their dance and their dress.

At Guam the team cultural performances will be held in public, allowing the local people to experience the cultures of the southern Pacific.



So make sure your team spends time practicing your dances and songs, so you can be proud of your efforts in representing your country in Guam, on and off the courts.



Uniforms—The Regulations you need to know...

For more about uniform regulations, go to www.fibaoceania.com, then to “Documents and Reports”, click on “Uniform Regulations”.



All federations are to ensure their playing uniforms meet the following guidelines:

- Every team must have a light and dark set of playing uniforms.
- Playing numbers can only be numbers 4 to 15.
- The numbers must be at least 20 cm high on the back, and at least 10cm high on the front, and at least 2 cm wide.
- Numbers must be of a solid colour, contrasting with the shirt colour.
- The FIBA logo must ap-

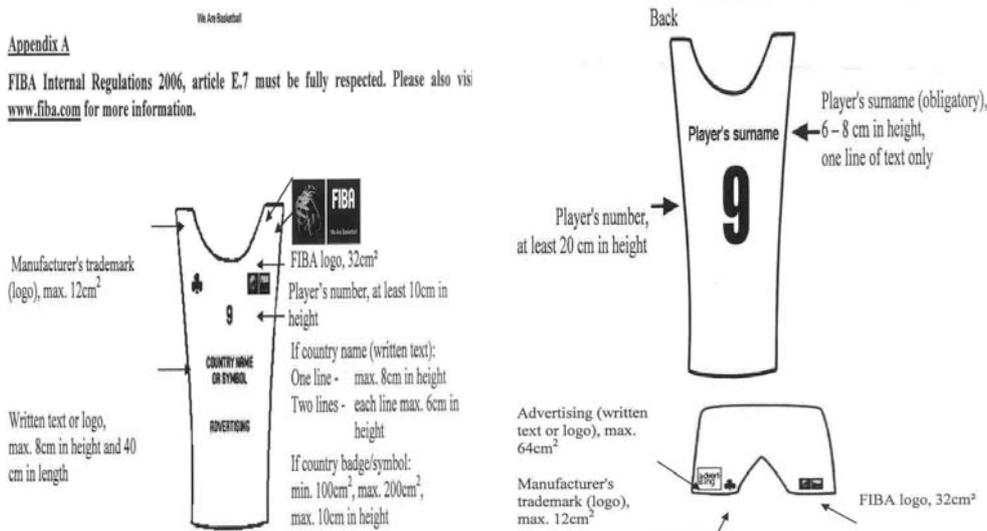
pear on the front of the shirt, above the front number. FIBA Oceania will supply these to all teams on arrival in Guam.

- The name or badge of the country must appear on the front of the shirts. If written on one line, writing must be maximum of 8cm in height. If writing is over two lines, writing shall be a maximum of 6 cm in height. The badge of the country must be between 100 and 200cm².
- Advertising on the shirt is permitted providing

that advertising is for one sponsor only, and the text or logo is a maximum of 8 cm in height and 40cm in length.

- Player's number is not permitted on the shorts.
- Advertising is permitted on the front of the shorts, provided that advertising is for one sponsor only, and text or logo is maximum 100cm².
- Advertising is permitted on the warm-up shirt, but must be same sponsor and size as advertising on the front of uniforms.

Pictures to help with uniform requirements.....



How many people allowed per team in Guam?

- 10 players
- 1 coach
- 1 manager **OR** assistant coach
- 1 referee
- 1 Head of Delegation

All these 13 people need to be confirmed with FIBA Oceania by 25th July 2008.

Tournament Clinics.....

The Youth Tournament will, yet again, include educational and social activities for players, coaches and referees.

Having over 200 of the Pacific's best basketballers, staff and referees in the one location is a great opportunity to offer clinics that might not be available at

home.

Patrick Hunt, Basketball Australia's Manager for National Player and Coach Development will head up the coach and player education clinics, as he had done previously.

Education clinics on nutrition, HIV/AIDS, anti-doping programs

and goal setting will be some of the theory sessions covered in the first three days of the competition.

The UN AIDs Pacific officer, Joanna Ferris is involved in planning the HIV/AIDS seminars, while Regional Anti Doping staff are also planning their program.

Travel to Guam..... Group Fare Available from Cairns



FIBA Oceania has been successful in organizing a group fare from Cairns, Australia to Guam and return.

The fare cost is approximately \$805.00USD (\$885.00AUD) per person including taxes and charges.

Many federations will need to transit Australia to get to Guam, and this fare is a very attractive offer, especially with the current USD conversion rate.

The group booking will depart from Cairns on Friday 26th September and depart after the tour-

nement from Guam on Sunday 5th October.

Overnight accommodation can be arranged in Cairns for those teams who might require that to meet their flight connections.

Travel will be on Continental Micronesia, which is the only air carrier from Australia into Guam.

These fares will also be available to family members who might be traveling to Guam as spectators. However, priority will be given to players and team personnel.

Federations wishing to

take advantage of this offer need to contact Judy Smith in the FIBA Oceania office by : **Thursday 28th February 2008**

A deposit will be required from participating federations to hold these seats, but that information will be supplied directly to the federations.

Travel to Guam is difficult, expensive and not very frequent. All Federations are urged to consider this offer. Firm bookings have to be made with Continental by mid March, so do not miss the confirmation date of 28th February.

Team Managers.... Here is your chance to become the 2009 All Star Manager in Brisbane, Australia

The All Star teams selected from the players in Guam will participate in the Under 20 Australian National Championships in Brisbane in February 2009.

FIBA Oceania will be selecting a manager from the Pacific Island teams to travel to Australia with the All Star teams in 2009.

A team manager at the Australian Championships will undertake a range of jobs, including cooking, washing, shopping and looking after the welfare of the players and coaches for the 2 week period.

Managers will work with FIBA Oceania staff, but must be able to manage young people and to work to a very tight and ex-

hausting schedule.

The manager will pay the same contribution to airfare to Brisbane as the players, but once in Australia all accommodation, travel, food and expenses are covered by Oceania.

Nomination for the All Star manager will be called before the tournament, but announced in Guam.

Fundraising—How is your federation doing?

This is the first time a FIBA Oceania event has been held in the northern Pacific. While the cost of accommodation, meals, ground transport, clinics and game fees are all covered by Guam local organizing committee, sponsors and FIBA Oceania, there is still a considerable cost in getting teams to Guam.

Federations need to get their teams, players, families and sponsors organized now, so that the funds are in the bank safely months before they need to be used.

Some Fundraising Ideas:

- 3 on 3 basketball tournament.

- Trivia Night
- Raffles
- Market stalls
- Disco
- Car washes
- NOC sponsorship
- Business sponsorship
- Government sponsorship

The latte stone:
The latte stone is a large man-made pillar found on Guam, built by the ancient Chamorro people.

They consist of a tall trapezoidal base (haligi) with a hemispherical stone cap (tasa) at the top with the flat side facing up.



The latte stone supported important structures in villages.

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Youth Tournament Deadlines

Please see below the revised timelines
for information to FIBA Oceania

- 28th Feb** Group travel bookings to FIBA Oceania
- 25th July** Complete the FIBA Oceania nomination form, including the list of 20 players per team, plus the details of the coach, manager and referee.
- FIBA eligibility rules will apply and federations will need to send, with the nomination form, evidence of player eligibility (photocopy of players passport showing nationality) for those players who have not previously participated in a Youth Tournament.
- The final list of 10 players for the tournament must come from this list. The final list is to be presented at the Technical meeting in Guam.
- 25th July** Provide FIBA Oceania with the team travel itinerary.
- 27th Sept** Athlete Village opens. Technical meeting.
- 28th Sept** Opening ceremony and commencement of games.
- 4th Oct** Grand finals and closing ceremony.
Announcement of All Stars.
- 5th Oct** Athlete Village closes.

Developing Basketball
in the Pacific Region

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