



# 2009 FIBA U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP NEW ZEALAND



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## NOTE FROM THE EVENT DIRECTOR



The 2009 FIBA U19 World Championship for Men is making giant strides and will be an amazing event, showcasing basketball talent from 16 different nations with many players set for future NBA and Euroleague contracts. A basketball event of this magnitude has not been held in the Southern Hemisphere before and it is a great coup that it is being played in the Auckland region.

Tickets are now available and the push for volunteers for the event is progressing well. The challenge is to convince Kiwis of just how big an event this is going to be in the context of sport in New Zealand and around the world. I firmly believe this event will exceed all expectations and leave a lasting legacy for the sport and the country.

Regards,  
Dave Mee

## TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!

Tickets to the 2009 FIBA U19 World Championship are on sale now through Ticketek.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.ticketek.co.nz](http://www.ticketek.co.nz), at any Ticketek outlet throughout New Zealand or by phoning 0800 842 538.

Individual session tickets as well as a variety of great ticket packages are available including; Family Pass, New Zealand Supporters Pack, Deluxe Finals Pack and Premium Season Pass which provides a courtside seat for all 39 games played at the North Shore Events Centre.



## 'ADOPT A TEAM' SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

A number of Primary and Intermediate schools throughout Auckland have been selected for the 'Adopt A Team' programme for the FIBA U19 World Championship. Each school has 'adopted' a team competing at the tournament, and is given the opportunity to come to their 'adopted' teams opening game of the tournament as well as receive visits from members of the New Zealand JTB squad. Each participating school was recommended by their local basketball association due to their active participation in the local basketball programme.

This week saw NZ JTB member's Logan van Beek and Morgan Nathan, along with tournament mascot Pōro, visit Finlayson Park School in Manurewa who have 'adopted' Kazakhstan. The students were given the chance to test out their basketball skills against Logan and Morgan, and were entertained by Pōro on just his second public appearance.



Finlayson Park School Students with Pōro



Finlayson Park School Deputy Principal Nardi Leonard with JTB's Morgan Nathan and Logan van Beek and Pōro

Other schools participating in the 'Adopt a Team' programme include; Bayfield School, Campbells Bay School, Kelston Primary School, Kohimarama School, Papatoetoe East School, Auckland Normal Intermediate School, .....continued over page

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Summerland Primary School, TKKM o Hoani Waititi School, Willow Park School, Murrays Bay Intermediate School, Parnell District School, Northcross Intermediate School and Takapuna Intermediate School.

## FOUR NATIONS TOURNAMENT CONFIRMED IN AUSTRALIA

Basketball Australia has confirmed the U19 Four Nations Tournament will take place in Melbourne from June 26-28 with teams from Spain, Greece and France taking on Australia as build-up to the 2009 FIBA U19 World Championship.



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## HEART CHILDREN NEW ZEALAND

The 2009 FIBA U19 World Championship is a proud supporter of Heart Children New Zealand.

Heart Children New Zealand was established in October 1994 and is a national organisation with 20 regional branches and support networks. Heart Children New Zealand is the only organisation that is dedicated solely to providing the support required by children with heart conditions and their families.

Heart Children New Zealand provides care and support to heart kids and their families. From before birth, through surgery, rehabilitation and into the future, they understand how important it is to have a strong support network to fall back on.

Heart Children New Zealand's van has become the 'Poro Wagon', transporting Poro around Auckland on various school and community group visits.



Friday July 3 will be 'Heart Children New Zealand night' at the 2009 FIBA U19 World Championship, and fundraising activities will be held throughout the night. The nights action includes two games - Australia vs Spain and New Zealand vs Croatia. So get in behind Heart Children New Zealand and purchase your ticket today from ticketek!

To read more about Heart Children New Zealand visit [www.heartchildren.org.nz](http://www.heartchildren.org.nz)

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The juniors from top ten internationally ranked countries Australia, Spain and Greece might have the edge on world No17 France but the nation which triumphs in Melbourne will get to take bragging rights into the World Championship.

The Aussies will meet Spain in the preliminary rounds in Auckland with the possibility of meeting Greece and France later in the tournament.

All four teams have a strong reputation at the U19 level with each able to boast a podium finish in the previous three U19 World Championships; Spain claimed the title in 1999, Australia won in 2003 with Andrew Bogut and Brad Newley, while France and Greece won Bronze in 2007 and 2003 respectively.



Pat Mills in action for Australia at the 2007 U19 FIBA World Championship