



2009 FIBA U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP NEW ZEALAND



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ONLY 25 DAYS TO GO!

With only 25 days until tip-off of the FIBA U19 World Championship, tournament preparations are going well, and we are excited about the arrival of the sixteen competing teams into Auckland, New Zealand.

Make sure you have purchased your tickets through www.ticketek.co.nz, or any Ticketek outlet nationwide. Preliminary round tickets start at as little as \$7 for children and \$15 for adults. With some great ticket packages available, it is a fantastic opportunity to watch some world-class basketball right here in Auckland.

squad through Rowe and big men Sam King and Morgan Nathan, while Canterbury's Logan van Beek and Wellington's David Beck complete the dozen.

"We've got a lot of speed, a lot of aggressive defence. We're not a tall team, especially compared to other teams around the world," McFadden said.

"We're getting comfortable with the transition game and having more than one ball handler, being able to push the fast-break and make good decisions because in the past we have been guilty of too many turnovers."

JTBs ANNOUNCED FOR FIBA U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Junior Tall Blacks head coach Kenny McFadden likes what he has but knows the real work for his team is only just about to begin.

The Junior Tall Blacks play their opening game at the 2009 FIBA U19 World Championship against Americas champion Argentina at 8.30pm on July 2 at the North Shore Events Centre.

New Zealand Junior Tall Blacks:

David Beck	17/04/90	Wellington
Josh Bloxham	13/03/90	Nelson
Riki Buckrell	08/04/90	Hutt Valley
Richie Edwards	30/06/90	Lakeland HS, FL
Tipene Friday	24/10/90	Porirua
Sam King	08/04/91	Otago
Rob Loe	05/08/91	Harbour
Morgan Nathan	06/01/91	Otago
Dion Prewster	10/01/90	San Jacinto College, TX
Tom Rowe	21/02/91	Otago
Brook Ruscoe	02/09/90	Porirua
Logan van Beek	07/09/90	Canterbury

Head coach: Kenny McFadden
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The 12 athletes to represent the New Zealand Junior Tall Blacks at the 2009 FIBA U19 World Championship in Auckland from July 2-12 have been confirmed by Basketball New Zealand.

USA-based Dion Prewster will captain a team that includes fellow USA-based forward Richie Edwards, back-to-back AA secondary schools most valuable player Brook Ruscoe and Tall Blacks triallist Rob Loe, the tallest player at 2.11m (6ft 11in).

Four 2009 debutantes - Nelson's Josh Bloxham, Hutt Valley's Riki Buckrell, Porirua's Tipene Friday and Otago's Tom Rowe - survived the final cut after a three-day camp at Porirua's Te Rauparaha Arena earlier this week.

"I feel pretty comfortable, I feel that we've got the best players," McFadden said. "It has been an 18-month build-up for some of these guys and there has been a lot of progress from a lot of players. It's not one or two, it's everyone, especially in the last four months."

The Junior Tall Blacks have gathered this week in Wellington for an intensive four-week residential programme, leading up to their departure for Auckland and their opening game of the tournament on Thursday, July 2.

Otago has the highest representation in the

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION NIGHT

Our recruitment of volunteers is going well, and we have received a great response from the New Zealand basketball community, with over 200 people now registered to assist with the running of the tournament.

A reminder that the Volunteer Orientation Night is on Monday June 15, 6pm at the North Shore Events Centre. The Local Organising Committee are looking forward to seeing you all there.



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FIBA LEGACY EVENTS

There are a variety of events taking place throughout the tournament, providing the New Zealand basketball community with exposure to international referees, coaches and FIBA officials.

REFEREES CLINIC

Conducted by Lubo Kotleba
(FIBA Head of Competitions)

Date: Thursday July 9

Location: Kristin College

To register or for further information contact
Ken Coulson kcool@xtra.co.nz

COACHES CLINIC

Date: Thursday July 9

Location: NZ Breakers Training Facility

To register or for further information contact
Dave Mackay dave@nzbreakers.co.nz

BASKETBALL BREAKFAST SHOW

Guest speakers: FIBA Guests

Date: Wednesday July 8

Location: Blankenberge Belgium Bar
and Café
136 Hurstmere Road
Takapuna Beach

To register or for further information contact
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USA ANNOUNCES FIBA U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL ROSTER

Headlined by four returning USA Basketball veterans, including the MVP of the 2008 FIBA Americas U18 Championship, 17 of the nation's most talented 19-and-younger basketball players have been selected to attend the 2009 USA U19 National Team Trials, held June 16-18 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. The athletes, born on or after Jan. 1, 1990, will compete for one of 12 roster spots on the 2009 USA U19 World Championship Team. The trials invitations were extended by the USA Basketball Men's Junior National Team Committee, chaired by NCAA representative Jim Boeheim (head coach, Syracuse University).

Following the trials, the USA Basketball Men's Junior National Team Committee is expected to

announce finalists for the 12-member USA U19 World Championship Team roster.

Training camp for the selected finalists will begin June 19, with the 12-member USA roster being announced prior to the teams' departure for New Zealand on June 25.

Kemba Walker (Connecticut / New York, N.Y.), who was named MVP of the 2008 FIBA Americas Championship that qualified the U.S. for this year's World Championship, will return in hopes of making his second USA roster. Walker averaged 13.4 ppg., 5.0 apg., and 4.6 rpg. while leading the USA to a silver medal in the 2008 FIBA Americas.

In addition to Walker, Al-Farouq Aminu (Wake Forest / Norcross, Ga.), Dominic Cheek (Villanova / Jersey City, N.J.), and Drew Gordon (UCLA / San Jose, Calif.) have all previously represented the USA. Cheek was a teammate of Walker in the 2008 FIBA Americas, while Aminu and Gordon played together on the 2007 Youth Developmental Festival Red Team that finished 5-0 and captured the gold medal and the 2008 USA Junior Select Team that defeated the World Select Team 98-78 in the 2008 Nike Hoop Summit.

Rounding out the 2009 USA Men's U19 World Championship Team Trials roster are newcomers: Kenny Boynton (Florida / Pompano Beach, Fla.), Darryl Bryant (West Virginia / Brooklyn, N.Y.), DeAngelo Casto (Washington State / Spokane, Wash.), Seth Curry (Duke / Charlotte, N.C.), Gordon Hayward (Butler / Brownsburg, Ind.), Darius Miller (Kentucky / Maysville, Ky.), Arnett Moultrie (UTEP / Memphis, Tenn.), Ralph Sampson III (Minnesota / Duluth, Ga.), John Shurna (Northwestern / Glen Ellyn, Ill.), Tyshawn Taylor (Kansas / Jersey City, N.J.), Howard Thompkins (Georgia / Lithonia, Ga.), Klay Thompson (Washington State / Ladera Ranch, Calif.) and Terrico White (Mississippi / Memphis, Tenn.).

Included in the roster are 15 student-athletes who recently completed their freshman year at a NCAA Division I school and two who finished their high school campaigns this year. Washington State is the lone school sending multiple representatives with Casto and Thompson.



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