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Game Times For Men's And Women's Olympic Preliminary Round Games Announced

GENEVA, Switzerland (May 27, 2008) – FIBA, in close cooperation with the IOC (International Olympic Committee), BOCOG (Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad) and BOB (Beijing Olympic Broadcasting), have announced the preliminary round game schedule with times for the Beijing 2008 Olympic basketball tournaments for men and women that will be played August 9-24 in the new 18,000-seat Wukesong Indoor Stadium.

The U.S. Men's Olympic Team will open preliminary play Aug. 10 against host China at 10:15 p.m. (all times listed are Beijing local times which is 12 hours ahead of EDT); then play Angola on Aug. 12 at 8:00 p.m.; on Aug. 14 at 8:00 p.m. the USA will face Qualifier C who will be determined through the July 14-20 FIBA World Olympic Qualifying Tournament; 2006 FIBA World Champion Spain on Aug. 16 at 10:15 p.m.; and the USA will close out preliminary play Aug. 18 at 8:00 p.m. against Qualifier B who will be determined through the FIBA World Olympic Qualifying Tournament. The men's Olympic quarterfinals action takes place Aug. 20, semifinals play is slated for Aug. 22, and the men's Olympic finals will be held Aug. 24.

The U.S. Women's Olympic Team opens Aug. 9 at 8:00 p.m. versus Qualifier D who will be determined through the June 9-15 FIBA World Olympic Qualifying Tournament, and next faces host China on Aug. 11 at 8:00 p.m.; Mali on Aug. 13 at 10:15 p.m.; Qualifier E who will be determined through the FIBA World Olympic Qualifying Tournament on Aug. 15 at 8:00 p.m.; and the U.S. finishes off its preliminary play Aug. 17 against New Zealand at 10:15 p.m. The women's Olympic quarterfinals action takes place Aug. 19; semifinals play is slated for Aug. 21; and the women's finals will be held Aug. 23.

The USA men, bronze medalists at the 2004 Olympic Games, have medaled in every Olympics they have competed in (18). The USA men have won an amazing 15 gold medals, one silver and two bronze medals in their 18 Olympic Games appearances (the United States chose not to participate in the 1980 Olympic Games), and has compiled an impressive 114-5 record (.958 winning percentage). When utilizing NBA players, U.S. teams are 29-3 in Olympic action (.906 winning percentage).

The defending Olympic champs, the USA women will be vying for a fourth consecutive Olympic gold medal. Since women's basketball was officially staged at the 1976 Olympics, the Americans have collected a record five gold medals, one silver and one bronze medal, while compiling a 42-3 (.933) overall record in their seven Olympic appearances (the United States chose not to participate in the 1980 Olympic Games).

About USA Basketball

Based in Colorado Springs, Colo., USA Basketball is a nonprofit organization and the national governing body for men's and women's basketball in the United States. As the recognized governing body for basketball in the United States by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), USA Basketball is responsible for the selection, training and fielding of USA teams that compete in FIBA sponsored international basketball competitions, as well as for some national competitions.

2008 Olympic Men's Basketball Schedule

Preliminary Round Pools

GROUP A

Argentina
Australia
Iran
Lithuania
Russia
*Qualifier A

GROUP B

Angola
China
Spain
USA
*Qualifier B
*Qualifier C

*Qualifiers A, B and C for the 2008 Olympics men's basketball competition will be determined through the 2008 FIBA World Olympic Qualifying Tournament for Men that is scheduled for July 14-20, in Athens, Greece.

Preliminary Round		Quarterfinals	
August 10		August 20	
9:00 a.m.	Russia - Iran	Time TBD	Game 65: B2 - A3
11:15 a.m.	Qualifier B - Angola	Time TBD	Game 66: A1 - B4
2:30 p.m.	Spain - Qualifier C	Time TBD	Game 67: A2 - B3
4:45 p.m.	Lithuania - Argentina	Time TBD	Game 68: B1 - A4
8:00 p.m.	Australia - Qualifier A		
10:15 p.m.	USA - China		
			The exact game order and time for the four Quarterfinal games will be known by the evening of August 18. The quarterfinals game times are 2:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 10:15 p.m.
August 12			Semifinals
9:00 a.m.	Iran - Lithuania	August 22	
11:15 a.m.	Qualifier A - Russia	Time TBD	Game 71: Winner 65 - Winner 66
2:30 p.m.	Qualifier C - Qualifier B	Time TBD	Game 72: Winner 67 - Game 68
4:45 p.m.	China - Spain		
8:00 p.m.	Angola - USA		The exact game order and time for the two Semifinal games will be known by the evening of August 20. The semifinals game times are 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
10:15 p.m.	Argentina - Australia		Finals
August 14		August 24	
9:00 a.m.	Qualifier B - Spain	Bronze Medal:	Game 76: Loser 71 - Loser 72
11:15 a.m.	Australia - Iran	Gold Medal:	Game 77: Winner 71 - Winner 72
2:30 p.m.	Angola - China		
4:45 p.m.	Lithuania - Russia		
8:00 p.m.	USA - Qualifier C		
10:15 p.m.	Argentina - Qualifier A		
August 16			NOTES: Beijing, China is 12 hours ahead of EDT.
9:00 a.m.	Qualifier C - Angola		
11:15 a.m.	Russia - Australia		
2:30 p.m.	Qualifier A - Lithuania		
4:45 p.m.	Iran - Argentina		
8:00 p.m.	China - Qualifier B		
10:15 p.m.	Spain - USA		
August 18			
9:00 a.m.	Iran - Qualifier A		
11:15 a.m.	Australia - Lithuania		
2:30 p.m.	Qualifier C - China		
4:45 p.m.	Angola - Spain		
8:00 p.m.	USA - Qualifier B		
10:15 p.m.	Argentina - Spain		

2008 Olympic Women's Basketball Schedule

Preliminary Round Pools

GROUP A

Australia
 Russia
 South Korea
 *Qualifier A
 *Qualifier B
 *Qualifier C

GROUP B

China
 Mali
 New Zealand
 USA
 *Qualifier D
 *Qualifier E

*Qualifiers A, B, C, D and E for the 2008 Olympics women's basketball competition will be determined through the 2008 FIBA World Olympic Qualifying Tournament for Women that is scheduled for June 9-15, in Madrid, Spain.

Preliminary Round:	Quarterfinals
<p>August 9 9:00 a.m. Qualifier C - Australia 11:15 a.m. Mali - New Zealand 2:30 p.m. Qualifier E - China 4:45 p.m. Qualifier a - South Korea 8:00 p.m. USA - Qualifier D 10:15 p.m. Russia - Qualifier B</p> <p>August 11 9:00 a.m. New Zealand - Qualifier E 11:15 a.m. Qualifier D - Mali 2:30 p.m. South Korea - Russia 4:45 p.m. Qualifier B - Qualifier C 8:00 p.m. China - USA 10:15 p.m. Australia - Qualifier A</p> <p>August 13 9:00 a.m. Qualifier C - Russia 11:45 a.m. Qualifier E - Qualifier D 2:30 p.m. Qualifier A - Qualifier B 4:45 p.m. New Zealand - China 8:00 p.m. Australia - South Korea 10:15 p.m. Mali - USA</p> <p>August 15 9:00 a.m. Qualifier D - New Zealand 11:15 a.m. Qualifier B - Australia 2:30 p.m. Russia - Qualifier A 4:45 p.m. China - Mali 8:00 p.m. USA - Qualifier E 10:15 p.m. South Korea - Qualifier C</p> <p>August 17 9:00 a.m. Qualifier E - Mali 11:15 a.m. Australia - Russia 2:30 p.m. Qualifier B - South Korea 4:45 p.m. Qualifier A - Qualifier C 8:00 p.m. Qualifier D - China 10:15 p.m. New Zealand - USA</p>	<p>August 19 Time TBD Game 61: B2 - A3 Time TBD Game 62: A1 - B4 Time TBD Game 63: A2 - B3 Time TBD Game 64: B1 - A4</p> <p>The game order and time for the four Quarterfinal games will be known by the evening of August 18. The quarterfinals game times are 2:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 10:15 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Semifinals</p> <p>August 21 Time TBD Game 69: Winner 61 - Winner 62 Time TBD Game 70: Winner 63 - Game 64</p> <p>The exact game order and time for the two Semifinal games will be known by the evening of August 20. The semifinals game times are 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Finals</p> <p>August 24 Bronze Medal: Game 76: Loser 71 - Loser 72 Gold Medal: Game 77: Winner 71 - Winner 72</p> <p>NOTES: Beijing, China is +12 hours from EDT.</p>