

# 2007 USA Basketball Events

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# 2007 FIBA U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

## PRELIMINARY ROUND GROUPS

### Group A

Belgium  
Canada  
China  
France  
Mali  
Russia

### Group B

Australia  
Brazil  
Hungary  
Japan  
Spain  
USA

## PRELIMINARY ROUND

**Friday, June 29**

### POOL A

Mali - Belgium  
Russia - Canada  
China - France

### POOL B

Spain - Brazil  
USA - Australia  
Hungary - Japan

**Saturday, June 30**

### POOL A

Belgium - Russia  
France - Mali  
Canada - China

### POOL B

Brazil - USA  
Japan - Spain  
Australia - Hungary

**Sunday, July 1**

### POOL A

France - Belgium  
China - Russia  
Mali - Canada

### POOL B

Japan - Brazil  
Hungary - USA  
Spain - Australia

**Tuesday, July 3**

### POOL A

Belgium - China  
Canada - France  
Russia - Mali

### POOL B

Brazil - Hungary  
Australia - Japan  
USA - Spain

**Wednesday, July 4**

### POOL A

Canada - Belgium  
Mali - China  
France - Russia

### POOL B

Australia - Brazil  
Spain - Hungary  
Japan - USA

## QUARTERFINALS

The top four teams from each preliminary round group will advance to the quarterfinals to play for first through eighth place, and the fifth and sixth places teams from each group will play for ninth through 12th places.

**Friday, July 6**

**Game 31:** A5 - B6

**Game 32:** B5 - A6

**Game 33:** B2 - A3

**Game 34:** A1 - B4

**Game 35:** A2 - B3

**Game 36:** B1 - A4

## SEMIFINALS

**Saturday, July 7**

**11th/12th Place:** Loser 31 - Loser 32

**9th/10th Place:** Winner 31 - Winner 32

**Game 39:** Loser 33 - Loser 34

**Game 40:** Loser 35 - Loser 36

**Game 41:** Winner 33 - Winner 34

**Game 42:** Winner 35 - Winner 36

## FINALS

**Sunday, July 8**

**7th/8th Place Game:** Loser 39 - Loser 40

**5th/6th Place Game:** Winner 39 - Winner 40

**Bronze Medal Game:** Loser 41 - Loser 42

**Gold Medal Game:** Winner 41 - Winner 42

# FIBA U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Held just once, four years ago when it was known as the FIBA World Championship For Young Women, the USA captured the 2003 gold medal with a 7-1 record in Sibenik, Croatia. FIBA changed the names of its age-based World Championships in 2005 to reflect the age athletes must be to be eligible for the event.

## FIBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR YOUNG WOMEN SUMMARY OF FINISHES

	<u>GOLD</u>	<u>SILVER</u>	<u>BRONZE</u>
United States	1	0	0
Brazil	0	1	0
France	0	0	1

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## FIBA WORLD CHAMP. FOR YOUNG WOMEN YEAR-BY-YEAR FINAL STANDINGS

<u>2003</u>	
1.	USA
2.	BRA
3.	FRA
4.	CRO
5.	AUS
6.	RUS
7.	CHN
8.	LAT
9.	CZE
10.	ARG
11.	KOR
12.	TUN

**LEGEND:** ARG-Argentina; AUS-Australia; BRA-Brazil; CHN-China; CRO-Croatia; CZE-Czech Republic; FRA-France; KOR-South Korea; LAT-Latvia; RUS-Russia; TUN-Tunisia; USA-United States of America

# 2007 FIBA U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

## PRELIMINARY ROUND GROUPS

<b>Group A</b> Argentina South Korea Slovakia Spain	<b>Group B</b> China Ivory Coast Lithuania USA	<b>Group C</b> Canada Czech Rep. Japan Serbia	<b>Group D</b> Australia Brazil Mali Sweden
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## PRELIMINARY ROUND

### Thursday, July 26

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>
3:45 p.m. Argentina - Spain	1:00 p.m. China - Lithuania
6:00 p.m. Slovakia - S. Korea	8:15 p.m. Ivory Coast - USA
<b>Group C</b>	<b>Group D</b>
3:45 p.m. Serbia - Canada	1:30 p.m. Mali - Sweden
6:00 p.m. Japan - Czech Rep.	8:15 p.m. Brazil - Australia

### Friday, July 27

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>
1:30 p.m. S. Korea - Argentina	3:45 p.m. USA - China
6:00 p.m. Spain - Slovakia	8:15 p.m. Lithuania-Ivory Coast
<b>Group C</b>	<b>Group D</b>
8:15 p.m. Czech Rep.-Serbia	6:00 p.m. Australia - Mali
1:30 p.m. Canada - Japan	3:45 p.m. Sweden - Brazil

### Saturday, July 28

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>
6:00 p.m. Argentina - Slovakia	3:45 p.m. China - Ivory Coast
1:30 p.m. S. Korea - Spain	8:15 p.m. USA - Lithuania
<b>Group C</b>	<b>Group D</b>
8:15 p.m. Serbia - Japan	1:30 p.m. Mali - Brazil
6:00 p.m. Czech Rep.- Canada	3:45 p.m. Australia - Sweden

## SECOND ROUND

The top three teams in each group will advance to the second round, with Groups A and B advancing to Group E and C and D advancing to Group E. Results carry over to the second round and will be included in the second round standings. The fourth-placed teams in each group will compete for 13th-16th place.

<b>Group E</b>	<b>Group F</b>
A1	C1
B1	D1
A2	C2
B2	D2
A3	C3
B3	D3

### Monday, July 30

<b>Group E</b>	<b>Group F</b>
1:30 p.m. B2 - A2	6:00 p.m. D2 - C2
3:45 p.m. B3 - A1	8:15 p.m. D3 - C1
6:00 p.m. B1 - A3	8:15 p.m. D1 - C3

### 13th-16th Place Classification Semifinals:

1:30 p.m. A4 - B4	3:45 p.m. C4 - D4
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### Tuesday, July 31

<b>Group E</b>	<b>Group F</b>
6:00 p.m. A3 - B3	1:30 p.m. C3 - D3
8:15 p.m. A1 - B2	3:45 p.m. C1 - D2
6:00 p.m. A2 - B1	8:15 p.m. C2 - D1

**15th/16th Place:** 1:30 p.m. Class. Semifinal Losers

**13th/14th Place:** 3:45 p.m. Class. Semifinal Winners

### Wednesday, August 1

<b>Group E</b>	<b>Group F</b>
1:30 p.m. B2 - A3	1:30 p.m. D2 - C3
3:45 p.m. B3 - A2	3:45 p.m. D3 - C2
6:00 p.m. B1 - A1	6:00 p.m. D1 - C1

## QUARTERFINALS

The top four teams in each second round group advance to the medal quarterfinals. Teams finishing in fifth and sixth place will compete in the classification round for 9th-12th place.

### Friday, August 3

1:30 p.m. E1 - F4
3:45 p.m. E3 - F2
6:00 p.m. E2 - F3
8:15 p.m. E4 - F1

### 9th-12th Classification Semifinals:

9:00 a.m. E6 - F5
11:00 a.m. E5 - F6

## SEMIFINALS

### Saturday, August 4

1:30 p.m. <b>Semifinal 3:</b> Loser E1/F4 - Loser E3/F2
3:45 p.m. <b>Semifinal 4:</b> Loser E2/F3 - Loser E4/F1
6:00 p.m. <b>Semifinal 1:</b> Winner E1/F4 - Winner E3/F2
8:15 p.m. <b>Semifinal 2:</b> Winner E2/F3 - Winner E4/F1

**11th/12th Place:** 9:00 a.m. Classification Semifinal Losers

**9th/10th Place:** 11:15 a.m. Classification Semifinal Winners

## FINALS

### Sunday, August 5

1:30 p.m. <b>7th/8th:</b> Loser Semifinal 3 - Loser Semifinal 4
3:45 p.m. <b>5th/6th:</b> Winner Semifinal 3 - Winner Semifinal 4
6:00 p.m. <b>Bronze Medal:</b> Loser Semifinal 1 - Loser Semifinal 2
8:15 p.m. <b>Gold Medal Game:</b> Winner Semifinal 1 - Winner Semifinal 2

# FIBA U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Originally known as the FIBA Junior World Championship, the tournament, held every four years, was first held in 1985. FIBA recently changed the names of its age-based World Championships in 2005 to reflect the age athletes must be to be eligible for the event. FIBA also recently changed its calendar and will now hold the U19 World Championship every other year. USA women's teams are 32-10 in the U19/Junior World Championships, capturing gold with an 8-0 record most recently in 2005.

## WOMEN'S U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY OF FINISHES

	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
United States	2	0	1
Soviet Union	2	0	0
Australia	1	1	1
Czech Republic	1	0	0
Russia	0	2	0
Serbia & Montenegro	0	1	0
Yugoslavia	0	1	1
South Korea	0	1	0
China	0	0	1
Poland	0	0	1
Slovakia	0	0	1

## WOMEN'S U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP YEAR-BY-YEAR FINAL STANDINGS

	<b>1985</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2005</b>
1.	URS	URS	AUS	USA	CZE	USA
2.	KOR	YUG	RUS	AUS	RUS	SCG
3.	YUG	AUS	POL	SVK	USA	CHN
4.	CHN	CZK	KOR	BRA	AUS	RUS
5.	USA	ESP	BRA	RUS	FRA	ESP
6.	AUS	KOR	FRA	CZE	CUB	KOR
7.	ESP	USA	USA	CHN	BRA	AUS
8.	CAN	BRA	JPN	ESP	LTU	HUN
9.	CUB	CHN	BUL	ARG	CHN	CAN
10.	SEN	CUB	ZAI	MLI	POL	PUR
11.		BUL	CHN	CUB	JPN	COD
12.		ZAI	TPE	JPN	MLI	TUN

**LEGEND:** ARG-Argentina; AUS-Australia; BRA-Brazil; BUL-Bulgaria; CAN-Canada; CHN- China; COD-Democratic Republic of Congo; CUB-Cuba; CZK-Czechoslovakia; CZE-Czech Republic; ESP-Spain; FRA-France; HUN-Hungary; JPN-Japan; KOR-South Korea; LTU-Lithuania; MLI-Mali; POL-Poland; PUR-Puerto Rico; RUS-Russia; SCG-Serbia & Montenegro; SEN-Senegal; SVK-Slovakia; TPE-Taiwan; TUN-Tunisia; URS-Soviet Union; USA-United States of America; YUG-Yugoslavia; ZAI-Zaire.

# 2007 PAN AMERICAN GAMES SCHEDULE

## PRELIMINARY ROUND POOLS

### Group A

Brazil  
Canada  
Jamaica  
Mexico

### Group B

Argentina  
Columbia  
Cuba  
USA

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## PRELIMINARY ROUND

### *Friday, July 20*

1:15 p.m. USA - Columbia  
3:30 p.m. Canada - Mexico  
7:45 p.m. Argentina - Cuba  
10:00 p.m. Brazil - Jamaica

### *Saturday, July 21*

1:15 p.m. Cuba - Columbia  
3:30 p.m.: Mexico - Brazil  
7:45 p.m.: USA - Argentina  
10:00 p.m.: Jamaica - Canada

### *Sunday, July 22*

1:15 p.m.: Columbia - Argentina  
3:30 p.m.: Mexico - Jamaica  
7:45 p.m.: Cuba - USA  
10:00 p.m.: Brazil - Canada

## SEMIFINALS

### *Monday, July 23*

1:15 p.m. A3 - B4 (Classification Semifinals)  
3:30 p.m. A1 - B2 (Medal Semifinals)  
7:45 p.m. B1 - A2 (Medal Semifinals)  
10:00 p.m. B3 - A4 (Classification Semifinals)

## FINALS

### *Tuesday, July 24*

1:15 p.m. **Bronze Medal:** Medal Semifinal Losers  
3:30 p.m. **Gold Medal:** Medal Semifinal Winners  
7:45 p.m. **5th/6th Place:** Classification Semifinal  
Winners  
10:00 p.m. **7th/8th Place:** Classification Semifinal  
Losers

# PAN AMERICAN GAMES RESULTS

Started in 1951 for men and 1955 for women, the Pan American Games are held every four years (2007, 2011, etc.) in the year preceding the Olympics. Only countries from FIBA Americas are eligible to compete. Most recently, the USA secured the silver hardware and a 5-2 record at the 2003 Pan American Games with a U.S. team that began training just two weeks prior to the event. Overall, the USA women have won six of 12 gold medals and rolled up a 67-12 overall record.

## WOMEN'S PAN AMERICAN GAMES SUMMARY OF FINISHES

	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
United States	6	3	2
Brazil	3	3	2
Cuba	2	2	2
Canada	0	1	3
Chile	0	1	2
Mexico	0	1	0

## WOMEN'S PAN AMERICAN GAMES YEAR-BY-YEAR FINAL STANDINGS

	<b>1955</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>1963</b>	<b>1967</b>	<b>1971</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>1979</b>	<b>1983</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2003</b>
1.	USA	USA	USA	BRA	BRA	USA	CUB	USA	USA	BRA	Cancelled	CUB	CUB
2.	CHI	BRA	BRA	USA	USA	MEX	USA	CUB	BRA	CUB		CAN	USA
3.	BRA	CHI	CHI	CAN	CUB	CUB	CAN	BRA	CAN	USA		USA	BRA
4.	MEX	CAN	CAN	MEX	MEX	BRA	BRA	CAN	CUB	CAN		BRA	CAN
5.	CAN	MEX		CUB	CAN	CAN	MEX	VEN	MEX	ARG		ARG	ARG
6.					ECU	COL	PUR	PUR	PER			DOM	DOM
7.					COL	DOM	BOL		COL				
8.						ELS							

**LEGEND:** ARG-Argentina; BOL-Bolivia; BRA-Brazil; CAN-Canada; CHI-Chile; COL-Colombia; CUB-Cuba; DOM-Dominican Republic; ECU-Ecuador; ELS- El Salvador; MEX-Mexico; PER-Peru; PUR-Puerto Rico; USA-United States of America; VEN-Venezuela.

The 1995 Pan American Games women's basketball was canceled because not enough teams entered

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# USA BASKETBALL TODAY

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.

Actually, USA Basketball is an organization made up of associations. Current USA Basketball active members include the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU); Continental Basketball Association (CBA); National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC); National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA); National Basketball Association (NBA); National Basketball Association Development League; National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA); National Federation of High Schools (NFHS); National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA); National Pro-Am City Leagues



USA Basketball

Association (NPA-CLA); National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA); United States Armed Forces; USA Deaf Sports Federation (USADSF); Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA); and the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). These 15 member organizations have representation on USA Basketball's Board of Directors and various committees, and ultimately determine how USA Basketball operates.

USA Basketball



was organized in 1974 and known as the Amateur Basketball Association of the United States of America (ABAUSA). The name change to USA Basketball occurred Oct. 12, 1989, shortly after FIBA modified its rules to allow professional basketball players to participate in international competitions. USA Basketball then admitted the NBA as an active member and made the change.

USA Basketball is governed by a 10-member Executive Committee and 25-member Board of Directors, who are appointed and elected by active members. Val Ackerman, founding President of the WNBA, serves as President of USA Basketball for the 2005-



2008 term. Vice President is James Delany, Commissioner of the Big Ten Conference; Vice President for Senior Men is Stu Jackson, NBA Senior Vice President, Basketball Operations; Vice President for Senior Women is Reneé Brown, WNBA Chief of Basketball Operations and Player Relations; Vice President For Men is Reggie Minton, 1993 USA World University Games head coach and Associate Executive Director of the NABC, and Vice President For Women is Chris Plonsky, University of Texas Women's Athletics Director and Director of Men's/Women's Athletics External Services. Robert Kanaby, Executive Director of the National Federation of High Schools and Terry Holland, current East Carolina University Director of Athletics and former chair of 2000-2004 USA Basketball Men's Collegiate Committee, serve as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, while 1995 Pan American Games team member Scott Paddock and three-time Olympic gold medalist (1996, 2000, 2004) Dawn Staley, are the athlete representatives. Serving since January 2001 as USA Basketball's Executive Director is Jim Tooley, who has been with USA Basketball since 1993.

During the 2001-2004 quadrennium, over 925 men and women players and 125 coaches participated in USA Basketball, including the now biannual USA Basketball men's and women's Youth Development Festivals, USA Basketball trials, and USA Basketball teams. Between 2001-2004 the USA competed in 22 major international events and won medals an astounding 19 times, including gold or top finishes 14 times, silver once and bronze medals four times.

The competitions in which USA teams regularly compete include the Olympics, World Championships, Pan American Games, World University Games, men's and women's U21 World Championships, men's and women's U19 World Championships, Hoop Summit and USA Basketball Youth

*Top Left: Teresa Edwards is the most decorated Olympic basketball player on the planet. She helped the United States collect gold medals in the 1984, 1988, 1996 and 2000 Olympics and bronze in 1992.*

*Bottom Left: The USA's third consecutive Olympic gold medal winning team poses after collecting the gold medal at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece.*

Development Festivals.

USA Basketball also sanctions U.S. basketball team tours of foreign countries and foreign basketball team tours of the U.S., as well as oversees the certification of FIBA and USA Basketball officials and the assignment of those officials to international competitions, and the licensing of players to play professionally overseas.

A brief synopsis of the various competitions which USA Basketball teams participate in includes:

### **Olympic Games**

Men's and women's Olympic basketball competition is held every four years (2008, 2012, etc.). The USA men have captured the gold in 12 of the 15 Olympics they have competed in and compiled an incredible 114-5 record. The USA women have earned the gold in five of the past six Olympics and overall boast of a sterling 42-3 record. Beijing, China, is the site of the 2008 Games.

### **FIBA World Championships**

Men's and women's competition is held every four years at the FIBA World Championships (2010, 2014, etc.). Unlike the Olympics at which 12 teams participate, 24 countries compete in the World Championship for Men and 16 teams participate in the World Championship for Women. In basketball circles, the World Championship title is considered as prestigious as the Olympic title. The USA men compiled an 8-1 record to capture the bronze medal at the 2006 World Championship in Japan, while the USA women also claimed bronze with an 8-1 record. The next World Championship competition is scheduled for 2010 in Turkey for the men, and at a site to be determined for the women.

### **U21 FIBA World Championships**

Initiated in 1993 as the FIBA 22-And-Under World Championship and designed for men 22-years-old or younger, FIBA lowered the age eligibility to 21 years of age or younger in December 1998 and the competition is now known as the FIBA U21 World Championship. The USA men finished in fifth place in 2005 with a 7-1 mark. FIBA in 2003 initiated a women's U21 World Championship and the USA women claimed the gold, finishing 7-1 in Sibenik, Croatia. The next FIBA U21 World Championship for women is scheduled for 2007. The selections of the players and coaches are made by the USA Basketball Collegiate Committee.

### **Pan American Games**

Started in 1951 for men and 1955 for women, the Pan American Games are held every four years (2007, 2011, etc.) in the year preceding the Olympics. Only countries from FIBA Americas are eligible to compete. The USA men have compiled



*A three-time Olympic gold medalist, Lisa Leslie has led the United States to Olympic gold medals in 1996, 2000 and 2004, and has aided the U.S. to FIBA World Championship gold medals in 1998 and 2002.*

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an impressive 81-11 overall record, winning eight of a possible 14 gold medals, while the USA women have won six of 12 gold medals and rolled up a 67-12 record. The 2007 Pan American Games is slated to take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

### **World University Games**

The World University Games are held for men and women every two years (2007, 2009, etc.), only current university student-athletes or recent graduates are eligible. In 2005 both the USA men's and women's teams went undefeated to capture gold. The 2007 World University Games are scheduled for Bangkok, Thailand. The selections of the players and coaches are made by the USA Basketball Collegiate Committees.

### **U19 World Championships / Junior National Teams**

USA Basketball also fields men's and women's national teams for players 19-years-old or younger. FIBA holds U19 World Championships every two years (2007 for men and women). In 2005 the USA women finished 8-0 to capture the gold medal. USA Basketball also fields teams featuring players 18-years-old or younger for FIBA Americas Zone qualifying tournaments. The selections of the players and coaches are made by the USA Basketball Collegiate Committees.

### **Nike Hoop Summit**

The Nike Hoop Summit is the country's premiere annual basketball game featuring America's top boy high school players taking on a World Select Team comprised of top players 19-years-old or younger from around the world. Played each April, the USA enjoys a 7-2 series lead. First contested in 1995, the 2007 Hoop Summit will be played April 7 in Memphis, Tenn.

### **USA Basketball Youth Development Festivals**

Held annually for men between 1998-2005 and between 2002-05 for women, USA Basketball's Youth Development Festival is an entry-level event that combines competition with off-court educational seminars. Because the U18 National Teams, which now will be fielded every other year, are comprised of the same age group as the Festival, USA Basketball moved the Festival from an annual event to one which will be held biannually in odd-numbered years. Both the men's and women's Youth Development Festivals in 2007 will be held in June at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. The player and coach selections are made by the USA Basketball Junior Development Committees.

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