

USA Basketball

2009 USA U19 Women's National Team Trials

Media Guide

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2009 USA U19 Women's National Team Trials

• USA U19 Trials Schedule

Thursday, May 14	
4:30-6:30 p.m.	Session I
Friday, May 15	
8:30-10:30 a.m.	Session II
4:00-6:00 p.m.	Session III
Saturday, May 16	
8:30-10:30 a.m.	Session IV
4:00-6:00 p.m.	Session V
Sunday, May 17	
8:30-10:00 a.m.	Session VI
TBD	Announcement of team finalists

NOTES:

- All training sessions will be held in the U.S. Olympic Training Center's Sports Center II.
- Due to space constraints, trials are open to credentialed media only.



• USA U19 Team Training Schedule at a Glance

Training camp will begin on July 10 and athletes will return home following the conclusion of the tournament. Training camp will include a variety of practices, scrimmages and friendly games. The 2009 USA Basketball U19 World Championship Team schedule is as follows:

July 10-17	USA U19 World Championship Team Training Camp	U.S. Olympic Training Center
July 20-22	USA U19 World Championship Team Training Camp	Bangkok, Thailand
July 23	FIBA U19 World Championship opening games	Bangkok, Thailand
Aug. 2	FIBA U19 World Championship gold medal game	Bangkok, Thailand

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*Two-time Olympic gold medalist **Tamika Catchings** earned her first international gold medal as a member of the 1997 USA Basketball U19 World Championship Team. She went on to become the first U.S. woman to claim gold at both the U19 World Championship and the senior level FIBA World Championship after helping lead the U.S. win gold at the 2002 Worlds.*

• 2008 USA U19 Trials Staff

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• USA U19 Trials Alphabetical Roster

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28	LaSondra Barrett	F	6-2	161	03/16/90	2012	Louisiana State	Jackson, MS
78	Kelsey Bone	C	6-5	210	12/31/91	2009	Dulles H.S. / #South Carolina	Stafford, TX
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20	Sydney Carter	G	5-6	135	11/18/90	2012	Texas A&M	DeSoto, TX
30	Layshia Clarendon	G	5-10	135	05/02/91	2009	Cajon H.S. / #California	San Bernadino, CA
32	Skylar Diggins	G	5-10	145	08/02/90	2009	Washington H.S. / #Notre Dame	South Bend, IN
34	Kelly Faris	G	5-11	155	01/16/91	2009	Heritage Christian H.S. / #Conn.	Plainfield, IN
59	Nikki Greene	C	6-4	---	09/06/90	2009	Diboll H.S. / #Penn State	Diboll, TX
60	Keisha Hampton	F	6-2	170	02/22/90	2012	DePaul	Philadelphia, PA
39	Taylor Hill	G	5-10	159	10/23/90	2009	South H.S. / #Ohio State	Minneapolis, MN
23	Shenise Johnson	F	5-11	164	12/08/90	2012	Miami (FL)	Henrietta, NY
41	Kierra Mallard	C	6-2	193	06/20/90	2012	Texas Tech	Dallas, TX
43	Lindsey Moore	G	5-10	---	06/03/91	2009	Kentwood H.S. / #Nebraska	Covington, WA
45	Atonye Nyingifa	G/F	5-11	170	12/08/90	2012	UCLA	Torrance, CA
64	Nnemkadi Ogwumike	F	6-2	188	07/02/90	2012	Stanford	Cypress, TX
47	Samantha Prahalis	G	5-7	130	01/23/90	2012	Ohio State	Dix Hills, NY
49	C'eira Ricketts	G	5-9	143	02/22/90	2012	Arkansas	Louisville, KY
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25	Andrea Smith	G	5-8	146	07/19/90	2010	Gulf Coast C.C.	Lakeland, FL
66	Taber Spani	G	6-1	180	01/27/91	2009	Metro Academy / #Tennessee	Lee's Summit, MO
26	Nikki Speed	G	5-9	140	04/30/90	2012	Rutgers	Pasadena, CA
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• Did You Know?

Since the first FIBA U19 World Championship was held in 1985 through the 2001 FIBA U19 World Championship, there has been at least one future Olympian on each U.S. team. The 1985 USA U19 squad included **Vickie Orr**, who went on to earn a bronze in the '92 Games; four-time Olympic gold medalist **Lisa Leslie** and three-time Olympic gold medalist **Dawn Staley** were on their first USA team with the 1989 U19 squad; three-time Olympic gold medalist **Katie Smith** got her international start with the 1993 USA U19 World Championship Team and teamed up that year with '96 Olympic gold medalist **Rebecca Lobo**; in 1997 **Tamika Catchings**, a two-time Olympic gold medalist, earned her first international gold medal in leading the U.S. to its first FIBA U19 World Championship gold; and in 2001 two-time Olympic gold medalist **Diana Taurasi**, along with 2008 Olympic gold medalist **Cappie Pondexter**, were members of the USA U19 squad. That leaves the 2005 and 2007 USA U19 World Championship Teams, both of which were stacked with talent, along with this year's squad, to field a future Olympian and keep the streak alive.

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• Did You Know?

Originally known as the FIBA Junior World Championship, the tournament was held every four years starting in 1985. FIBA changed its calendar and, as of 2005, the U19 World Championship is now conducted every other year. USA women's teams are 41-10 in the U19/Junior World Championships and have won a record three gold medals and one bronze medal. The U.S. captured gold most recently with a 9-0 record in 2007.

After coming up short in the medal count in the first three FIBA U19 World Championships, the U.S. has been on the podium in each of the last four competitions, winning gold in 1997, bronze in 2001 and gold in 2005 and 2007, compiling a 29-2 slate during that run.

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• USA U19 Trials Notes

Who selects the team?

USA Basketball Women's Junior National Team Committee, chaired by NCAA representative **Sue Donohoe** (Vice President for Division I Women's Basketball), is charged with player and coaching staff selection of the 2009 USA Basketball Women's U19 World Championship Team.

In addition to Donohoe, the USA Basketball Junior National Team Committee, formerly known as the Women's Collegiate Committee, includes NCAA appointees **Joanne Boyle** (head coach, University of California), **Coquese Washington** (head coach, Penn State University) and **Connie Yori** (head coach, University of Nebraska); and athlete representative **Beth Cunningham** (head coach, Virginia Commonwealth University), a member of the 1999 USA Pan American Games Team.

Competition Facts

The 2009 FIBA U19 World Championship, held July 23 - Aug. 2 in Bangkok, Thailand, features 16 national teams comprised of athletes 19-years-old or younger (born on or after Jan. 1, 1990) that qualified through their FIBA zone tournaments.

Included in the field of nations are: Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, France, Japan, Lithuania, Mali, Russia, South Korea, Spain, Thailand, Tunisia and the USA.

Teams have been divided into four preliminary round pools of four teams each and the U.S. has been placed in Group D with China, Mali and Spain.

The USA begins preliminary round play on July 23 against Spain, followed by a July 24 tilt against China and a July 25 contest versus Mali.

The top three finishing teams in each pool advance to the second round and will play an additional three games, July 27-29. The quarterfinals are scheduled for July 31, semifinals will be played on Aug. 1 and the gold medal will be contested on Aug. 2. (For the complete schedule of games, see page 6)

Just the Facts: U19 Trials Roster

Included on the trials roster are 14 student-athletes who recently completed their freshman year at a NCAA Division I school, one who closed out her freshman campaign at a NJCAA Division I institution, 11 who finished their high school campaigns this year and one athlete who has one year of high school eligibility remaining.

Standing 6-5, Pitt's Shawnice "Pepper" Wilson tops out as the tallest athlete, while Texas A&M's Sydney Carter lists as the shortest at 5-6. Samantha Prahalis, born on Jan. 23, 1990, is the oldest and Samarie Walker, born on Sept. 15, 1992, is the youngest.

Return to USA Basketball

Eleven athletes at this weekend's trials have prior experience in a USA Basketball uniform. **Kelsey Bone, Sarah Boothe, Skylar Diggins, Kelly Faris, Nneka Ogwumike, Samantha Prahalis** and **Nikki Speed** helped the U.S. qualify for this year's U19 Worlds by claiming the gold medal at the 2008 FIBA Americas U18 Championship, and will return in an attempt to make this summer's roster.

In addition to the seven returning 2008 USA U18 National Team athletes, **Taylor Hill, Tierra Ruffin-Pratt, Chay Shegog** and **Markel Walker** all participated in the 2008 USA Basketball U18 National Team Trials.

Further, 10 athletes got their start with USA Basketball at the 2007 USA Youth Development Festival. Bone, Diggins and Prahalis teamed up on the USA White Team to post a perfect 5-0 mark and earn the gold medal; Faris and Shegog aided the USA Blue Team to the silver medal and a 2-3 record; while Boothe, Hill, Ogwumike, Ruffin-Pratt and Speed were members of the USA Red Team that closed the tournament with a 3-2 slate and the bronze medal.

One Time ... At Band Camp

In past years USA Basketball was practically able to field an orchestra with the musical talents of trials participants. However, this year's group won't make up a very big band as only three claimed to be able to play musical instruments. **Nneka Ogwumike** and **Pepper Wilson** both play the piano and **Destiny Williams** can play the clarinet.



The 2008 USA Basketball Women's U18 National Team blew out opponents by nearly 50 points a game en route to a 5-0 record, the 2008 FIBA Americas U18 Championship gold medal and a berth for the United States to the 2009 FIBA U19 World Championship.

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• USA U19 Trials Notes

Rookie Standouts

Twelve athletes listed among their conference all-freshman squads following the 2008-09 season, including **LaSondra Barrett** and **C'eira Ricketts**, who shared the Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year award; **Samantha Prahalis**, the Big Ten Conference Freshman of the Year; and **Da'Shena Stevens**, the Big East Conference Freshman of the Year.

Also named to their respective all-freshman teams were: **Shay Chegog** and **Shenise Johnson** in the Atlantic Coast Conference; **Sydney Carter** and **Kierra Mallard** in the Big 12 Conference; **Nneka Ogwumike** in the Pacific-10 Conference; while Stevens, the only unanimous selection in the Big East Conference, was joined on the Big East All-Freshman Team by **Keisha Hampton** and **Pepper Wilson**.

Prep Sensations

All 12 high school athletes earned 2009 All-America accolades, including **Skylar Diggins**, the 2009 Gatorade National Player of the Year and 2009 Gatorade Indiana Player of the Year. Below is a listing of all their accolades.

McDonald's High School All-Americans

Kelsey Bone, Skylar Diggins, Kelly Faris, Tayler Hill, Tierra Ruffin-Pratt, Taber Spani, Markel Walker, Destiny Williams.

WBCA High School All-Americans

Kelsey Bone, Layshia Clarendon, Skylar Diggins, Nikki Greene, Tayler Hill, Tierra Ruffin-Pratt, Taber Spani, Markel Walker and Destiny Williams.

Gatorade Players of the Year

Skylar Diggins	National & Indiana
Tayler Hill	Minnesota
Lindsey Moore	Washington
Taber Spani	Kansas
Tierra Ruffin-Pratt	Virginia
Destiny Williams	Michigan

USA Today All-USA

First Team: Kelsey Bone, Skylar Diggins, Tayler Hill
Second Team: Kelly Faris, Tierra Ruffin-Pratt

Parade Magazine All-Americans

First Team: Kelsey Bone, Skylar Diggins, Kelly Faris, Tayler Hill, Tierra Ruffin-Pratt, Markel Walker
Second Team: Taber Spani, Destiny Williams
Third Team: Lindsey Moore, Samarie Walker
Fourth Team: Layshia Clarendon

Represent

Gulf Coast Community College's **Andrea Smith** is the lone NJCAA representative at trials. However, don't discount her lack of D1 experience. Smith earned a slew of honors as a freshman at GCCC, including being named to the 2009 State Farm/WBCA Junior College/Community College All-America Team and was also tabbed a 2009 NJCAA All-American.

Experience Counts

Seven athletes who helped the U.S. earn its berth to the 2009 FIBA U19 World Championship return this weekend to try and get their tickets punched to Thailand. Kelsey Bone, Sara Boothe, Skylar Diggins, Kelly Faris, Nneka Ogwumike, Samantha Prahalis and Nikki Speed were on the 12-member team that went 5-0 to capture the gold medal at the 2008 FIBA Americas U18 Championship. For a more in-depth look at last summer's USA U18 squad, see pages 44-45.

2008 USA U18 National Team Statistics

NAME	G/S	FGM-FGA	PCT	3PM-3PA	PCT	FTM-FTA	PCT	REB/AVG	PTS/AVG	AST	BLK	STL
Nneka Ogwumike	5/5	27- 40	.675	0- 1	.000	9- 18	.500	40/ 8.0	63/ 12.6	4	1	8
Skylar Diggins	5/5	22- 44	.500	4- 13	.308	6- 9	.667	16/ 3.2	54/ 10.8	18	0	10
Kelsey Bone	5/5	20- 48	.417	0- 0	---	13- 24	.542	33/ 6.6	53/ 10.6	4	5	1
Nikki Speed	5/0	13- 29	.448	1- 7	.143	5- 7	.714	9/ 1.8	32/ 6.4	12	1	4
Sarah Boothe	5/0	15- 28	.536	0- 0	---	1- 4	.250	18/ 3.6	31/ 6.2	5	4	0
Samantha Prahalis	5/0	10- 23	.435	1- 3	.333	10- 13	.769	10/ 2.0	31/ 6.2	17	0	10
Kelly Faris	5/0	9- 20	.450	4- 7	.571	1- 4	.250	20/ 4.0	23/ 4.6	17	2	8
USA TOTALS	5	184-371	.496	21- 65	.323	88-147	.599	280/56.0	477/ 95.4	116	24	73
OPP. TOTALS	5	77-311	.248	17-116	.147	58-101	.574	127/25.4	229/ 45.8	45	11	50

2008 USA U18 National Team Results

DATE	OPPONENT	W / L	SCORE	LEADING SCORER	LEADING REBOUNDER	LEADING ASSISTS
July 23	Venezuela	W	112-49	Bone / Kizer - 13	Brewer - 9	Prahalis - 7
July 24	Canada	W	72-56	Stricklen - 13	Bone - 9	Corral - 5
July 25	Puerto Rico	W	116-36	Corral - 16	Brewer - 11	Faris - 6
July 26	Brazil	W	96-51	Diggins / Ogwumike - 13	Ogwumike - 8	Tinkle - 4
July 27	Argentina	W	81-37	Ogwumike - 20	Ogwumike - 15	Corral / Diggins - 4

2009 FIBA U19 World Championship Schedule

Preliminary Round Pools

Group A

Argentina
Australia
France
South Korea

Group B

Brazil
Czech Republic
Lithuania
Thailand

Group C

Canada
Japan
Russia
Tunisia

Group D

China
Mali
Spain
USA

Preliminary Round

Thursday, July 23

	<u>Gym 1</u>	<u>Gym 2</u>
11:30 a.m.	France - South Korea	-
12:00 p.m.	-	Tunisia - Japan
1:45 p.m.	Argentina - Australia	-
2:15 p.m.	-	Russia - Canada
4:30 p.m.	-	Spain - USA
5:00 p.m.	Thailand - Brazil	-
7:30 p.m.	-	China - Mali
7:45 p.m.	Czech Republic - Lithuania	

Friday, July 24

	<u>Gym 1</u>	<u>Gym 2</u>
1:00 p.m.	Australia - France	Canada - Tunisia
3:15 p.m.	S. Korea - Argentina	Japan - Russia
5:30 p.m.	Lithuania - Thailand	Mali - Spain
7:45 p.m.	Brazil - Czech Republic	USA - China

Saturday, July 25

	<u>Gym 1</u>	<u>Gym 2</u>
1:00 p.m.	France - Argentina	Tunisia - Russia
3:15 p.m.	Australia - South Korea	Canada - Japan
5:30 p.m.	Thailand - Czech Republic	Spain - China
7:45 p.m.	Lithuania - Brazil	Mali - USA

Second Round

The top three finishing teams in Group A and Group B will advance to Second Round Group E, while the top three finishing teams in Groups C and Group D advanced to Second Round Group F. Each team will then play the three new teams in its group with results from first round play also used to determine second round standings. The teams placed fourth in each group will play for 13th-16th places.

Group E	Group F
A1	C1
A2	C2
A3	C3
B1	D1
B2	D2
B3	D3

Monday, July 27

	<u>Group E (Gym 1)</u>	<u>Group F (Gym 2)</u>
3:15 p.m.	B2 - A2	D2 - C2
5:30 p.m.	B3 - A1	D3 - C1
7:45 p.m.	B1 - A3	D1 - C3

13th-16th Classification Semifinals:

1:00 p.m.	A4-B4 (Gym 1)
1:00 p.m.	C4-D4 (Gym 2)

Tuesday, July 28

	<u>Group E (Gym 1)</u>	<u>Group F (Gym 2)</u>
3:15 p.m.	A3 - B3	C3 - D3
5:30 p.m.	A1 - B2	C1 - D2
7:45 p.m.	A2 - B1	C2 - D1

13th-16th Classification Finals:

1:00 p.m.	15th/16th Place: A4/B4 losers - C4/D4 losers (Gym 1)
1:00 p.m.	13th/14th Place: A4/B4 winners - C4/D4 winners (Gym 2)

Wednesday, July 29

	<u>Group E (Gym 1)</u>	<u>Group F (Gym 2)</u>
1:00 p.m.	B2 - A3	D2 - C3
3:15 p.m.	B3 - A2	D3 - C2
5:30 p.m.	B1 - A1	D1 - C1

Quarterfinals

The top four finishing teams from each second round group will advance to the quarterfinals, while the 5th and 6th placed teams will compete for 9th-12th places.

Friday, July 31

Medal Quarterfinals (Gym 1)

1:00 p.m.	E1 - F4
3:15 p.m.	E3 - F2
5:30 p.m.	E2 - F3
7:45 p.m.	E4 - F1

9th-12th Classification Semifinals (Gym 2)

1:00 p.m.	E5-F6
3:15 p.m.	E6-F5

Semifinals

Saturday, August 1

Medal Semifinals (Gym 1)

5:30 p.m.	E1/F4 winners - E3/F2 winners
7:45 p.m.	E2/F3 winners - E4/F1 winners

5th-8th Classification Semifinals (Gym 1)

1:00 p.m.	E1/F4 losers - E3/F2 losers
3:30 p.m.	E2/F3 losers - E4/F1 losers

9th-12th Classification Finals (Gym 2)

1:00 p.m.	11th/12th Place: 9th-12th Class. Semis losers
3:15 p.m.	9th/10th Place: 9th-12th Class. Semis winners

Finals

Sunday, August 2 (Gym 1)

11:15 a.m.	7th/8th Place Game: 5th-8th Class. Semis losers
1:30 p.m.	5th/6th Place Game: 5th-8th Class. Semis winners
3:45 p.m.	Bronze Medal Game: Medal Semifinals losers
6:00 p.m.	Gold Medal Game: Medal Semifinals winners

NOTES:

- Order of games are subject to change.
- All games will be played in two gyms within the Bangkok Thai-Japan Youth Center.
- Game times listed are local, Bangkok is +11 hours from EDT.

2009 USA Basketball U19 Women's National Team Trials

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Carol Owens



2009 USA U19 World Championship Team Head Coach

Back after leading the USA to gold at the 2008 FIBA Americas U18 Championship, Northern Illinois University head coach Carol Owens was named the head coach of the 2009 USA Basketball Women's U19 World Championship Team coaching staff on April 23, 2009.

"I'm really excited," said Owens. "I had an opportunity to be an assistant with the last U19 team and Doug Bruno and I had an awesome experience. The competition is really good and it'll be a tough road for us, but I'm really looking forward to this challenge. I know we're going to have a very good team and be ready to compete. All in all, I'm really excited and honored to be coaching the U19 team."

"I feel very fortunate to be able to work with both Bill Fennelly and Amanda Butler," continued Owens. "Bill and I worked together last summer and he was a huge help. His knowledge and experience in the game that he brought to the team, the input that he gave, really helped me. The addition of Amanda Butler, I know she's going to be huge. I know she's excited; I'm excited. I've watched her coach her team at Florida and I've heard a lot of great things about her and I'm really excited to be working with both of them. I think we have a great staff."

Owens returns for her fourth USA Basketball stint, having served as head coach for the 2008 USA U18 National Team that went 5-0, captured the gold medal at the 2008 FIBA Americas U18 Championship and qualified the U.S. for this summer's competition. Previously she was an assistant coach to DePaul University's Doug Bruno and the 2006 USA U18 National Team and 2007 USA U19 World Championship Team, both of which compiled unblemished records en route to gold medals.

The 2008 USA Basketball Developmental Coach of the Year, Owens assisted the USA Women's U18 National Team to a perfect 4-0 record and gold medal at the 2006

FIBA Americas U18 Championship in Colorado Springs, Colo. That first place finish qualified the USA to compete in the 2007 U19 FIBA World Championship, where she was again an assistant. The 2007 USA U19 women compiled a 9-0 tally and collected the gold medal at the World Championship in Bratislava, Slovakia. Her first USA Basketball head coaching assignment came the following summer with the 2008 USA U18 National Team.

Owens donned a USA Basketball jersey as a 1989 USA Basketball Women's National Team Trials participant and as co-captain of the North squad that captured the silver medal at the 1986 U.S. Olympic Festival.

The 2008-09 season, during which the Huskies posted a 15-15 record, marked Owens' fourth season (2005-06 to present) at Northern Illinois, where she has compiled a career record of 56-62.

In 2006-07, Owens led Northern Illinois to the program's best season since 2001-02, posting a 19-12 tally overall and an 8-8 slate in Mid-American Conference (MAC) play.

In her first season as head coach at Northern Illinois, 2005-06, Owens led her squad to a 12-17 overall record and 7-9 for league play, improvements on the previous year's 7-21 and 4-12 records.

Prior to arriving at NIU, Owens spent 10 seasons (1995-96 through 2004-05) as an assistant at the University of Notre Dame. Owens helped coach five Fighting Irish players who went on to gain USA Basketball experience, including 2004 Olympic gold medalist Ruth Riley. Owens helped Notre Dame reach 10 NCAA Tournaments, six Sweet Sixteens, two Final Fours and the program's first national championship in 2001. During her tenure, Notre Dame compiled a record of 252-75 (.771 winning percentage).

As a player at Northern Illinois, Owens was a member of the team that gained the school's first NCAA Tournament berth in 1990. The first male or female in school history to reach the 2,000 career point/1,000



Carol Owens

career rebound mark, Owens was MVP of a team that won the North Star Conference (NSC) regular season championship and advanced to the 1990 NCAA Tournament second round.

Owens was a two-time Kodak District Four All-American (1989 and 1990), a United States Basketball Writers Association District Four All-American (1990), the North Star Player of the Year (1990), a three-year All-NSC first team pick (1988-90) and a three-time Huskie captain.

She graduated with 13 school records, including career highs for points (2,102), field goals made (818), blocked shots (244); a single-season record for steals (86); and single-game records for points (41), field goals made (16), field goal percentage (.917), steals (11) and blocked shots (7).

Owens was enshrined into the Northern Illinois University Athletics Hall of Fame in 1995 and the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2001. She played professional basketball overseas from 1990 through 1993 in Japan, Spain and Italy.

Carol Owens Coaching Synopsis

USA Basketball history

Team	Position	W-L	PCT	Medal
2008 USA U18 National Team	Head Coach	5-0	1.000	Gold
2007 USA U19 World Championship Team	Assistant Coach	9-0	1.000	Gold
2006 USA U18 National Team	Assistant Coach	4-0	1.000	Gold
Totals		18-0	1.000	3 Golds

Collegiate history

Season	Team	Position	W-L	PCT	Notes
2008-09	Northern Illinois	Head Coach	15- 15	.500	--
2007-08	Northern Illinois	Head Coach	10- 18	.357	--
2006-07	Northern Illinois	Head Coach	19- 12	.612	MAC Tournament Semifinals
2005-06	Northern Illinois	Head Coach	12- 17	.414	MAC Tournament Quarterfinals
2004-05	Notre Dame	Assistant Coach	27- 6	.818	NCAA Second Round
2003-04	Notre Dame	Assistant Coach	21- 11	.656	NCAA Sweet 16
2002-03	Notre Dame	Assistant Coach	21- 11	.656	NCAA Sweet 16
2001-02	Notre Dame	Assistant Coach	20- 10	.667	NCAA Second Round
2000-01	Notre Dame	Assistant Coach	34- 2	.944	NCAA National Champion
1999-00	Notre Dame	Assistant Coach	27- 5	.844	NCAA Sweet 16
1998-99	Notre Dame	Assistant Coach	26- 5	.839	NCAA Second Round
1997-98	Notre Dame	Assistant Coach	22- 10	.688	NCAA Sweet 16
1996-97	Notre Dame	Assistant Coach	31- 7	.816	NCAA Final Four
1995-96	Notre Dame	Assistant Coach	23- 8	.742	NCAA Second Round
Head Coach Totals			56- 62	.475	
Overall Totals			308-137	.683	

USA Basketball Athlete history

Team	W-L	PCT	Medal
1986 U.S. Olympic Festival North Team	1-3	.250	Silver

Amanda Butler



2009 USA U19 World Championship Team Assistant Coach

University of Florida head coach Amanda Butler was named on April 23, 2009 to her first USA Basketball coaching staff as an assistant to the 2009 USA U19 World Championship Team.

"It's an overwhelming honor just to be considered and to be in that conversation of possibilities and to actually be selected, for me it's staggering," said Butler. "It's something I'm very excited about and something I'm looking forward to. I'm going to put every ounce of energy and effort I can into it in making sure we handle our business.

Having recently concluded her second season as Florida's head coach, Butler made an immediate impact on her alma mater, inheriting a program that won just nine games in the season prior to her arrival. In 2007-08, her first season at Florida's helm, Butler guided the Gators to a 19-14 mark and the WNIT Round of Sixteen. Not only was it one of the biggest turnarounds of the year nationally, the 19 victories tied as the most wins posted by a first-year Florida coach in program history.

In 2008-09, Butler continued on her quest to return Florida to a powerhouse program and piloted the Gators to a 24-8 slate and the NCAA Tournament, falling to eventual champion University of Connecticut in the second round.

A four-year letterwinner (1990-91 through 1993-94) and two-year assistant coach (1995-96 and 1996-97) for the Gators, Butler circled back to Gainesville after stints at Austin Peay State University (1997-98 through 2000-01) and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (2001-02 through 2005-06).

Butler started at Charlotte in 2001-02 as an assistant coach for two seasons before being elevated to associate head coach for two years. She took over the 49er program in 2005-06 and in her first year as head coach posted a 21-9 record, led the team to a share of the Atlantic 10 Conference regular season title and earned a spot in

2006 WNIT. For her efforts, Butler was awarded the A-10 Conference Coach of the Year award. In her second year at the 49ers' helm, Butler led her squad to a 19-13 mark and the 2007 WNIT second round.

In all, as a head coach Butler has accumulated an overall record of 83-44 for a 65.4 winning percentage and advanced teams to postseason play in each of her four years.

As an assistant coach with Florida, Butler aided teams to the 1996 NCAA Tournament and 1997 NCAA Elite Eight as the Gators posted a 45-18 record (.714 winning percentage) during her two-year span.

During her four years at Austin Peay, Butler helped coach the program to its first NCAA appearance and first Ohio Valley Conference Tournament title since 1996.

Following two rebuilding years, Austin Peay in 1999-2000 posted a 15-15 mark before the 2001-02 team went 17-14, earned the OVC Tournament crown and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

Moving to Charlotte, Butler in three of her four seasons as an assistant aided the 49ers to postseason berths, including the 2004 and 2005 WNIT and the 2003 NCAA Tournament. Additionally, the 2002-03 Charlotte squad captured the Conference USA regular season title.



Bill Fennelly



2009 USA U19 World Championship Team Assistant Coach

USA Basketball on April 23, 2009, announced that Iowa State University head coach Bill Fennelly would return this summer as an assistant coach for the 2009 USA U19 World Championship Team.

An assistant on last summer's USA U18 National Team staff, this marks Fennelly's second USA Basketball assignment.

"Professionally, to represent USA Basketball and Iowa State University is as good as it gets," said Fennelly. "I am honored and humbled to again have the opportunity to coach with USA Basketball at the U19 World Championship."

Fennelly has spent 14 seasons (1995-96 to present) as head women's basketball coach at Iowa State, where he has compiled a 307-141 record (.685 winning percentage) and led the Cyclones to 12 postseason tournaments. Most recently Fennelly piloted the Cyclones to a 27-9 mark and the 2009 Elite Eight for the second time in school history. The 27 victories also tied the program's record for number of wins as Fennelly posted his ninth 20-win season in Ames.

Including seven seasons (1988-89 to 1994-95) as the head mentor at The University of Toledo (Ohio), Fennelly owns 21 seasons as a collegiate head coach. He has tallied a career slate of 473-194, and his 70.9 winning percentage ranks among the top 25 active winningest Division I coaches. In a combined 21 seasons at Iowa State and Toledo, Fennelly has posted a 20-win season 15 times.

In his first year at Iowa State in 1995-96, Fennelly took over a program that had recorded just five winning seasons in its 22-year history. He has since led the Cyclones to 10 NCAA Tournaments, including the 2009 and 1999 NCAA Elite Eight, the Sweet Sixteen in 2000 and 2001 and the second round in 1998, 2002, 2007 and 2008. Additionally, he led his team to the Women's National Invitational Tournament Final Four in

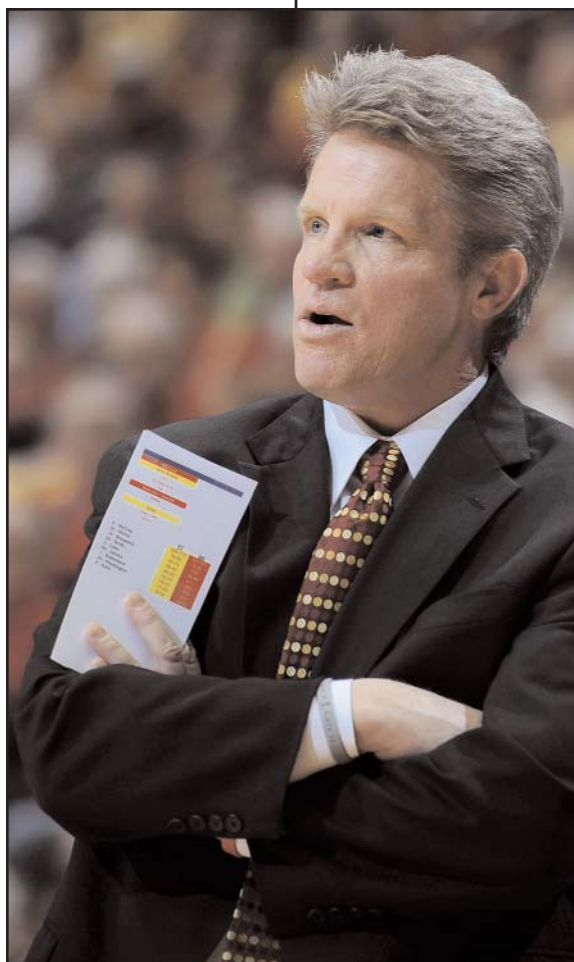
2004 and the WNIT second round in 2006.

Fennelly is a three-time finalist for the Naismith Coach of the Year Award (2001, 2002 and 2005), and his peers have twice voted him WBCA District 5 Coach of the Year (1999 and 2005).

His 15 seasons with the Cyclones are highlighted by the only two Big 12 Tournament titles in school history, captured in 2000 and 2001, and the program's best record of 27-6, also recorded in 1999-00 and 2000-01.

Fennelly came to ISU from Toledo, where he compiled a seven-year record of 166-53 (.758). His list of accomplishments at Toledo include six 20-plus win seasons and six postseason tournament berths. He guided the Rockets to three NCAA Tournament appearances, as well as second, third and fifth place finishes in the WNIT. In 2003, he was inducted into the Toledo Varsity "T" Hall of Fame.

A native of Davenport, Iowa, Fennelly accumulated 12 years of collegiate experience as an assistant coach prior to accepting his first head coaching position, including positions at his alma mater William Penn College (1976-77 through 1980-81), Fresno State University (1981-82 through 1985-86) and the University of Notre Dame (1986-87 and 1987-88).



• Russ Davis, Vanguard University

This marks Vanguard University's (Calif.) Russ Davis' second coaching assignment with USA Basketball, as he previously was a court coach for the 2005 Women's Junior National Team Trials. Davis is coming off a 31-4 season with Vanguard that included his sixth Golden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) championship in the past seven seasons and a trip to the NAIA quarterfinals. Vanguard also won the GSAC postseason tournament and Davis was named GSAC Coach of the Year and the NAIA National Coach of the Year.

"I am honored to participate again with USA Basketball," Davis said. "It is great to be a part of such a great organization and to get to work with the best women's college basketball players in the country."

In 2007-08 Davis had his best year yet, reaching his fourth NAIA Final Four and winning the 2008 NAIA national championship. Vanguard finished the season 29-5, finished second in the GSAC regular season and tournament, and Davis was named the 2008 NAIA Phyllis Holmes Coach of the Year.

In his 13 years (1996-97 to present) as head coach at Vanguard, Davis has compiled a 349-86 overall record (.802 winning percentage) and won nine GSAC titles. He has been named GSAC Coach of the Year six times, was the Russell Athletic/Women's Basketball Coaching Association (WBCA) NAIA Coach of the Year in 2005, and the Russell Athletic/WBCA West Region Coach of the Year in 2006. He was also named the 2007 NAIA National Coach of Character.

After serving as an assistant men's basketball coach at Woodbridge High School (Calif.) from 1982-83 through 1990-91, Davis was named head coach of Woodbridge's women's team in 1991. In his first year as head coach, Davis earned the California Interscholastic Federation State Division II and Orange County Register Coach of the Year honors. Davis moved onto Estancia High School (Calif.), where he remained until he joined Vanguard as an assistant coach in 1995-96.

Davis serves as First Vice President for the NAIA on the WBCA Board of Directors and is a member of the NAIA Women's Basketball National Tournament Committee. He is also on the Kodak Women's Basketball All-America Committee.



• Sharon Thompson, East Mississippi Community College

East Mississippi Community College's Sharon Thompson enters her first selection as a USA Basketball trials coach after completing her fourth season (2004-05 to present) with East Mississippi Community College (EMCC), where she guided her team to a 25-7 record and a NJCAA Region 23 Tournament crown. Thompson was honored as the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) Women's Basketball Coach of the Year as EMCC made the NJCAA Division I Tournament for the first time since 1978.

"It is an incredible honor and privilege to be invited to work with such a prestigious organization as USA Basketball," Thompson said. "I see this as a great learning experience and an opportunity to better myself as a young coach. Working with USA Basketball will be an experience that I will never forget."

Prior to being named head coach, Thompson completed a four-year stint (2000-01 through 2003-04) as assistant coach at EMCC. She was promoted to her current position in 2004.

Thompson graduated from Mississippi State, where she was a four-year starter (1994-95 to 1997-98) for the Lady Bulldogs. Thompson capped her MSU career as an All-Southeastern Conference (SEC) first team recipient in 1997-98, and in 2005 was selected into the SEC Greats Program for her playing contributions at Mississippi State.

The Geiger, Ala., native went on to play professionally in the American Basketball League and the Italian Basketball League. Thompson earned her master's degree in physical education from the University of West Alabama in 2003.

