



2010 FIBA OCEANIA YOUTH TOURNAMENT

To be held in Noumea, New Caledonia
Saturday 30th October – Sunday 7th November 2010

*For male and female players 19 years and under
(Players born 1st January 1991 or later)*



Dear Friends,

It is with pleasure that the New Caledonia Basketball Federation and FIBA Oceania extend an invitation to all federations in the zone to complete their expression of interest form for the 8th FIBA Oceania Youth Tournament. The Youth Tournament has grown to be the most important junior event on our calendar, providing international competition, social interaction and cultural education for our federation members. It also provides an opportunity for the island federations to compete against Australia and New Zealand.

Because of the large financial responsibility placed on the host federation, only 8 male and 8 female teams will be accepted into the tournament. As host nation, New Caledonia men's and women's team gain automatic entry into the tournament, as does Australia and New Zealand. This leaves 5 spots for Pacific Island Basketball Federations.

Federation representatives are asked to read the following information to ensure they understand their commitment to the tournament, the selection process for teams, and the timelines for completion of documentation.

Communication with the FIBA Oceania Office:

To ensure the smooth administration on the tournament, please address all matters relating to the Youth Tournament to Judy Smith, in the FIBA Oceania office.

Judy's email address is: judy@fibaoceania.com Fax number is: +61 2 66 58 6114

Photos from the 2008 Youth Tournament in Guam



Important Information for all Federations:

Dates:

- The 2010 Oceania Youth Tournament will be conducted in Noumea, New Caledonia from Saturday 30th October to Sunday 7th November. The village opens on Saturday 30th October, competition games commence on Sunday 31st October, the finals will be held on Saturday 6th November, and the village closes on Sunday 7th November. Teams must be in New Caledonia on or by 30th October.

Age Category:

- This tournament is for male and female players aged 19 years and under in 2010. This means players must be born 1st January 1991 or after.

Finances:

- Federations are responsible for the bond and their international flights to & from New Caledonia.
- The refundable entry bond is **\$500.00AUD per team** and must be paid into the FIBA Oceania account by **31st March 2010**. ***Special conditions apply to Fiji, Palau and Tahiti*
 - If more than 16 teams apply to enter the competition, those federations who miss out will have their bond refunded.
 - For those teams who are accepted into the Youth Tournament, the bond will be returned to each federation following the tournament if all team commitments have been met, including bringing a suitably qualified referee per team. At the conclusion of the tournament staff will inspect the accommodation venues. Team bonds will not be returned if damage has been done to, or property stolen from, the accommodation or playing venue.
 - Referees must either be FIBA Oceania badge standard, or Level 2 accredited. Referee names must be sent to the FIBA Oceania for approval.
 - Teams which are accepted into the tournament, but do not attend the tournament will lose their bond and furthermore will have the bond doubled for entry into the next Oceania senior or junior tournament.

Internal Travel Costs:

- The New Caledonia Basketball Federation **is responsible for** the following transport costs of teams:
 - To and from the Noumea International airport and the Athlete Village
 - To and from official training (but not private training that teams might arrange)
 - To and from official tournament games
 - To and from official tournament clinics and education seminars
- The New Caledonia Basketball Federation is **not responsible** for:
 - International travel to and from Noumea, New Caledonia
 - Travel to social events, church services or shopping excursions arranged by teams

Accommodation:

- The New Caledonia Basketball Federation **is responsible** for the accommodation and meal costs of:
 - 10 players, 1 coach, 1 manager and 1 referee per team. Maximum of 13 people.
 - One Head of Delegation per federation, where the federation has a men's & women's team.
 - The Athlete Village opens on Saturday 30th October and closes on Sunday 7th November.
 - Teams should book their travel to arrive on 30th October and to depart on 7th November. If teams need to arrive earlier or depart later, the additional accommodation and meal costs will be the responsibility of the visiting Federation, not the New Caledonian Federation.

Education Clinics:

- This tournament provides one of the best opportunities for FIBA Oceania to conduct education sessions with elite junior players and their coaches and referees. With 160 elite players, 32 coaches, 32 managers and 32 referees in attendance at Noumea, courses will again be conducted in player skill development, coach education, referee education, manager education, fitness testing and drug education. Additionally, the highly successful cultural performance will be a feature of the 2010 event.

All Star Program:

- From the participants at the Youth Tournament, the best 10 male and best 10 female players, along with 2 coaches, 2 managers and 2 referees will be selected to represent Oceania in the All Star team, which will compete in the Australian Under 20 National Championships in February 2011. Australian and New Zealand players are not eligible for Oceania All Star selection.

Nomination Process:

- Only 8 men's and 8 women's teams can be accepted into the Oceania Youth tournament.
- To nominate for the competition, federations are required to complete and return the attached "**Expression of Interest**" form by **26th February 2010** **AND**
- Have paid their team entry bond of \$500.00 AUD per team by **31st March 2010**. ***Special conditions apply to Fiji, Palau and Tahiti*

Selection of teams:

- If more than 16 teams return their expression of interest form and pay their entry bond by the due date, the following criteria will be used to determine the final 16 teams:
 - New Caledonia, Australia and New Zealand gain first entry.
 - Federation record of previous participation in FIBA Oceania senior and junior events.
 - Nomination of both a men's and women's team for the Youth Tournament.
 - The standard, number and regularity of basketball competitions in the federation.
 - The use of FIBA Organizer and the website to administer basketball in the federation.

Payment of team bond:

- The bond must be paid into the FIBA Oceania account by **Wednesday 31st March 2010**. Federations who do not pay their bond by this date will not be accepted into the tournament.

The FIBA Oceania bank account details are:

Account Name: FIBA Oceania Incorporated
Account Number: 700364
Bank BSB Number: 032 576
Bank Swift Code: WPACAU2S
Bank: Westpac Banking Corporation
Address: Harbour Drive, Coffs Harbour, NSW Australia 2450

Tournament Time Lines:

26th February 2010: **Expression of Interest forms** returned to the FIBA Oceania office.

31st March 2010: **Payment of Team bonds** into the FIBA Oceania account. \$500AUD per team. *Special conditions apply to Fiji, Palau and Tahiti*

Provide FIBA Oceania with the **names, email and fax contacts** for Head of Delegation, team coaches, referees and team managers.

16th April 2010: FIBA Oceania will announce the 16 teams selected for the tournament.

31st August 2010: Provide FIBA Oceania with a list of **20 players per team**. The final 10 players must come from this list. Provide FIBA Oceania with the **team travel itinerary**

30th September 2010: Provide FIBA Oceania with the **final list of 10 players per team, and staff**. FIBA eligibility rules will apply and federations will need to provide evidence of eligibility for those players who have not previously participated in a Youth Tournament.

Sat 30th October 2010: Athlete Village opens. Tournament Technical meeting.

Sun 31st October 2010: Opening ceremony and commencement of competition games.

Saturday 6th Nov 2010: Grand Final games and closing ceremony.

Sunday 7th Nov 2010: Athlete Village closes.