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OF GLOBAL BASKETBALL
DEVELOPMENT



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FOREWORDS

Basketball Without Borders is a strong example of our commitment to youth development and international collaboration. It also plays a key role in empowering FIBA's 212 National Federations across the world. It supports their development pathways, creates opportunities for players and coaches, and helps grow the game at all levels. Together with the NBA, we are proud to have built a global platform that connects communities and develops talent. We will continue to build on this impact in the years ahead.

Andreas Zagklis
FIBA Secretary General



The game of basketball has never been more global, and Basketball Without Borders has played a vital role in its growth. For 25 years, BWB has been a mainstay in identifying and developing the next generation of NBA and WNBA players from around the world, including some of our very best talent. And together with FIBA, we are committed to ensuring that this program continues to flourish as an elite training ground and platform for aspiring young players.

Adam Silver
NBA Commissioner

FIBA'S AND NBA'S FLAGSHIP DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Since 2001, Basketball Without Borders (BWB) has been the flagship global development and community outreach initiative of FIBA and the NBA. It was created to identify and elevate the world's most promising young players, also promoting values, community engagement and securing positive pathways in sport. What began as a single camp in Europe has grown into a worldwide platform connecting elite youth athletes with the highest levels of the game.

The inaugural camp was held in **TREVISO, ITALY**, involving **50 YOUNG PLAYERS (AGED 12–14)** from Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, North Macedonia, Slovenia, and Serbia & Montenegro. Deeply symbolic, it took place after the breakup of Yugoslavia and the subsequent conflicts. Basketball was used as a *common language* to promote unity, mutual respect, and reconciliation. NBA veterans from the former Yugoslavia, including **VLADE DIVAC** and **TONI KUKOC**, co-led the camp, helping to mentor these young athletes not just on basketball, but on values like leadership, peace, and healthy living.

From Dirk Nowitzki teaching footwork, Dikembe Mutombo leading community and youth outreach, to Yao Ming mentoring, the presence of stars past and present has been central to BWB's identity.



TONI KUKOC



DIRK NOWITZKI

BWB

STRUCTURE AND EVOLUTION

2001-2005

Early Phase

- Inaugural BWB camp held in Europe (2001), with program extended to Africa (2003), the Americas (2004) and Asia (2005).
- Camp formats varied across editions.
- First two BWBs were grassroots focused and reflected a much lower average age of participants.
- Ad-hoc selection processes.
- Data collection was partially available (awards, rosters, and follow-up participation).
- Comparisons with later phases challenging due to evolving approaches.

2006-2010

Transitioning to a Development Camp

- More structured scouting and selection.
- Clearer regional identity for every camp.
- Participation and success rates become more meaningful, but variations still high.
- Strong regional imbalances remain (camp frequencies for example).

2011-2015

Moving Towards Standardisation

- More uniform camp sizes and formats.
- Regular calendar by region emerges.
- Improved record-keeping (awards, rosters, follow-up).
- First steps towards integrated women's programming, with scope to further expand across all regions.
- Data becomes significantly more reliable for longitudinal analysis.
- First Global Camp held during 2015 NBA All-Star Weekend.
- Women's BWB camps introduced.

2016-2020

The Modern 'Development Camp' Era

- Strong scouting process across all regions.
- Formal follow-up mechanisms with National Federations and the NBA.
- More consistent camp sizes across regions.
- Development-oriented programming now fully embedded (life skills, performance testing).
- Participation distributions begin to stabilize.
- Success rates across regions become more comparable due to similar camp structures.

2021-2025

Top Development Camp, Full Parity Model

- Full implementation of men's and women's quotas (typically 30 boys and 30 girls per camp).
- Every continent hosts a men's and a women's camp annually.
- Two Global Camps established (40 boys, 40 girls).
- Strongest-ever scouting, selection and tracking systems.
- Near-identical regional percentages reflect deliberate design.

CELEBRATING BWB SUCCESS



GLOBAL REACH

84 **36**
Camps Countries

4'939
Total camp participants

79% **21%**
Boys Girls

Representing
152
National Federations



ELITE DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES

2'651
Players (61%) represented Youth
National Teams (YNT)

1'490
Players (34%) represented Senior
National Teams (SNT)

109
Players (3%) drafted
into the NBA

112
Players (3%) have
played in the NBA

23
Players (3%) drafted
into the WNBA

16
Players (2%) have
played in the WNBA



COACHING & MENTORSHIP

600+
NBA/WNBA players, coaches,
and legends involved.

Frequent mentors included
Dikembe Mutombo, Luol Deng,
Luc Mbah a Moute, Ruth Riley,
Bismack Biyombo,
Astou N'Diaye, Al Horford,
Ronny Turiaf, and
Danilo Gallinari.

Partnerships with NBA
coaches, FIBA experts, and
National Team coaches.



RAQUEL CARRERA
2018 BWB Global Women

A GLOBAL PROGRAM

CONNECTING THE WORLD THROUGH BASKETBALL

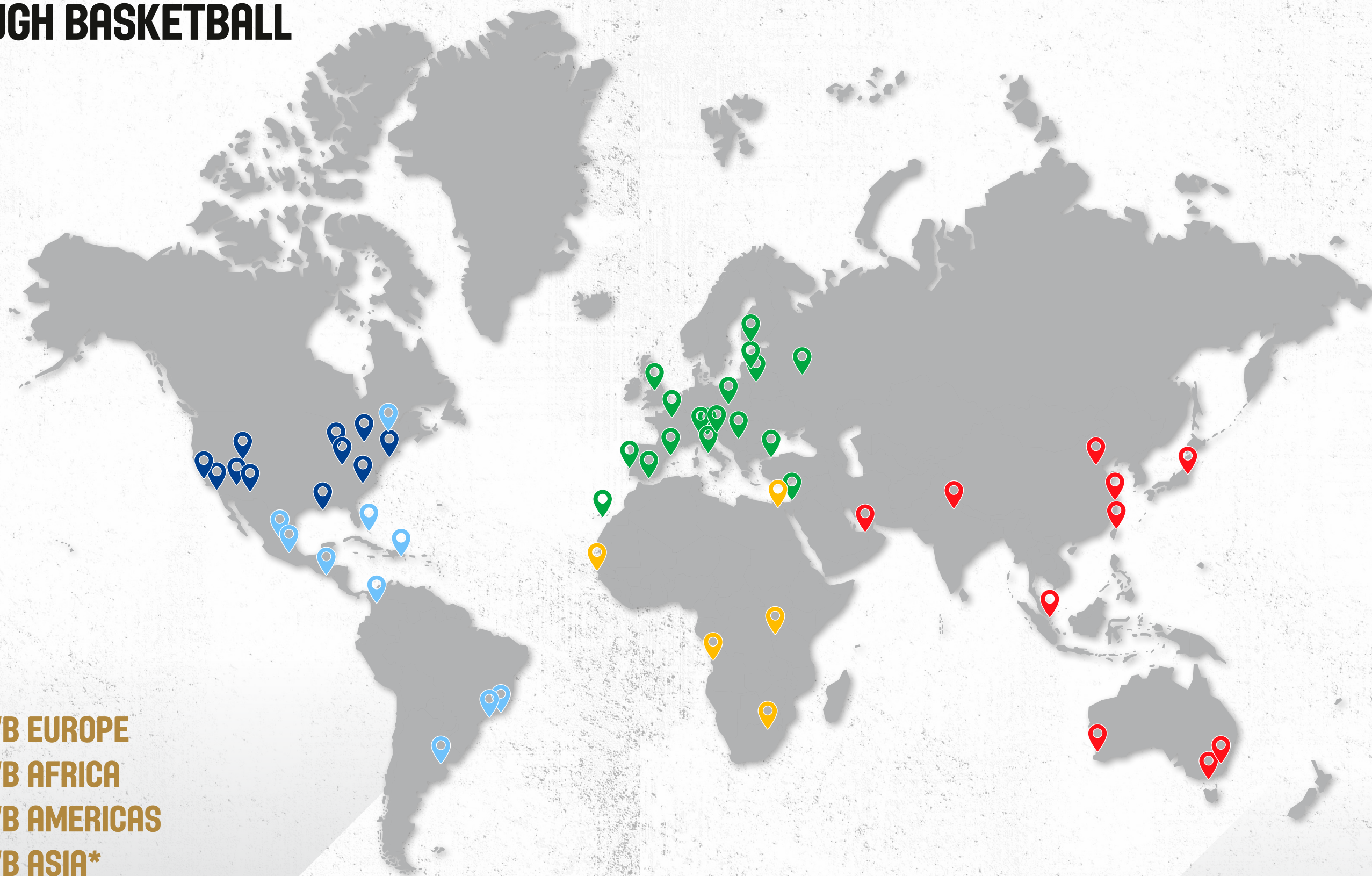
84
Camps

5
Continents

36
Countries

55
Cities

- BWB EUROPE
- BWB AFRICA
- BWB AMERICAS
- BWB ASIA*
- BWB GLOBAL (M/W)



*Asia is used throughout this publication to refer collectively to Asia and Oceania regions.

A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

PLAYERS FROM EVERY
CORNER OF THE WORLD



152
Nationalities



5
Continents

MOST REPRESENTED NATIONALITIES

200+
SENEGAL

150-200
SOUTH AFRICA, NIGERIA, AUSTRALIA

100-150
CANADA, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA,
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, ANGOLA,
CAMEROON, EGYPT



IMPACT ON NATIONAL TEAMS

BWB has strengthened National Federations by helping them identify, prepare, and elevate their most promising young athletes. Across all regions, BWB consistently develops players who not only represent Youth National Teams (YNT), but ultimately progress into Senior National Teams (SNT).

STRENGTHENING NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

- ➔ Earlier talent identification
- ➔ Benchmarking vs. top regional/global peers
- ➔ Elite coaching exposure
- ➔ Faster readiness for U16–U19 competitions
- ➔ Smooth pathway towards Senior NT selection



YOUTH NATIONAL TEAM PIPELINE

61%

of all BWB alumni have played for their YNT.

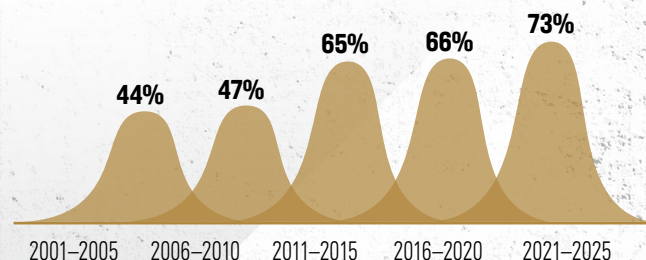
562

new YNT players identified through BWB.
In Europe, 67% of Europeans with no prior YNT caps played afterwards.

93%

of European alumni played for YNT –
this could be explained by Europe's deeper YNT structure
(U16/U18/U20 annually, 3 divisions).

YNT PARTICIPATION EVOLUTION



The quality of BWB talent has steadily increased.

TRANSITION TO SENIOR NATIONAL TEAMS

The clearest long-term indicator of BWB's impact is how many alumni play for Senior National Teams.



34%

of all of participants have played for their SNT:

MEN: 35%

WOMEN: 30%

Americas Camps (49%) Europe Camps (48%) and Global Camps (65%) have an even higher %.

FEDERATIONS BENEFITING THE MOST

IN VOLUME:

Argentina (57 SNT players), Senegal (53)

IN PROPORTION:

Uruguay (72% of campers from Uruguay),
Latvia (69%)



”

BWB is a key marker in development. It is often where a young talent proves they can compete at national team level.

Shinji WATANABE
Secretary General,
Japan Basketball Association

”

BWB challenged our next generation of athletes and gave them the guidance required to be ready for the next level.

Erika DY
Executive Director and Secretary General,
Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas



”

Facing elite competition and receiving top-level guidance helped our athletes bridge the gap to the senior game.

Kaspars CIPRUSS
Secretary General,
Latvian Basketball Association

”

BWB has played a key role in our player development, with several alumni now representing our Senior National Team. It has become a true pipeline for us.

Andrés PELUSSI
Sports Director,
Confederación Argentina de Basquetbol



RUI HACHIMURA
2016 BWB Global

IMPACT ON THE NBA

112 alumni have reached the NBA which represents 3% of all BWB participants—a remarkably high number given the global base. The impact on the NBA draft has also surged over time, with 6% participants from 2016–2020 being drafted. The Global Camp stands out as the clearest gateway, with 13% of its alumni drafted and 14% eventually playing in the NBA. The numbers for 2021–2025 remain lower as many participants from these years may still declare for the draft or reach the NBA in future years.

BWB IS A KEY REFERENCE FOR NBA SCOUTS

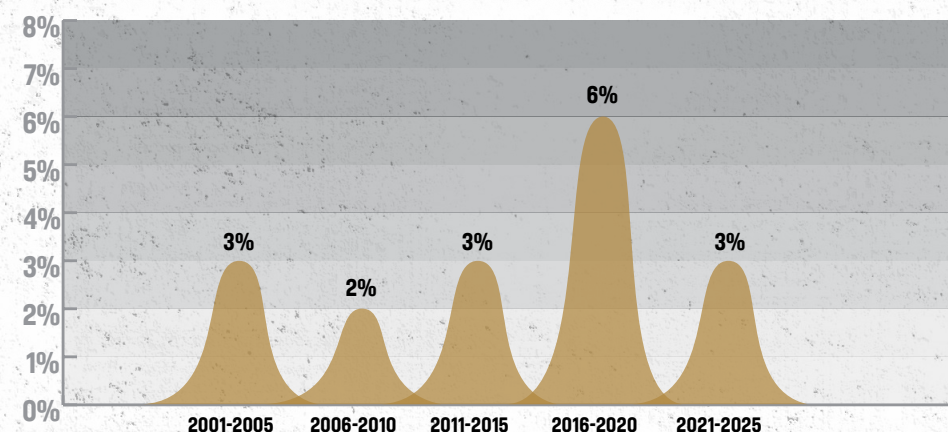
NBA DRAFT OUTCOMES

% OF BWB PLAYERS DRAFTED INTO THE NBA

OVERALL
3%

BWB + YOUTH NT
4%
If they played YNT they
have greater likelihood

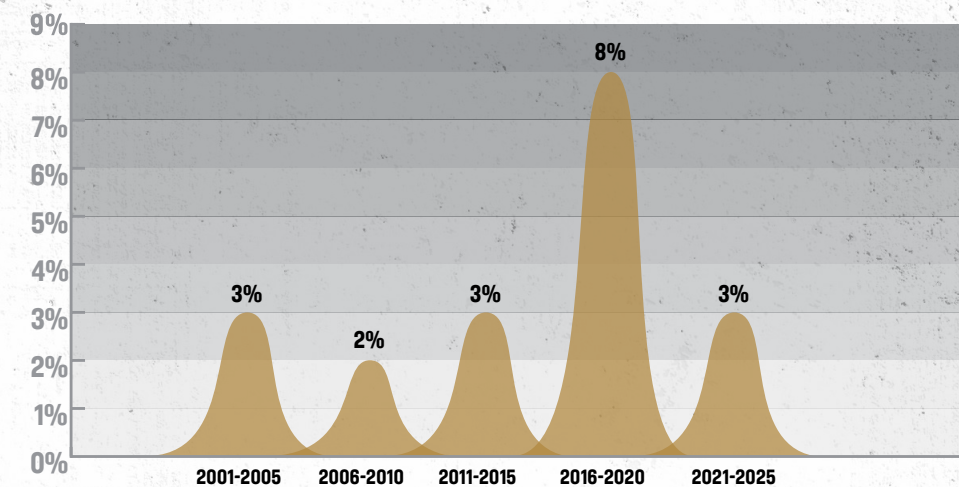
DRAFT TRENDS BY PERIOD



FIGURES FOR THE 2021-2025 PERIOD WILL INCREASE AS PLAYERS CAN STILL DECLARE FOR FUTURE NBA DRAFTS.

NBA PLAYERS FROM BWB OVER TIME

% OF BWB PLAYERS WHO PLAYED IN THE NBA

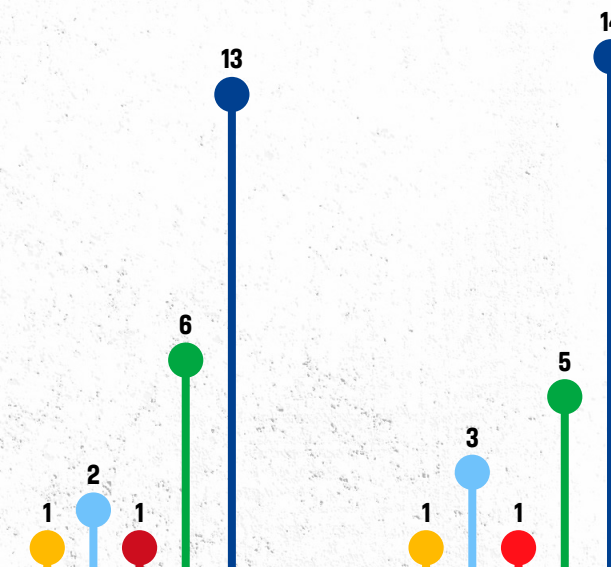


FIGURES FOR THE 2021-2025 PERIOD MAY INCREASE AS PLAYERS WILL ENTER THE NBA IN FUTURE SEASONS.

PLAYER PATHWAY

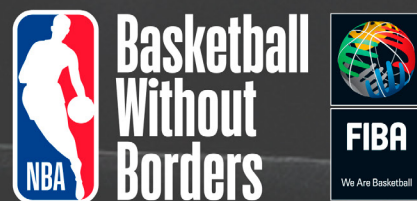
Camps that lead to being
drafted in the NBA
%

Camps that lead to
playing in the NBA
%



AFRICA
AMERICAS
ASIA
EUROPE
GLOBAL

GLOBAL CAMP =
THE ELITE PATHWAY



Basketball Without Borders Alumni

Active Players on NBA Rosters for Opening Night 2025-2026

● BWB Global ● BWB Asia ● BWB Africa ● BWB Americas ● BWB Europe

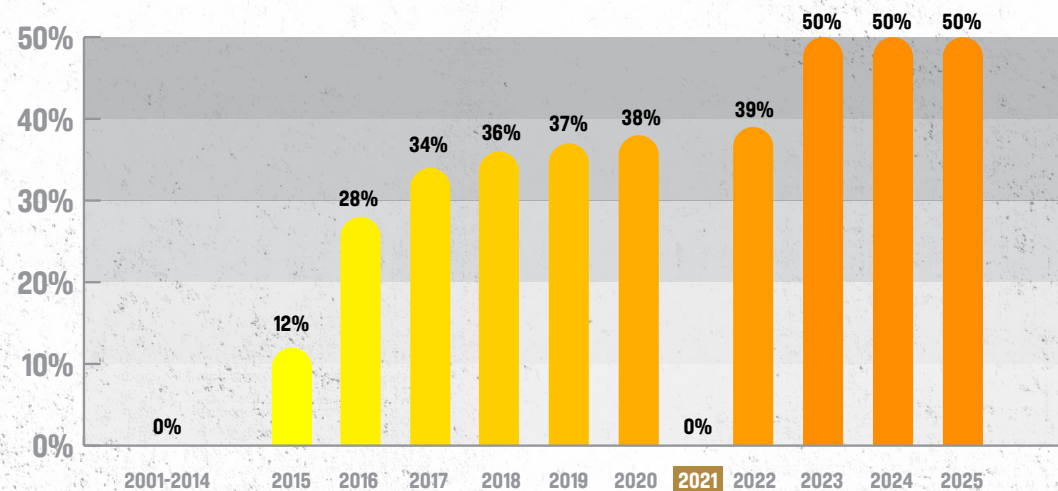


IMPACT ON THE WNBA

BWB started as a men's development camp, with women taking part from 2015. Full parity was achieved in 2023.

Despite limited impact on the WNBA so far, there have been success stories, with 23 BWB players drafted and 16 of those playing. This represents 3% and 2% respectively, with numbers expected to grow in coming years when the mass participation of girls from 2022 to 2025 reach the professional age.

EVOLUTION OF WOMEN IN BWB: TOWARDS PARITY



NO CAMPS IN 2021 DUE TO COVID-19.

Nika MUHL

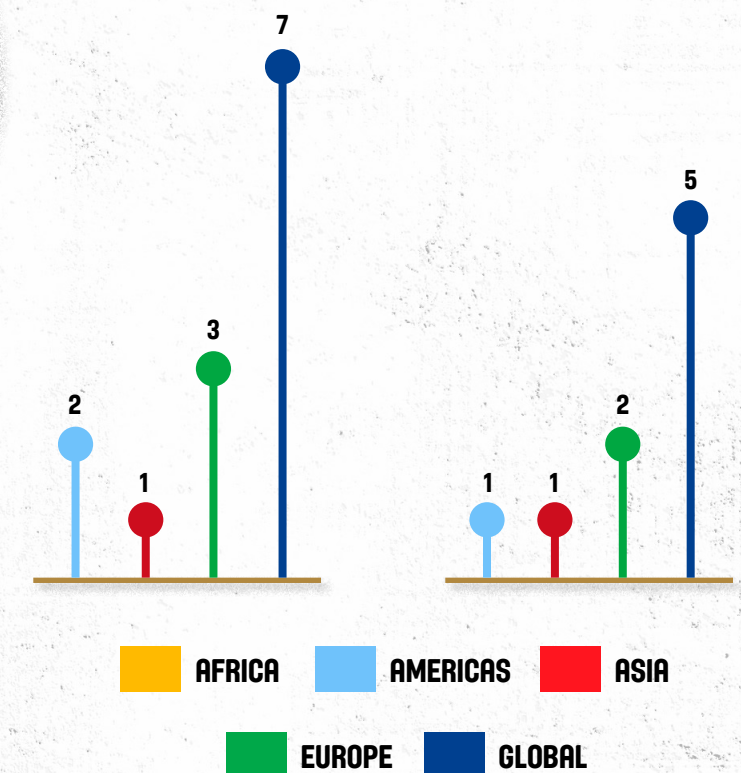
"I don't think people understand how many opportunities BWB has given to so many young girls. They are now pursuing their dreams and making them come true because BWB believed in them and gave them the attention they deserved."



PLAYER PATHWAY

Camps that lead to being drafted in the WNBA %

Camps that lead to playing in the WNBA %



LAETICIA AMIHERE '16	EZI MAGBEGOR '16	AWAK KUIER '16 '17 '18	FLORENCIA CHAGAS '17 '18 '19	ESMERY MARTINEZ '17	AISETTOU COULIBALY '17	HELENA PUEYO '18	JAZMIN SHELLEY '16 '18	HAN XU '18					
ILIANA RUPERT '18	RAQUEL CARRERA '18	NIKA MÜHL '18 '19	KAMILA CARDOSO '19	AALIYAH EDWARDS '19	YVONNE EJIM '19	CHARLISSE LEGER-WALKER '19	JADE MELBOURNE '20	LEILA LAGAN '22					
Basketball Without Borders Alumni All-Time Players Drafted to the WNBA									DOMINIQUE MALONGA '22	CASSANDRE PROSPER '22	MADINA OKOT '22	AJSA SIVKA '24	SAFFRON SHIELDS '24

● BWB All-Star
● BWB Asia
● BWB Africa
● BWB Americas
● BWB Europe

IMPACT OFF-THE- COURT

More than a talent camp, BWB delivers a lasting social impact. It advances life-skills education, community engagement, and builds technical standards across host countries including training for coaches and referees.



PLAYER EDUCATION

Life-skills sessions covering leadership, healthy living, education & career planning. Delivered by FIBA/NBA/WNBA players.

150+

life-skills sessions delivered since 2001



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Players and coaches visit schools, run mini-clinics, and hand over equipment, creating lasting local impact.

100+

social responsibility activations



COACH DEVELOPMENT

Organized by the World Association of Basketball Coaches (WABC), local coaches are paired with NBA/WNBA coaches during camps for mentoring.

10'000+

coaches trained



REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

NBA & FIBA instructors provide officiating education, improving local game management and standards.

500+

referees trained

Dikembe MUTOMBO †

NBA Legend, Ambassador & Social Leader

A cornerstone of BWB's off-court impact, he championed education, health awareness, and community development -also leading school visits, basketball clinics for underserved youth, and awareness campaigns on health and life skills across Africa. His engagement and delivery of the program's social mission continues to leave a lasting legacy.



”

We don't just want them to grow up becoming a great basketball player; we want them to grow up to become a great leader in their community.

Dikembe Mutombo

”

It's not just basketball; it's creating a culture of coaching excellence.

Patrick Hunt



Patrick HUNT

WABC President & Camp Director

Oversees the organisation of BWB coaching clinics, ensuring that both local and international coaches are exposed to best practices. Through pairing local coaches with visiting mentors, he has actively built coaching capacity and raised standards in host countries. His leadership enables camps to maximise their educational and technical impact.

Joey CRAWFORD

Retired NBA Referee & Referee Development Instructor

NBA and FIBA instructors have raised officiating standards in host countries. Clinics focus on rules, game management and practical refereeing skills - equipping local referees to officiate at higher levels, including FIBA competitions and regional leagues. Sessions also provide mentoring, feedback, and exposure to elite officiating culture.



”

What we teach with NBA referees, we are teaching with the referees in BWB. The main objective is to get better.

Joey Crawford

REACHING THE TOP

BWB has consistently prepared young athletes to reach the highest levels of basketball - both regionally and globally.

6%

**HAVE REACHED
WORLD CLASS LEVEL
PARTICIPATION
(NBA, WNBA,
World Cup,
Olympics, or
EuroLeague Women)**

MEN: 5%
WOMEN: 7%

42%

**HAVE REACHED
REGIONAL LEVEL
PARTICIPATION
(Major Continental
Competitions such as
AfroBasket, Asia Cup,
AmeriCup, EuroBasket,
EuroCup Women,
BCL and BAL)**

MEN: 45%
WOMEN: 33%

23%

**HAVE RECEIVED
NCAA DIVISION I
SCHOLARSHIPS**
MEN: 18%
WOMEN: 25%



2014 BWB Europe & 2015 BWB Global Men

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Finland Senior National Team
- NBA Most Improved Player
- NBA All-Star

Lauri MARKANNEN

”

Unbelievable experience. Maybe the invite even saved my career. I might not be playing basketball for a living without BWB.

Lauri Markannen



2011 BWB Africa

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- USA Senior National Team
- Olympic Champion
- NBA MVP

Joel EMBIID

”

It changed my life. That's when I started believing in myself and be like "ok, I think I can do this".

Joel Embiid



2019 BWB Global Women

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Canada Senior National Team
- Olympian
- WNBA player

Aaliyah EDWARDS

”

Anyone who wants to proceed to high level basketball, potentially WNBA, should seek out this camp because it's amazing. Meeting different mentors, getting questions answered by NBA and WNBA players, and just having coaches available that have been where you want to be is great.

Aaliyah Edwards



2020 BWB Global Women

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Australia Senior National Team
- Olympic medalist
- WNBA Player

Jade MELBOURNE

”

Going to BWB and playing against girls from all around the world was so cool. Representing your country while doing that made it extra special.

Jade Melbourne



SUCCESS STORIES

JAMAL MURRAY

CAMP YEAR: 2015

CAMP AWARD: BWB All-Star

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Drafted in the NBA:** 2016 with the 7th overall pick
- **Current Team / League:** Denver Nuggets
- **National Team Participation:**
 - Paris 2024 Olympic Games
 - FIBA U17 Basketball World Cup 2014
 - FIBA U16 AmeriCup 2013
- **Notable Achievements:**
 - NBA All-Star (2026)
 - NBA Champion (2023)
 - NBA All-Rookie Second Team (2017)
 - NBA Rising Stars Challenge MVP (2017)
 - Bronze at the FIBA U16 AmeriCup (2013)

"Now I am known on the international level after BWB. Being able to travel and play against talent across the world opened me up to different styles of basketball and new connections all over the world."

“ Players like Jamal Murray, among many others, exemplify how a young athlete with strong work ethic and big aspirations can develop from a BWB camper into one of the top players in the NBA. **Troy JUSTICE, NBA Senior Vice President of Global Basketball Operations**

“ You could tell at the camp that Jamal was a rising star. He stood out right away, and it was no surprise to see his name called on draft night. **Danilo GALLINARI, NBA & FIBA Legend**

“ BWB has become a key part of the development pathway for many young Canadian players. The exposure to global styles of play and elite instruction elevates their game—our athletes come back energized, more mature, and ready for the next step. **Michael MEEKS, Assistant General Manager at Canada Basketball**



SUCCESS STORIES

LEILA LACAN

CAMP YEAR: 2022

CAMP AWARDS: BWB MVP and All-Star

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Drafted in the WNBA:** 2024 with the 10th overall pick
- **Current Team / League:** Connecticut Sun
- **National Team Participation:**
 - FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2023 & 2025
 - Paris 2024 Olympic Games
 - FIBA U19 Women's Basketball World Cup 2021 & 2023
 - FIBA U18 Women's EuroBasket 2022
 - FIBA U16 Women's EuroBasket 2019
- **Notable Achievements:**
 - All-EuroLeague Women First Team 2026
 - EuroLeague Women Rising Star 2026
 - All-Star 5 FIBA U19 Women's Basketball World Cup 2023
 - All-Star 5 FIBA U18 Women's EuroBasket 2022
 - Silver at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games
 - Bronze at the FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2023

"I was really happy to participate because I met people from all over Europe and also a different culture of coaches."

”

Leila Lacan's journey reflects how dedication and ambition can carry a young player from BWB into a meaningful role with the national team, highlighting the importance of early international experiences in developing players for the highest level.

Zoran RADOVIC, FIBA Senior Director

”

I remember clearly the first time I saw Leila on the court at BWB. She immediately caught my attention — not just for her talent, but for the way she understood the game. Watching her reach the French national team and the WNBA has been the natural continuation of what she already showed back then.

Raffaella MASCIADRI, WNBA & FIBA Legend

”

BWB challenges young players with the highest level of competition in their age group and helps prepare them for what comes next.

**Celine DUMERC, General Manager
French National Team**



AWARDS MATTER

BWB camp awards are strong predictors of future success, with MVPs, All-Stars and Defensive standouts significantly more likely to play with Senior National Teams and in the NBA or WNBA.



DENI AVDIJA
2018 BWB Europe &
2019 BWB Global



NBA DRAFT

MVP	ALL-STAR	WITHOUT AWARD
21%	9%	2%

NBA CAREER

MVP	ALL-STAR	WITHOUT AWARD
21%	6%	3%

WNBA DRAFT

MVP	ALL-STAR	WITHOUT AWARD
13%	4%	2%

WNBA CAREER

MVP	ALL-STAR	WITHOUT AWARD
10%	3%	1%

WORLD CLASS LEVEL

MVP	ALL-STAR	WITHOUT AWARD
14%	8%	6%

REGIONAL LEVEL

MVP	ALL-STAR	WITHOUT AWARD
64%	56%	42%

YOUTH NT

MVP	ALL-STAR	WITHOUT AWARD
78%	70%	61%

SENIOR NT

MVP	ALL-STAR	WITHOUT AWARD
57%	47%	34%

KEY CONTRIBUTORS

BWB is built on a network of dedicated players including NBA and WNBA stars, coaches and staff. Every year they mentor young athletes, share expertise, and model values of leadership, teamwork, and resilience. Not just a platform to nurture talent, BWB inspires growth and a lasting impact on and off the court.

TOP NBA/WNBA PLAYERS CONTRIBUTORS

(by number of BWB camps):

Dikembe Mutombo	22
Vladimir Radmanovic	9
Samuel Dalembert	8
Luol Deng	8
Luc Mbah a Moute	8
Ruth Riley	8
Bismack Biyombo	7
Clarisse Machanguana	7
Astou N'Diaye	7
Ebony Hoffman	6
Al Horford	6
Ronny Turiaf	6
Bostjan Nachbar	6
Serge Ibaka	6
Darvin Ham	6
Danilo Gallinari	6
Brian Cardinal	6

and many more
350+ PLAYERS



RUTH RILEY



LUOL DENG

”

It is an information exchange: for us to share the passion about the game and take their game to the next level. I have seen how these camps can change players' lives.

Allison FEASTER

”

BWB is something special. It is not just basketball, but it's also life.

Danilo GALLINARI

”

Every girl in these camps knows there is an opportunity to play professional. They need to have the mindset to keep pushing forward.

Ruth RILEY

TOP CONTRIBUTING COACHES & STAFF

(by number of camps):

Patrick Hunt	35
Marin Sedlacek	26
Masai Ujiri	26
BJ Johnson	15
Lance Blanks	12
Gersson Rosas	12
Alex English	8
Patrick Mutombo	7
Dean Cooper	7
Don Newman	7
Melvin Hunt	7
R.C. Buford	7
Jamahl Mosley	7
Lionel Hollins	6
Mark Hughes	6
Amadou Fall	6
Milt Newton	5
Tony Ronzone	5
Harold Ellis	5

and many more
300+ COACHES AND STAFF



MASAI UJIRI

”

Many future stars first appear on the radar at BWB camps. Being able to evaluate top NBA prospects at a young age, across different continents, is extremely valuable.

Lisandro MIRANDA
International Scout, Dallas Mavericks

”

We give a lot to that program, but that program gives more to us. It's a very rewarding and fulfilling experience.

Gersson ROSAS
Senior Vice President of Basketball Operations for the New York Knicks

”

Everyone is so excited to be there. There is a great energy. It is a wonderful experience for all of us.

Steve KERR
USA Head Coach,
Golden State Warriors Head Coach



BJ JOHNSON

25th Anniversary



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