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Foreword

Welcome to the FIBA U15 Oceania Cup, hosted by Basketball Australia at the prestigious Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

This tournament represents a significant milestone in the development of young basketball talent across the Oceania region as the best youth basketballers in our region strive for development and ultimately, team qualification through to the FIBA U16 Asia Cup in 2025.

We will witness the gathering of the brightest young athletes who will showcase their skills, sportsmanship, and passion for the game.

This event is not just a competition; it is a celebration of the future of basketball, providing a platform for these young players to gain invaluable international experience and make their mark on the global stage.

We are committed to fostering the growth of basketball in Oceania, and this tournament is a testament to our dedication. FIBA extends gratitude to Basketball Australia, the participating teams, coaches, officials, and all the supporters who make this event possible.

Your enthusiasm and support are the driving force behind the success of this championship. Let us all come together to celebrate the spirit of competition, the joy of the game, and the promise of a bright future for basketball in Oceania.

Amanda Jenkins FIBA Executive Director - Oceania



Venue

The AIS Arena is an 4,200-seat multi-purpose indoor arena and has been used for major indoor sports such as basketball and netball. The roof has a span of 100.4 metres. The arena is partly set into the ground to reduce its scale and to establish a visual connection between the landscape and the mast and cable structure of the roof.

A \$15 million upgrade of the venue was completed in mid-2024, when it re-opened with new seating, lighting, scoreboards and video screens, air-conditioning, improved accessibility, upgraded change rooms and a new floor.

The Australian Institute of Spot (AIS) multi purpose indoor sports centre has five courts which are suitable for basketball, netball, volleyball, badminton, handball, table tennis and futsal.

There is one show court with seating for 500 and two training courts, all with ceiling mounted backboards.

The courts are fully accessible for wheelchair sports and there are change room areas and toilets available for multiple teams.

The AIS hosts numerous regular hirers for local club training sessions, state associations for representative training and National Sporting Organisations for high performance camps.



Men's Schedule



Women's Schedule



Men's Teams

AUSTRALIA

Coach > Ash ARNOTT

Assistant Coach > Curtis SARDI Assistant Coach > Dominic LINOSSIER Assistant Coach > Darren BEST

"Australia will be out to defend their title on home soil for the first time since 2013."



Coach > **Apii MARSTERS** Assistant Coach > Alex BROWN

"Cook Islands are another team returning to junior action since 2019."



FIJI

Coach > William PETER Assistant Coach > Jordan DOKONIVALU

"Fiji are eager to showcase their talents at this level after years of investment in the grassroots."



GUAM

Coach > **William STINNETT** Assistant Coach > Gerard JONES

"Guam will be eager to defend their 2022 bronze medal and perhaps go one better."

NEW CALEDONIA



Coach > Edouard ESNEU Assistant Coach > Julien CHAPITREAU

" New Caledonia are back at this youth level since their last appearance when hosting in 2019 and hoping to land on the podium"

NEW ZEALAND

Coach > Ben SHEAT

Assistant Coach > Tia TEMATA-FROST Assistant Coach > Greg BROCKBANK

"Seven silver medals for New Zealand at this event, can they go one better?"

SAMOA

Coach > **Pualele CRAIG** Assistant Coach > Jim GRIGGS Assistant Coach > Peni VAIAOGA

"Samoa will be out to regain a podium position following a bronze in 2018."

TAHITI

Coach > Georgy ADAMS Assistant Coach > TBC @ Publication Date

"Tahiti will be eager to repeat the success they earned in 2015 after finishing third at this event in New Zealand."

TONGA

Coach > **Nela FOTU** Assistant Coach > Talaiasi PULOKA

"Tonga's first time at this event, and they are shaping up to be surprise packet."

Women's Teams



AUSTRALIA

Coach > Renae GARLEPP

Assistant Coach > Jenna O'HEA Assistant Coach > Jenny LONERGAN Assistant Coach > Jacqui O'NEIL

"A powerhouse on the international youth stage the women from Australia will be out for glory on their home court."



COOK ISLANDS

Coach > **Keziah LEWIS** Assistant Coach > *TBC* @ *Publication Date*

"The return of the Kukis women's team will add another dynamic to this competition."



FIJI

Coach > **Tiyana KAINAMOLI** Assistant Coach > Earl HUGHES

"Grassroots development is paying off in Fjii with the return of the women to this competition."



GUAM

Coach > Argie FLORES

Assistant Coach > Joylyn PANGILINAN

"The sole representative country from the Micronesian region, Guam will be eager to perform well."

NEW CALEDONIA

Coach > **Nicky FRANCOIS** Assistant Coach > Lingdsey TETUANUI

"Returning to the U15 Oceania Cup to women from New Caledonia will be eager to impress at the stunning AIS in Canberra."

NEW ZEALAND

Coach > **Liam CONNELLY** Assistant Coach > Aled JONES Assistant Coach > Darci FINNIGAN Assistant Coach > Maia WILLIAMSON

"Can they do one better than silver?"

Samoa

Coach > **Lisa HOGDEN** Assistant Coach > Baker TOELEIU Assistant Coach > Mel SEUMANU

"A consistent performer, Samoa will be out again finish on the podium."

TONGA

Coach > **Joe VEGA** Assistant Coach > Logan AH-HING

"Making their first appearance at this event, Tonga are poised to set the court on fire."



History

TThe FIBA U15 Oceania Championship, which was also known as the FIBA U16 Oceania Championship from 2009 until 2018, has been a significant event in the basketball calendar.

This tournament has provided a platform for young talents from the Oceania region to showcase their skills and gain international experience.

More information can be found on the <u>event websites</u>.

BOYS

2018 | PORT MORESBY (PNG) Gold - Australia Silver - New Zealand Bronze - Samoa

2022 | HAGÅTÑA (GUM) Gold - Australia Silver - New Zealand Bronze - Guam

GIRLS

2018 | PORT MORESBY (PNG) Gold - Australia Silver - New Zealand Bronze - Samoa

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Referees

Ernest AQUINO Emma AH-HING Natasha AH-HING **Antoine BROUARD-FOSTER Brad CLIVE** Madison CROWLEY-LONG **Nicolas FERNANDES Calia HANKS Shannon JENNINGS** James GRIGUOL **Michael GRAHAM Rhys MARTIN Alex McEWEN Romain MICHEL** Sasha NICHOLSON **Timoci SAILADA** Muaimalae TALALELEI LEVALE **Jack TAYLOR** Yezenia TEA Raijeli RAVITU







