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Canada and USA meet in Las Vegas for USA Basketball Showcase, tickets on sale now

TORONTO (January 23, 2024) – Canada Basketball and USA Basketball announced Tuesday that the United States will host Canada's Senior Men's National Team for an exhibition game ahead of the <u>Paris</u> 2024 Olympic Games.

Canada will face USA at Las Vegas' T-Mobile Arena as part of the USA Basketball Showcase on July 10 at 7:30 p.m. PT/10:30 p.m. ET. Fans in Canada can catch all the action live on Sportsnet.

<u>Tickets are on sale now</u>, starting as low as \$25 USD. Visit basketball.ca to sign up for the Canada Basketball Fast Break Newsletter to receive exclusive discounts, partner opportunities and updates on all things Canada Basketball.

"We will be heading to Las Vegas to take on USA Basketball in what will be a tremendous preparatory opportunity for our group ahead of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games," said Rowan Barrett, General Manager / Executive Vice-President, Senior Men's Program. "Facing the U.S. on the road will not only be a great early test for the team, but an important step for us in the pursuit of our goals this summer."

"Canada Basketball continues to experience tremendous growth, highlighted by the fact that Canada was the most-represented country outside of the U.S. with 26 players on opening night for the 2023-24 NBA season for a tenth consecutive season," Barrett said. "This growth and familiarity between the players in the NBA, combined with a shared border and historical competitiveness across various sports, will build anticipation for our two countries on the hardcourt for years to come."

Additional international exhibition games for Canada's Senior Men's National Team will be announced in the coming weeks.

The Senior Men's National Team will gather in Toronto for training camp in late June to begin Olympic preparations before opening their exhibition schedule in Las Vegas.

At the <u>FIBA Men's Basketball World Cup 2023</u> last summer, Canada defeated Spain in a thrilling 88-85 victory to not only advance to the quarter-finals but secure their berth at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Canada's historic run at the tournament culminated with a 127-118 overtime win over the U.S. for the bronze medal, their first-ever medal at the FIBA Men's Basketball World Cup.

Paris 2024 will mark the Canadian men's tenth Olympic appearance and first since 2000 when the team finished seventh in Sydney. The Senior Men's National Team will be in search of their second Olympic medal and the first since 1936 when Canada earned silver at the Berlin Games.

Twelve men's teams will compete in the Olympic Games Paris 2024 basketball tournament. France has received a direct spot as the host country, while an additional seven teams – Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, Serbia, South Sudan, and the USA – were allocated directly from the World Cup based on the final

classification from their respective continents. The four last quota places will be attributed via the Olympic Qualifying Tournaments later this summer.

The Paris 2024 basketball competitions will be held from July 27 to August 11, 2024. The preliminary phase will be held in Pierre Mauroy Stadium in Lille, with the final phase taking place at Arena Bercy in Paris.

Canada is currently ranked 6th in the FIBA World Ranking presented by Nike.

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