



FIBA MID-TERM CONGRESS

- Event Name: FIBA Mid-Term Congress
- Dates: May 15-17, 2025
- Welcome Cocktail - **Sofitel Hotel**
- FIBA Congress - Roll Call, Opening & Plenary Session - **Exhibition World Bahrain**
- New services for National Federations - **Exhibition World Bahrain**
 - Unveiling of FIBA Academy
 - Digital Growth
 - Expansion of eFIBA
 - Discover Scoreplay
- Breakout Session - **Sofitel Hotel**
 - Women in Basketball
 - FIBA Plus
 - Olympic Solidarity
 - 3x3
 - Young Players & NCAA
- FIBA Hall of Fame 2025 Ceremony - **Bahrain National Theatre**



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A record-breaking number of delegates for a FIBA Mid-Term Congress were in attendance at the prestigious Exhibition World Bahrain. The Plenary session took place in the morning of May 16, and an array of new services for National Federations was presented to the record 167 National Federations present in the afternoon session. International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach contributed with welcome remarks via a video, followed by an address from FIBA President Sheikh Saud Ali Al Thani.



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FIBA President Sheikh Saud Ali Al Thani reminded the audience of the incredible momentum the sport is experiencing heading towards the next FIBA Basketball World Cup 2027 in Qatar.



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FIBA Secretary General Andreas Zagklis provided an update to delegates on FIBA's strategy for the current cycle, while also continuing the theme of highlighting the sport's soaring popularity. This included the success and exposure it enjoyed in the lead up to and at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games - as well as the eye-catching growth of the women's game.

Speaking after the Congress, FIBA Secretary General Andreas Zagklis stated: "We sincerely thank Bahrain for their exceptional hosting of this FIBA Mid-Term Congress and also thank the record number of National Federations who have joined us.

"It's very rewarding to be able to reflect on the success of our sport alongside so many representatives of the FIBA Family – especially as we continue to witness basketball's popularity, growth and impact worldwide. But most importantly, being able to look forward with real excitement at how we can continue this global trend, which is why we are very pleased to be delivering new services to the National Federations.

"We are also now ready for some interesting discussions in our breakout sessions tomorrow, when we turn our collective focus to key areas such as Women in Basketball, 3x3, the FIBA Plus program, and other topics."

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Representatives of the unprecedented 167 National Federations in attendance were involved in multiple breakout sessions on the second day. This followed learning about a range of new services for National Federations on day one of the congress.

Heralded as the number one growth area for the sport and also one of FIBA's Strategic Priorities, there was a breakout session dedicated to unlocking the power of Women's Basketball. This was framed around the importance of global integration and a commitment to empowering individuals both on and off the court. With a spotlight on fan engagement and the pivotal role National Federations play, the session emphasized actionable strategies to further elevate the women's basketball movement worldwide. Meanwhile, the unstoppable momentum of 3x3 has also played a major role in the growth of the urban discipline globally, and those in attendance were given advice on how to best position teams for future World Cup and Olympic qualification.

There was also a session on FIBA Plus, which is helping to shape the future of the sport in its capacity as the umbrella for all National Federation development initiatives. The sessions provided participants with an overview of its comprehensive collection of programs designed to meet the specific needs of National Federations, complemented by insights from the Kosovo Basketball Federation, who shared their firsthand experience with the initiative.

Other breakout activities took place in respect of accessing and benefiting from Olympic Solidarity funding, as well as understanding NCAA Developments in players' compensation, particularly the impacts on FIBA stakeholders and recommendations for the future.

The breakout sessions followed an engaging afternoon on day one of the FIBA Mid-Term Congress, where delegates were introduced to a range of new services from FIBA tailored for National Federations. The session spotlighted several major initiatives, offering attendees valuable insights into the evolving support structures available to them.

This included the official launch of the FIBA Academy, unveiling a suite of innovative initiatives designed to help elevate the global basketball community. Highlights include a targeted leadership program for current and emerging leaders and executives from National Federations, Leagues, and Clubs, a Global Women in Basketball Community activation, and a dedicated interactive digital game to support young players in managing their off-court careers and personal development.

Participants were given a deep dive into FIBA's impressive and accelerating digital growth across multiple platforms, underscoring the organization's commitment to innovation, as well as discovering AI-powered digital and media asset management solutions.

In addition, a comprehensive presentation on eFIBA offered congress attendees a perspective on the future of the discipline, outlining strategic developments and expansion plans that signal exciting times ahead, including the recent eFIBA World Finals host announcement for 2026 and 2027 in Qatar.



GBF DELEGATES



GBF President – Michael Singh



GBF General Secretary – Patrick Haynes



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PATRICK HAYNES - FIBA Americas – 1st Vice President

- **Americas Flagship Competitions Trophies**
 - **AmeriCup and Women's AmeriCup**

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Patrick Haynes & Hanthony Coello (Venezolana NF President)



Patrick Haynes, Sabrina Mitchell (VIN) CONCENCABA Secretary,
Usie Richards (ISV) FIBA Americas Treasurer



Patrick Haynes & Carmen Tocala (Romania NF President &
FIBA 3x3 Commission Chair)



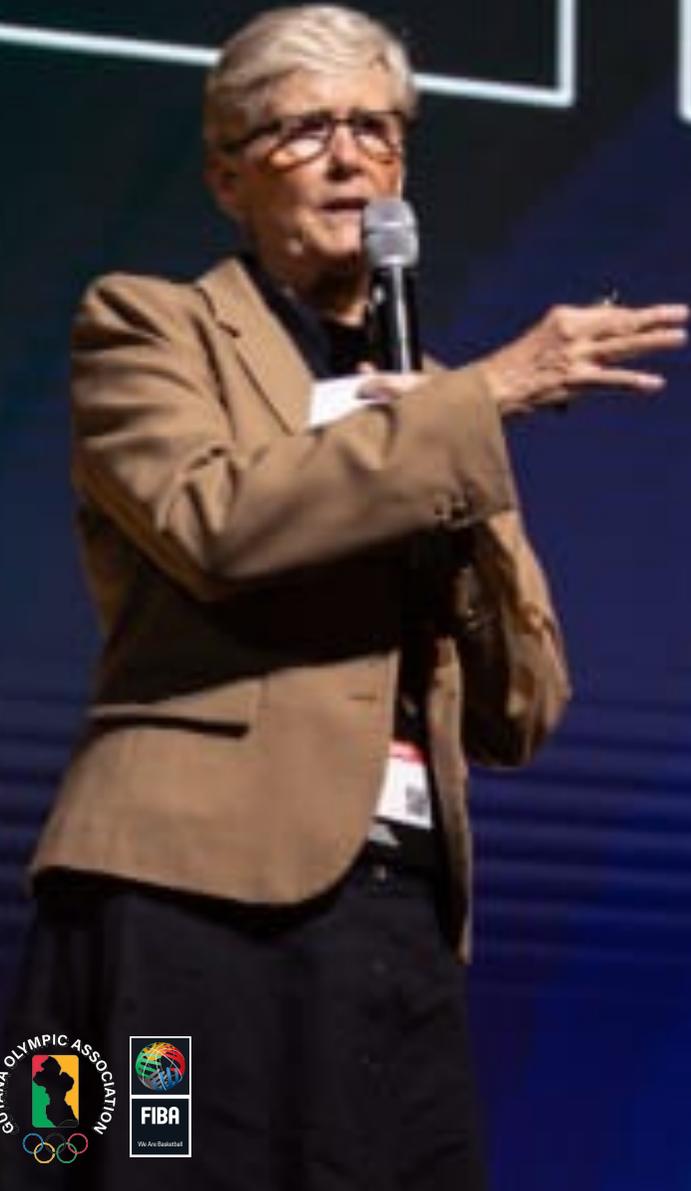
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NEW SERVICES FOR NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

BAHRAIN, MAY 2025



FIBA ACADEMY



FIBA Academy



The FIBA Academy - Strategic Leaders Program outlines a 9-month program for emerging leaders in basketball management, focusing on skill development and knowledge in sport management through a combination of online and on-site sessions across iconic global locations.

Program Overview for Basketball Leaders

The program is designed for current and emerging leaders in basketball, including executives and former players, to enhance their skills in sport management. It spans nine months and includes a mix of online and on-site learning experiences.

- Target participants include strategic leaders, executives, and former players from basketball federations, leagues, and clubs.
- The program consists of 115 hours of learning time with 25-30 participants.
- Participants will receive a FIBA Certificate upon completion.
- The program features three on-site sessions and twelve online sessions, along with a self-paced online course.
- Cost: CHF 5,000

On-Site Learning Locations and Sessions

Participants will engage in unique on-site sessions at iconic sport hubs in Doha, Miami, and Geneva. Each location offers specialized learning experiences tailored to the local sports environment.

- Doha, Qatar: Sessions at Qatar Basketball Federation Headquarters and various sports venues.
- Miami, USA: Sessions at Kaseya Center, loanDepot Park, and University of Miami.
- Geneva-Lausanne, Switzerland: Sessions at FIBA Patrick Baumann House of Basketball and the Olympic Museum.
- Each on-site session lasts four days and covers various topics relevant to sport management.

Key Learning Topics and Structure

The program covers a wide range of topics essential for effective sport management, including governance, marketing, and financial management. Each topic is structured into 90-minute sessions.

- Topics include Governance Models, Crisis Management, Strategic Planning, and Financial Management.
- Specific sessions focus on Marketing Introduction, Brand Creation, Sponsorship, and Ticketing Strategy.
- Participants will also learn about Inclusivity in Basketball, Anti-Doping, and Risk Management.

Important Dates and Milestones

The program has a clear timeline with key milestones for application, selection, and on-site sessions. This structure ensures participants are well-prepared for each phase of the program.

- Application Deadline: 31 July 2025
- Selection Deadline: 30 September 2025
- On-Site Sessions:
 - Session 1: 3 November 2025 in Doha
 - Session 2: 8-11 December 2025 in Miami
 - Session 3: 10-13 March 2026 in Geneva
- The program officially launches on 16 May 2025.

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ScorePlay is a best-in-class media solution that provides automated architecture to centralize, distribute, and classify your digital assets, whether photos, videos, or live broadcasts. We are transforming sports organizations, automating their creative processes and growing their brands and unlocking new revenue. Scoreplay is a bridge to the future of sports storytelling, from content capture to fan consumption. Automate. Grow. Unlock.

FIBA and ScorePlay, a leading provider of AI-powered digital and media asset management solutions built specifically for the sports industry, have agreed on a multi-year strategic partnership that will build on their shared commitment to innovation.

The agreement's main focus will be on enhancing digital workflows by automating indexation, management, and distribution of digital assets for basketball entities. This will create value for players, National Federations, leagues and clubs by assisting them in saving time, unlocking creative possibilities, and leveraging media to engage fans and generate revenue.

ScorePlay has been working to develop basketball-specific tools focused on photos and videos to streamline media workflows and improve content distribution across all stakeholders.

The partnership marks a significant step forward in modernizing basketball's digital ecosystem, setting new standards for media management in professional sports.

FIBA is using ScorePlay's solutions to serve its broadcast and digital partners and deliver all non-live additional content, as well as its archive library via a customized portal.

FIBA is committed to driving innovation in the sport and the ultimate goal of this partnership is to enhance digital infrastructures within the FIBA Family on a global scale, whilst creating even greater visibility and engagement for basketball around the world.

For more information, visit scoreplay.com.



BREAKOUT SESSION: WOMEN IN BASKETBALL

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2025 MAY 17 FIBA MID-TERM CONGRESS - RIWIHAK



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The Women in Basketball, held during the FIBA Mid-Term Congress in Bahrain on May 17, 2025. It outlines the strategies, progress, and initiatives aimed at promoting women's basketball globally. Key highlights include:

Session Objectives:

- Understanding global research and data to leverage opportunities for women in basketball.
- Updating progress on the Women in Basketball (WIB) strategy.
- Shaping the future of women's basketball through strategic initiatives.

FIBA Strategy 2023-2027:

- Priorities include empowering national federations, increasing female participation, developing female coaches and officials, and enhancing fan engagement.
- Focus on gender diversity in leadership and competitions.

Key Actions and Programs:

- Initiatives like "Her World, Her Rules," mentorship programs, maternity plans for referees, and expanded competitions (e.g., 3x3 Women Series).
- Digital engagement through "@womenshoops by FIBA" and ambassador programs like "Road to Berlin."

Growth of Women's Sports:

- The women's sports industry is projected to exceed \$1.3 billion by 2026, with significant growth in sponsorship and media coverage.
- Basketball is noted as the most popular team sport among women in France, with rising global interest, and collaborative efforts with national federations.

Fan Engagement Strategies:

- Emphasis on digital channels, compelling graphics, and dedicated content to attract and retain fans.
- Success metrics include a rise in social media followers and innovative marketing approaches.

National Federations' Role:

- A global survey involved 104 federations, highlighting regional participation and best practices.
- Success stories from Rwanda, Puerto Rico, Japan, Portugal, and Fiji showcase initiatives like infrastructure development, school programs, and gender equality in leadership.

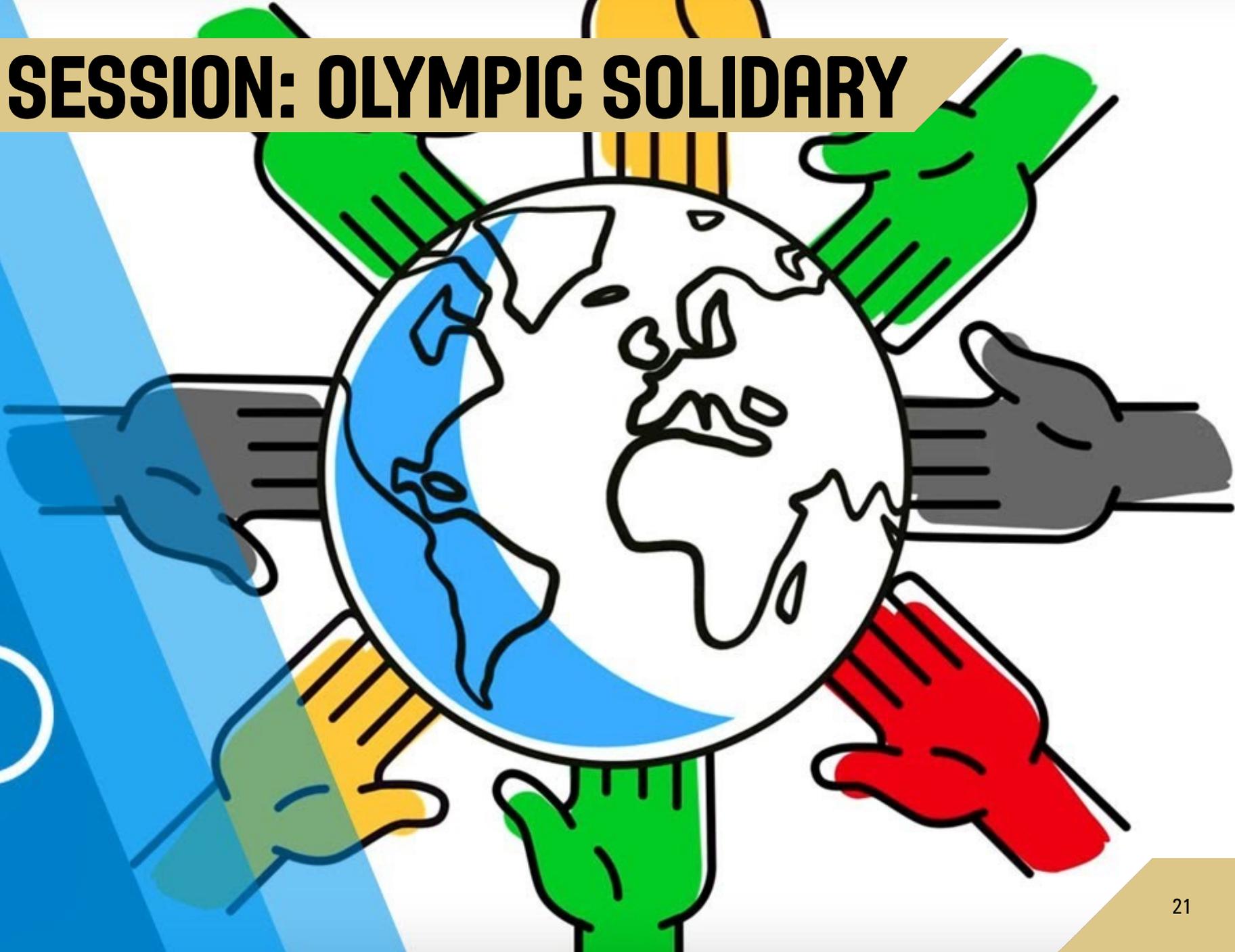
Call to Action

- Encouragement for stakeholders to lead the future of women's basketball, ensuring sustained growth and visibility.

The presentation underscores FIBA's commitment to advancing women's basketball through data-driven strategies, inclusive programs, and collaborative efforts with national federations.



BREAKOUT SESSION: OLYMPIC SOLIDARY



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The Olympic Solidarity presentation, delivered by FIBA, outlining programs designed to support National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and National Federations (NFs) in athlete and coach development, with a focus on basketball. Here are the key points:

Olympic Solidarity Overview

- **Objective:** Provide financial and technical assistance to NOCs, especially those with the greatest need, to develop athletes and coaches.
- **Governance:** Programs are managed by Continental Associations and aligned with IOC guidelines.

Programs Offered

- Four main programs are highlighted:

1. Team Support Grant (TSG)

- Supports national teams (elite level only) preparing for regional, continental, or world-level competitions, including Olympic qualifiers.
- **Eligibility:** Teams must have proof of international participation.
- **Conditions:** Budget can be split between two teams, with one being a women's team.
- **Key Tips:** Link plans to the Olympic cycle, highlight gender balance, and collaborate regionally.

2. Development of National Sport System (DNSS)

- Aims to optimize national sports structures, focusing on coaching, refereeing, grassroots development, and 3x3 basketball.
- **Funding:** USD 25,000–30,000 per project, with options for long-term support.
- **Examples:** National competition structures, coach education schemes, and multisport performance projects.

3. Technical Courses for Coaches (TCC)

- Offers sport-specific and multisport courses for coaches and entourage members.
- **Impact:** Over 800 courses organized worldwide, benefiting 20,000 coaches.

4. Scholarships for Coaches (SC)

- Provides training in sports sciences and sport-specific disciplines (e.g., FIBA for basketball).
- **Statistics:** 927 scholarships allocated (297 women, 630 men).

Application Process

- NOCs and NFs submit requests to Olympic Solidarity, which are reviewed and approved/refused.
- Emphasis on clear planning, alignment with long-term strategies, and gender equality.

Key Themes

- **Gender Balance:** Encouraged in team funding and scholarship allocations.
- **Collaboration:** Strong emphasis on NOC-NF-FIBA partnerships.
- **Sustainability:** Programs aim to build long-term capacity in national sports systems.

The Olympic Solidarity programs provide critical support for basketball development globally, focusing on elite teams, coaching education, and systemic improvements, with a strong push for inclusivity and performance growth.



BREAKOUT SESSION: FIBA PLUS



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FIBA Plus, a program designed to empower National Federations (NFs) through strategic planning, capacity building, and resource support. NFs seeking to professionalize operations, expand participation, and enhance competitiveness. Here are the key highlights:

Introduction to FIBA Plus

- **Objective:** Provide tailored support to NFs to strengthen governance, development, and sustainability in basketball.
- **Key Areas:** Strategic planning, governance, grassroots development, coaching, competitions, marketing, and digitalization.
- **Global Reach:** Regional FIBA representatives oversee implementation across Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania.

Programs and Support Offered

- **Strategic Planning:** Assistance in creating long-term visions, missions, and SMART objectives.
- **Implementation Support:** Includes coaching clinics, refereeing courses, club workshops, and equipment provision.
- **Equipment & Resources:** Direct support for basketball infrastructure and training tools.

Success Story: Kosovo Basketball Federation

- **Strategic Plan (2021–2025):** Developed with FIBA Plus, focusing on high performance, financial growth, women's basketball, and club empowerment.
- **Achievements:**
 - 50+ FIBA-certified coaches and 7 referees trained.
 - Hosted 7 FIBA Division C events, increasing international visibility.
 - 20% growth in public-sector funding and expanded female participation.
- **Challenges:** Infrastructure limitations and slower progress in university-level basketball.
- **Future Goals:** Hosting FIBA Women's EuroBasket and improving talent development.

Global Impact (2019–2024)

- **Regional Support:**
 - Africa: 32 equipment supports, 18 implementation projects.
 - Americas: **79 equipment supports, 44 strategic plans.**
 - Asia: 57 equipment supports, 30 implementation projects.
 - Oceania: 23 equipment supports, 7 strategic plans.
 - Europe: Limited data but growing engagement.

Application Process

- NFs submit requests via FIBA, followed by internal reviews and approvals.
- Emphasis on alignment with long-term NF goals and measurable outcomes.

Integration with Olympic Solidarity

- FIBA Plus complements Olympic Solidarity programs (e.g., Team Support Grants, coach scholarships) but does not directly manage funding.

Key Takeaways

- **Structured Planning:** Critical for sustainable growth.
- **Collaboration:** Partnerships with FIBA and other federations drive success.
- **Call to Action:** Encourages all NFs to leverage FIBA Plus for transformative development.

FIBA Plus is a catalyst for basketball development, offering tools, expertise, and resources to federations worldwide, as demonstrated by Kosovo's success.



BREAKOUT SESSION: YOUNG PLAYERS & NCAA

The NCAA logo is a large blue circle with the letters "NCAA" in white, bold, sans-serif font. It is centered on the page and overlaps the background of stacks of money.

NCAA



BREAKOUT SESSION: YOUNG PLAYERS & NCAA



STUDENT-ATHLETE
NAME, IMAGE & LIKENESS

National Federations, clubs, agents, and young players considering the NCAA pathways.

NCAA Landscape Shifts

- **NIL (Name, Image, Likeness):** Athletes can now earn from endorsements, marking a shift from amateurism.
- **Revenue Sharing (2025):** Schools may pay athletes directly (capped at \$20.5M/year for Power schools).
- **Professionalization:** Top basketball players can earn \$170K–\$1M+ annually, blurring lines between college and pro sports.
- **Legal Uncertainty:** Ongoing litigation and dynamic regulations complicate compliance.

Challenges for International Athletes

- **Visa Issues:** F-1 visas restrict off-campus work, creating NIL compliance risks.
- **Tax Complexity:** Dual-country obligations and lack of financial literacy resources.
- **Knowledge Gaps:** Confusion about permissible activities and NCAA rules.
- **Regulatory Barriers:** No standardized framework for international players.

Key Survey Findings

- **Player Movement:** 51% increase in European players joining NCAA (2020–2024), driven by NIL opportunities.
- **Perceived Benefits:** NCAA rated highly for sporting performance (3.9/5), education (3.9), and personal growth (3.8).
- **Concerns:**
 - National team availability (4.2/5).
 - Clubs losing ROI on youth investments (3.5/5).

Impact on Stakeholders

- **National Federations:** Moderate concern over talent drain; struggle to track players and secure them for national teams.
- **Clubs:** Lose top youth players to NCAA, undermining development ROI.
- **Players:**
 - **Pros:** NIL earnings (\$1.2M max), education, and exposure to U.S. basketball.
 - **Cons:** Tax/visa hurdles, uneven opportunities, and transfer portal instability.
- **Agents:** Growing role in NIL deals, but oversight gaps exist.

FIBA Recommendations

- **Education:** Clarify NCAA risks/benefits for players and federations.
- **Monitoring:** Track player movements and maintain alumni networks.
- **Regulation:** Collaborate with NCAA to integrate FIBA transfer systems.
- **Pathway Guidance:** Provide resources on transfer portals, national team balance, and career decisions.

The NCAA's evolving model offers financial and developmental opportunities but poses challenges for international players, clubs, and federations. FIBA emphasizes education, collaboration, and adaptive policies to navigate this shifting landscape.



BREAKOUT SESSION: 3X3



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National Federations, event organizers, and teams aiming for LA28

Introduction

- Focused on the road to LA28 Olympics, building on the success of Paris 2024.
- 3x3 basketball is highlighted as the "most thrilling urban team sport."

Key Fundamentals

- **Competition Structure:**
 - **National Teams:** Cups, Nations League.
 - **Pro Circuits:** World Tour, Women's Series.
 - **TeamNL:** Connects national and pro teams via rankings.
- **Olympic Pathway:**
 - U23 Nations League serves as a talent pipeline to Olympic teams.

LA28 Novelties

- Expanded Quotas: 12 teams per gender (up from 8), increasing participation opportunities.
- Ranking System:
 - Now based on 2 years of activity (Dec 2025–Dec 2027) instead of 12 months.
 - Only Official & Recognized Competitions count (e.g., multi-sport games, Pro Qualifiers).
 - Player Eligibility: Requires 2 participations in the last 2 years.

Ranking Strategy for LA28

- **Federation Ranking** = Sum of top 20 nationals' points from:
 - Pro Circuits (World Tour, Women's Series).
 - Nations League, Cups, and Recognized Competitions.

Key Actions for Success:

- Compete in high-level events (e.g., Nations League, World Tour).
- Sponsor/endorse pro teams to accumulate ranking points.
- Host international events for home-court advantage.
- Boost local 3x3 activity to qualify for top-tier competitions.

Case Study: Netherlands' Gold Medal Plan

Strategic Approach:

- Early adoption of FIBA 3x3 programs.
- Dedicated 3x3 unit within the national federation.
- Partnered with private promoters to host events (e.g., Europe/World Cups, Pro-Circuit).
- Secured NOC funding and co-funded pro teams.
- Leveraged Nations League to develop new talent.

Key Takeaway:

- The expanded Olympic format and revised ranking system offer more pathways to success but require proactive planning and collaboration.
- **Opportunity for All:** Success hinges on strategic participation and ranking point accumulation.
- **Call to Action:** Federations should align with FIBA's framework, host events, and invest in pro teams to maximize Olympic qualification chances.



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FIBA HALL OF FAME 2025



FIBA HALL OF FAME – CLASS OF 2025

FIBA HALL OF FAME 25

FOR THOSE WHO MADE THE GAME

Eight outstanding individuals have been inducted into the FIBA Hall of Fame Class of 2025 in Bahrain. Seven outstanding players and one iconic coach have been officially inducted into the FIBA Hall of Fame as members of the Class of 2025.

The honors were presented at a distinguished ceremony in Bahrain, at the Bahrain National Theatre.

This year's Class included renowned players Alphonse Bilé (Côte d'Ivoire), Andrew Bogut (Australia), Leonor Borrell (Cuba), Pau Gasol (Spain), Ticha Penicheiro (Portugal), Ratko Radovanovic (Serbia), Dawn Staley (USA), and legendary coach Mike Krzyzewski (USA).





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