

Prague the Centre of World Basketball

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The Xth Maxibasketball World Championship, i.e., in the categories of women and men from 30 years, takes place on June 27th – July 5, 2009 in Prague. The Czech Republic and its capital is the hosting country for the first time in the history of the competition! The largest number of teams in the history of the Championship filed applications to the Xth year – 165 teams of 31 countries from all over the world will come to fight for medals. The Czech Republic will be represented in the worldwide competing in maxibasketball by 19 teams, in them 13 men's and 6 women's teams.

“Prague has gained the organization of the jubilee **Xth Basketball World Championship of Veterans** thanks to regular participation in tournaments of veterans organized by FIMBA World Association (International Basketball Federation associating Top Basketball Players – Veterans) and, especially, on the basis of the excellent results of the men and women Czech basketball representation. The women may boast of the title of World Champions of 2005 and bronze medals from the European Championship in 2006. The men then won the 2nd place at the European Championship in 2008,” Zdeněk Bříza – the President of CBC says

The World and European Championships give the possibility to the top men and women players from all over the world who participated in the Olympic Games, World Championships or Continental Championships to measure their strength again. Certainly, they are not only “friendly matches”, but quality and mature matches. The visitors may look forward to battles to the last breath that will be played, apart from other, by such legends as Jiří Zídek Sr., Kamil Brabenec, Václav Hrubý, Josef Nečas, Anna Součková – Kozmanová, Hana Brůhová – Peklová, Eva Blažková – Kalužáková and others.

The ceremonial opening of the Championship will take place on June 27th from 19 o'clock at the Slavia basketball stadium with the participation of FIMBA Chairman, Ruben Lamas and the representatives of the Municipal Authority of the Capital of Prague and the Ministry of Education, the Youth and Physical Education.

Who will not get into the auditorium can watch the match on www.tvcom.cz It will show approx one third out of 405 matches.

The partners that support the Xth Maxibasketball World Championship are, apart from the Municipal Authority of the Capital of Prague, also the agency CzechTourism, EuroAgentur, Chance, Europcar, Molten and TVcom.

More information: <http://www.maxibasketballprague2009.com>