Welcome Message

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee (LOC), we invite you to join us in Sydney, Australia this September and October for the FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup 2022.

We are committed to igniting the passion for women’s basketball globally and creating a bold, engaging and inclusive World Cup that celebrates the power and excitement of women’s basketball.

As one of our nation’s most successful sporting teams, the Opals, and more broadly women’s basketball, have a rich history in our country. We believe Sydney provides the perfect platform for this prestigious event and the opportunity to elevate the skill and expertise of women’s basketball.

You, as representatives of international media, have the opportunity to join us and 12 of basketball’s powerhouse nations to share and extend the celebration, all whilst enjoying a welcome to Australia you won’t forget.

Sydney has played host to some of the biggest sporting events in the world, including the 2000 Sydney Olympics, and this year’s FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup promises that same world-class service.

We look forward to seeing you in Sydney as the world’s best female players come together to produce some of the most spectacular basketball you can see and report on.

Game on!

David Reid
Chairman
FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup 2022
Local Organising Committee
Australia will be in the international spotlight when the world’s best women’s basketball players converge on Sydney for the FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup 2022.

The FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup 2022 is FIBA’s flagship women’s competition and one of the most prestigious competitions in international basketball.

144 of the world’s best players from 12 of basketball’s powerhouse nations across Africa, Americas, Asia & Oceania and Europe will descend on Sydney Olympic Park for 38 games to be played across 10 days from Thursday, 22 September to Saturday, 1 October 2022.

It will be the second time Australia has hosted the FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup following the 1994 edition, which was run across four cities (Sydney, Adelaide, Hobart and Launceston).

**THE EVENT**

**KEY INFO**
- **Event:** FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup 2022
- **Dates:** Thursday, 22 September – Saturday, 1 October 2022
- **Number of Games:**
  - 30 Group Phase Games
  - 8 Final Phase Games
  - 38 Total
- **Competition Venues:**
  - Sydney SuperDome (Group & Final Phases)
  - Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre (Group Phase only)
- **Training Venue:** Netball Central, also situated in Sydney Olympic Park
- **Qualified Nations:** Australia, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Canada, China, France, Japan, Korea, Mali, Puerto Rico, Serbia and USA.

**WATCH THE EVENT PROMO VIDEO HERE.**
**THE COMPETITION**

**GROUP PHASE**

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*If Australia progress to the Quarter-Finals, they will play in this double-header

**COMPETITION SYSTEM**

**GROUP PHASE**

**GROUP A**

1. Bosnia & Herzegovina – Puerto Rico
2. Canada – Serbia
3. Korea – China
4. Australia – France

**GROUP B**

1. USA – Belgium
2. Japan – Mali
3. Serbia – Japan
4. China – Bosnia & Herzegovina

**FINAL PHASE**

**QUARTER-FINAL**

**SEMIFINAL**

**3RD PLACE GAME**

**FINAL**
Get to know the vibrant host city of FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2022 – Sydney (Eora Country).

Sydney is welcoming visitors from all over the world with open arms once again and it is your chance to explore the breathtaking harbour city and array of attractions – natural, cultural and architectural. Sydney Harbour’s living postcard is sure to fill you with awe. Feel its inspiration move you as you stand atop the Coat-Hanger, set sail to secret coves, clink glasses at rooftop bars, feast all night amongst the neon, and marvel at ancient Aboriginal wonders nestled at the water’s edge.

Whether you’re tasting the world on a plate in multicultural neighbourhoods, kicking back on laidback beaches from Cronulla to Palm Beach, or feeling the city’s rhythm on the festival dance floor, Sydney brings people together just for the joy of it.

Flanked by World Heritage natural wonders and sparkling beaches, and garnished with neighbourhoods where all cultures come together, glittering Sydney fills you with inspiration as you revel in new adventures – and collect life-affirming experiences along the way.

After you’ve watched all the action of the FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup, keep the playtime going as you explore the best of Sydney.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK
The FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup 2022 and all of its major activities will occur within Sydney Olympic Park (Wangal Country), located 13 kilometres from Sydney’s Central Business District (CBD).

With outstanding venues at your fingertips, 430 hectares of parklands, unique heritage sites and natural environments to explore plus over 50 restaurants and cafes, Sydney Olympic Park is a world-class and environmentally sustainable educational, residential, recreation, business and events district.

Visit Sydney Olympic Park to explore things to do when you’re here.
THE ACCOMODATION

With a number of events in Sydney alongside the FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup 2022, the LOC recommend that travelling media secure their accommodation at their earliest convenience.

OFFICIAL MEDIA ACCOMMODATION:

There are two official media hotels for the FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup 2022. Media wishing to stay at either of these hotels are guaranteed rooms, providing they are booked prior to Wednesday, 1 June 2022. Following this deadline, rooms will be subject to hotel availability.

OFFICIAL MEDIA HOTEL: MERCURE PARRAMATTA
Rating: *****
$180AUD per room, per night
$199AUD per room, per night (including breakfast)
Transport: Shuttle provided
To book now, click here

SECONDARY MEDIA HOTEL: IBIS BUDGET SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK
Rating: ***
$134AUD per room, per night
$143AUD per room, per night (including continental breakfast)
Transport: Walking distance to competition venues, no transport provided

OTHER SYDNEY ACCOMMODATION:

Sydney offers an abundance of accommodation options, including closer to the CBD (approximately 30min from Competition Venues).

International media are welcome to source and book their own accommodation in one of these options, but should note that no media services, including transport, will be offered outside of the official media accommodation outlined above.
Alongside the world-class basketball action you are guaranteed to see at the FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup 2022, Sydney and Australia offer endless travel, tourism and event opportunities to make your trip Down Under even more memorable.

The LOC and its institutional partner and host, Destination NSW, welcome the opportunity to assist you in getting even more value out of your trip.

Below is a smaller teaser of the opportunities:

OTHER SPORTING MILESTONES:
You’ll be visiting us in Sydney during one of the most exciting and action-packed periods of the year that perfectly showcases Australia as a sport-loving nation.

Alongside the basketball, you might like to enjoy one of these other iconic Australian and international events which will be staged in and around the FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup 2022:

UCI ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
18 – 25 September 2022
Wollongong, NSW

Wollongong – just 80km from Sydney, Australia – will host the 2022 UCI Road World Championships between 18 – 25 September.

More than 1,000 of the top international cyclists from 70+ nations will compete for a gold medal and the coveted rainbow jersey.

The UCI Road World Championships are the largest annual road cycling championships and will include road races, time trials, team time trials, cultural events and other community activities.

More information.

AFL GRAND FINAL
24 September 2022
Melbourne, Victoria

The Australian Football League (AFL) is a fully professional men’s competition of Australian rules football and one of Australia’s most popular local sporting products.

The league consists of 18 teams spread over five of Australia’s six states and runs across the winter months from April to September.

The AFL Grand Final will be held on Saturday, 24 September 2022 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

More information.

NRL GRAND FINAL
2 October 2022
Sydney Olympic Park, NSW

The National Rugby League (NRL) is the professional rugby league competition in Australia and New Zealand and is another of Australia’s popular sports, particularly across New South Wales and Queensland.

The league consists of 16 teams across Australia and New Zealand and runs from March to October.

The NRL Grand Final will be held on Sunday, 2 October, the day following the Final of the FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup at Stadium Australia in Sydney Olympic Park, right next door to Sydney SuperDome.

More information.

For a full list of events happening in Sydney including musicals, food festivals, art exhibitions and more, go to the Destination NSW Media Centre for more information.
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TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:
Get the full Sydney, Australia experience by arranging one (or more!) of some of the city’s most popular attractions.

SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE CLIMB
The Sydney Harbour Bridge is one of the world’s most recognisable landmarks. Not only is it the largest steel arch bridge on the planet, but it also spans one of the globe’s finest natural harbours.
BridgeClimb Sydney is a truly unique experience that will take you to the top for 360-degree views of Sydney and beyond. BridgeClimb is on Cumberland Street, near where the road curves under the bridge and stairs go down to a colonial military battery at Dawes Point (Ta-Ra) Park.

SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE
Sydney Opera House is more than just an architectural marvel set on beautiful Sydney Harbour. It is a world-class entertainment venue and working opera house. It hosts everything from classical ballet performances, innovative theatre and symphony music to contemporary dance and, of course, stunning opera productions.
Join one of the daily Guided Tours or settle in at Opera Bar for one of the best views in town.

REGIONAL TRIPS
Extend your New South Wales adventure beyond Sydney, and discover once-in-a-lifetime adventures throughout regional NSW, from whale watching to wine tasting, sand surfing to rock climbing and more.

Blue Mountains: A 90-minute drive from Sydney, the dramatic cliffs of the Blue Mountains have plenty to offer outdoor lovers, as well as those looking for a little bit of pampering in a sumptuous spa or retreat.

Bondi Beach
Bondi Beach is world renowned. Even if you haven’t been, chances are you’ve heard of it and once you see it, you’ll realise why it deserves its reputation. The curved expanse of soft, white sand, the crashing waves and sandstone cliffs all combine to create a spectacular seaside suburb. Bondi epitomises Sydney’s laid-back beach lifestyle and has something for everyone.

Hunter Valley: Two hours from Sydney, is Australia’s oldest wine growing region; visit cellar doors and float above the vineyards on a hot air balloon.

North Coast: Further up on the scenic North Coast, Byron Bay’s mountainous hinterland coincides with a coastline of spectacular beaches. Check out these flourishing communities on the Legendary Pacific Coast touring route.

Broken Hill: For an outback adventure with a difference, Broken Hill combines red desert sands and glittering night skies with a passionate art scene, strong Indigenous culture and fabulous drag performances.

For more information on things to see and do in Sydney and NSW go to www.sydney.com and www.visitsw.com
To access and download story ideas, information, images and video assets on Sydney and NSW, go to the Destination NSW Media Centre
KEY INFORMATION

TIME ZONE
Sydney is in the Australian Eastern time zone and has a UTC/GMT offset of +10:00 for standard time.

LANGUAGE
The official language of Australia is English. Although English is Australia’s national language, more than 200 languages are spoken in the community, as well as more than 60 different languages of Indigenous Australians.

CURRENCY
The official currency of Australia is the Australian Dollar (AUD).

PASSPORT AND VISA
A valid passport and visa is required to enter Australia.
There are many visa options available to people wishing to visit Australia. The appropriate visa option will depend, amongst other things, on the person’s purpose for visiting Australia.
The main visa options for media are:
Subclass 408 Temporary Activity Visa
Appropriate for media who will produce content that will be viewed in Australia (either exclusively to Australia, or Australia AND internationally).
Subclass 400 Temporary Work Visa
Appropriate for media who will produce content for international distribution ONLY.
It is the responsibility of all media travelling to Australia for the FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup 2022 to ensure that you follow the correct procedures for visa, immigration and customs requirements.

EMERGENCY SERVICES
Dial 000 in an emergency for police, fire or ambulance.

DAYLIGHT HOURS
During the FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup competition period, Sydney will enjoy approximately 12 hours and 20 minutes of daylight each day.

SYDNEY WEATHER
Located on the east coast of Australia, NSW maintains a generally mild climate. Across the Sydney Basin the weather is characteristically temperate – perfectly suited for outdoor recreation and leisure activities – with warm summers, average humidity and no marked dry season. September is historically the lowest month for rainfall in the year.

WEATHER IN SEPTEMBER
In Sydney Olympic Park, the average mean maximum temperature for September is 21.6°C and the average mean minimum is 12.3°C. The average mean maximum temperature for October is 23.2°C and the average mean minimum is 14.8°C.
In September the relative humidity has a Low of 47% and a High of 60%. In October the relative humidity has a Low of 49% and a High of 61%.
Extensive planning has gone into making the working environment for the media as pleasant and productive and possible throughout the duration of the FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup 2022.

To ensure that both attending and non-attending media can report on the event efficiently and effectively, the Local Organising Committee (LOC) are committed to supporting FIBA to provide a world-class media service.

This includes the provision of:

• World-class media facilities and systems
• Fast and reliable technology
• Relevant, timely and accurate information
• Immediate assistance to answer questions and provide support
• Access to players and teams
• Easy-to-use and efficient transport
• An overall enjoyable experience

Opening on Tuesday, 20 September 2022, the main media workroom will be located within the primary competition venue, Sydney Superdome. A satellite, smaller press room will also be made available at the secondary competition venue, Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre, on competition days.

Media transport will be available from the Official Media Hotel (Mercure Parramatta). The Secondary Media Hotel is within walking distance of venues.

Further media operations will be distributed to accredited via the FIBA Platform in the lead up to the FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup 2022.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Media accreditation, including TV and radio accreditation, requests should be submitted via the FIBA on-line accreditation system.

Applications open on Monday, 7 March 2022 and will close on and will close of Friday 2 September 2022 (23:59 CET)

For specific questions relating to media accreditation, please contact:

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The Media team for the FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup 2022 Local Organising Committee remain available to assist you with any information or questions that can support your trip to Sydney, Australia.

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