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Paris 2024 and FIBA agree on change of basketball preliminary round venue

Paris 2024 Organising Committee and FIBA today agreed to work together on identifying a new venue for the preliminary round of the men's and women's basketball competitions, which will no longer take place at the Arena Paris Sud.

Paris will host the third Olympic Games in its history in 2024, exactly 100 years since the last edition in 1924. As Olympic basketball did not feature at the 1924 Games, there is a huge sense of excitement and anticipation as France prepares to host the world's greatest basketball players in 2024.

Paris 2024 and FIBA have held positive discussions on the venue plan for Olympic basketball competitions. Iconic venues such as Place de La Concorde for the 3x3 competitions and the Bercy Arena for the final round of the men's and women's basketball competitions have been approved, with FIBA confirming that both venues will offer world-class conditions for both athletes and fans.

A venue review conducted in 2020 identified the Arena Paris Sud (Porte de Versailles) Hall 6 as a suitable venue to host the basketball group phase. This choice was totally in line with the vision of Paris 2024 and the IOC New Norm which promotes a responsible approach in the choice of competition venue (95% already existing or temporary) and which is a fundamental commitment of Paris 2024 bid.

Paris 2024 and FIBA have worked together for several months, however, following the most recent sporting and technical assessments, Paris 2024 and FIBA have agreed that this venue will no longer host basketball competitions due to its specificities.

Paris 2024 and FIBA will continue working closely together to identify a new venue for the preliminary round, which will meet Olympic requirements whilst respecting Paris 2024's guiding principles on environmental and budgetary responsibility.

Both Paris 2024 and FIBA are confident of positive developments in the coming months in order to provide the best possible setting for the world's greatest basketball players to shine.



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The Paris 2024 Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games is responsible for planning, organising, financing and delivering the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris in 2024, in accordance with the Host City Contract signed by the IOC (International Olympic Committee), CNOSF (French National Olympic and Sports Committee) and Paris City Council.

The Olympic and Paralympic Games are the largest sports event in the world and have a unique media impact, bringing together some 10,500 Olympic and 4,350 Paralympic athletes representing 206 and 182 delegations, respectively, from five continents. The Games are watched by over 13 million spectators and 4 billion viewers around the world through more than 100,000 hours of TV coverage, and their impact as a global event of great sporting, economic and cultural importance is unparalleled.

Founded in January 2018, Paris 2024 is headed by Tony Estanguet, a three-time Olympic champion and IOC member. It is run by an Executive Board, which brings together all the project’s founding members, namely the CNOSF, Paris City Council, the French State, the Greater Paris regional authorities, CPSF (French Paralympic and Sports Committee), the Greater Paris Metropolitan Area, the Seine Saint Denis departmental council and representatives from the towns and cities involved in the Games as well as civil society and social partners.

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