

International Director Report:

June 14-15, 2008 – First Tryout for both Men and Women in Phoenix, AZ

38 Men and 20 Women participated in the tryout. For Men, 7 players were selected on the National Team while 12 players were selected on the Development. As for Women, 8 players were selected on the National Team while 6 players were selected on the Development Team. The coaching staff for the selection committee is: Dean Bryant of California, Jeb Barber of Washington, D.C., James Destefano of Maryland, Gerald Brown of Arizona and Keith Westhoelter of Indiana (National Head Coach). Keith didn't attend due to prior commitment). The coaching staff for the selection committees for Women's team is: Meg Sanders of Arizona (National Head Coach), Kylan Loney of Iowa (Assistant Coach), Laura Edwards of Arizona (She didn't attend due to Family matters), Carolyn Wuertz of Arizona, and Charlie Turner of Arizona (Arizona State University Head Coach).

July 25 - 26, 2008 – USA Men's Training Camp & USA Basketball Meeting in Las Vegas, NV

I had the privilege to attend USA Men National Team's training camp featuring the best NBA players such as Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony, Chris Paul, Dwight Howard and few others and the Board meeting in Las Vegas. At the meeting, I explained briefly about USADB program such as International Events and Youth Program with Elite Camp/East-West HS All Stars. I also asked about funding the apparels from Nike for USA Men & Women's basketball teams for their trip to Deaflympic Games this fall.

September 19 - 21, 2008 – USA Men's 2nd Tryout at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.

26 players participated in the tryout. Most of them already participated in the 1st tryout. Those who are on the national team didn't have to attend the 2nd tryout but the players on the Development were required to attend. The coaches observed the tryout and selected 17 players from the 2nd tryout. The announcement of 12 players and 3 Alternates will be selected after the USADB tournament. In Anaheim.

October 10 - 11, 2008 – USA Women's 2nd Tryout at ASDB in Tucson, AZ

The players on the National Team were not required to attend. Most of the players attended the tryout were from the Development team and some who couldn't attend the 1st tryout due to prior commitments. The coaching staff selected 16 players from the tryout to be on the National Team. The 3rd and final tryout will be held In Anaheim during USADB tournament in April. The announcement of the selected 12 players will be announced after USADB tournament. Only selected 12 players will be participating in the Deaflympic Games held in Taipei, Taiwan from Sept 5 – 15.

November 7 – 9, 2008 – DIBF Board Meeting in Sicily, Italy

Since I am on the board for DIBF (Deaf International Basketball Federation), I was asked to attend the meeting in Sicily. Due to budget problems, I wasn't able to attend the meeting. The meeting was to discuss about U-20 World Deaf Basketball Championships and preparations for the upcoming Deaflympic Games in Taipei, Taiwan.

The list shown below is for the upcoming International Events:

April 2009 – Final Selection of Men & Women National Team for Deaf Olympic in Taipei, Taiwan

July/August 2009 – U-20 USA Men and Women Tryout to be determined

September 5 – 15, 2009 – Deaf Olympic Games in Taipei, Taiwan

November 2009 – USA Basketball Meeting in Colorado Springs, CO

March 2010 – USA Men and Women's 2nd Tryout to be determined

June 12 – 18, 2010 – U-20 World Deaf Basketball Championship in Stockholm, Sweden

Deaf International Basketball Events:

2009 – Deaf Olympic Games in Taipei, Taiwan

2010 – Under 20 World Deaf Basketball Championships in Stockholm, Sweden

2011 – World Deaf Basketball Championship in Sicily, Italy

2012 – Pan Am Deaf Games in Sao Palo, Brazil

2013 – Deaf Olympic Games in Athens, Greece