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## SENIOR MEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM TIPS OFF SUMMER SERIES IN CANADA

TORONTO-HAMILTON, Ontario — Canada Basketball announces the official schedule for the 2008 Jack Donohue International Classic (JDIC), showcasing the Senior Men's National Team. Games will be played June 30-July 5, 2008 at McMaster University (Hamilton, ON), and Ricoh Coliseum (Toronto, ON).

"We are pleased to bring the excitement of international basketball to Hamilton and Toronto," stated Wayne Parrish, Executive Director and CEO for Canada Basketball. "Both cities have strong roots in basketball and will serve as great hosts for our team as we begin our quest to qualify for the Olympics."

The JDIC exhibition series marks the first time that Team Canada will play games on home soil since 2002. Participants include senior men's national teams from New Zealand and Lebanon. All three squads will be competing in the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Athens, Greece this July 14-20, along with nine other delegations. The top three teams will advance to the Olympic Summer Games in Beijing, China this August.

"I am very excited to be preparing for the Olympics right here at home," said Leo Rautins, Head Coach of the Senior Men's National Team. "We have a great group of guys coming back this year, and look forward to continuing to build on the successes from last summer."

Team Canada will tip off the 2008 JDIC with two games at McMaster University on June 30 vs. Lebanon and July 1 vs. New Zealand, and will round out the exhibition series on July 4 vs. New Zealand and July 5 vs. Lebanon at Ricoh Coliseum in Toronto. The last two games mark the first-ever basketball events to be played at the historic venue.

"We are thrilled to be hosting this event at the historic Ricoh Coliseum," said Bob Hunter, Executive Vice President, Venues & Entertainment at MLSE. "This is the first-ever basketball event we have held at the venue, so to see its versatility is exciting. Further, working alongside Canada Basketball, Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment is committed to developing basketball in the country and is proud to be supporting Team Canada on their quest to qualify for the Olympics"

Tickets for the JDIC at Ricoh Coliseum are on sale today at [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca) (enter Canada Basketball) and [www.basketball.ca](http://www.basketball.ca). Prices start at \$25 for both senior team games on July 4 and 5 (7 p.m. start time). As an added bonus, fans will have an opportunity to see Canada Basketball's Junior National Team play exhibition games on both days (4 p.m. start time) as they prepare for the FIBA Americas Junior Championships taking place this summer in Formosa, Argentina. Tickets for McMaster University games will be on sale next week. A complete training camp roster for Canada Basketball's Senior Men's National Team and 2008 summer schedule are attached.

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The tentative schedule for 2008 Canadian Senior Men's National team is as follows: **FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament for Men Greece (GRE) July 14-20; Olympic Games Men's Tournament China (CHN) August 10-24 2008 (upon qualification).**

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## 2008 Canadian Senior Men's National Team Training Camp Roster

Player	Pos.	Ht.	D.O.B	07-08 Team	Yrs	Hometown
Anthony, Joel	F/C	6'9"	08/09/82	Miami Heat (NBA)	1	Montreal, QC
Anderson, Jermaine	G	6'2"	02/08/83	Tuebingen Tigers (Germany)	4	Toronto, ON
Bell, Ryan	G	6'5"	04/17/84	Carleton University (CIS)	2	Orleans, ON
Brempong, Rans	F	6'8"	07/22/81	Leverkusen Giants (Germany)	5	Brampton, ON
Brown, Denham	G	6'5"	01/06/83	Tisettanta Cantu (Italy)	3	Toronto, ON
Bucknor, Jermaine	F	6'8"	01/11/83	Le Portel (France)	4	Edmonton, AB
Dalembert, Samuel	C	6'11"	05/10/81	Philadelphia 76ers (NBA)	1	Montreal, QC
Doornekamp, Aaron	F	6'6"	12/12/85	Carleton University (CIS)	3	Odessa, ON
Doornekamp, Nate	C	7'0"	10/09/82	Bremerhaven (Germany)	5	Odessa, ON
English, Carl	G	6'5"	02/02/81	Gran Canaria (Spain)	3	Patrick's Cove, NF
Famutimi, Olu	F	6'6"	02/21/84	Khimik (Ukraine)	1	Toronto, ON
Joseph, Devoe	G	6'3"	06/21/89	Pickering High School (OFSAA)	2	Toronto, ON
Kendall, Levon	F	6'9"	07/04/84	Panionios (Greece)	6	Vancouver, BC
Kepkay, Tyler	G	6'0"	06/19/87	University of Utah (NCAA)	-	Vancouver, BC
Kuljanin, Vlad	C	6'10"	04/02/85	UNC-Wilmington (NCAA)	3	Toronto, ON
Martin, Phil	F	6'8"	03/09/80	Draghi Novara (Italy)	1	Hamilton, ON
Mendez, Juan	F	6'8"	09/23/81	Rishon, LZ (Israel)	3	Montreal, QC
Rautins, Andy	G	6'5"	11/02/86	Syracuse University (NCAA)	3	Toronto, ON
Thomas, Dave	F	6'8"	12/04/76	Melbourne Tigers (Australia)	2	Brampton, ON
Young, Jesse	F	6'10"	04/29/80	Estudiant (Spain)	5	Peterborough, ON

Head Coach: Leo Rautins

Assistant Coaches: Dave Smart, Mike Malone, Wayne Yearwood



## 2008 Canadian Senior Men's National Team Schedule

Event	Location	Date
Open Tryout	Toronto, Ontario	May 27, 2008
Summer Training Camp begins	Toronto, Ontario	June 20, 2008
Jack Donohue International Classic (Canada vs. Lebanon)	Hamilton, Ontario	June 30, 2008
Jack Donohue International Classic (Canada vs. New Zealand)	Hamilton, Ontario	July 1, 2008
Jack Donohue International Classic (Lebanon vs. New Zealand)	Hamilton, Ontario	July 2, 2008
Jack Donohue International Classic (Canada vs. New Zealand)	Toronto, Ontario	July 4, 2008
Jack Donohue International Classic (Canada vs. Lebanon)	Toronto, Ontario	July 5, 2008
International Exhibition vs. German Men's National Team	Hambourg, Germany	July 9, 2008
International Exhibition vs. German Men's National Team	Mannheim, Germany	July 11, 2008
FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament (Canada vs. Slovenia)	Athens, Greece	July 15, 2008
FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament (Canada vs. S. Korea)	Athens, Greece	July 16, 2008
FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament (Quarterfinals)	Athens, Greece	July 18, 2008
FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament (Semi-Finals)	Athens, Greece	July 19, 2008
FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament (Consolation)	Athens, Greece	July 20, 2008
Olympic Games*	Beijing, China	Aug. 10-24, 2008

