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U.S. Pan American Games Men's and Women's 3x3 Rosters Announced

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (June 28, 2019) – The inaugural U.S. Pan American Games 3x3 Men's and Women's Basketball Team rosters today were unveiled.

Representing the USA men will be: 2019 FIBA 3x3 World Cup gold medalist **Kareem Maddox** (Princeton/Los Angeles, Calif.); former Division II NABC All-American guard **Dominique Jones** (Fort Hays State/Harlem, N.Y.); and NBA G-League members **Sheldon Jeter** (Maine Red Claws/Beaver Falls, Pa.) and **Jon Ochteus** (Windy City Bulls/Miami, Fla.).

The four members of the U.S. women's team are USA Basketball gold medalists, including University of Connecticut teammates **Olivia Nelson-Ododa** (Connecticut/Winder, Ga.) and **Christyn Williams** (Little Rock, Ark.) and University of Oregon student-athletes **Ruthy Hebard** (Fairbanks, Alaska) and **Sabrina Ionescu** (Walnut Creek, Ore.).

This year is the first time 3x3 basketball will be included at the Pan American Games, and the men's and women's tournaments will feature six teams each from July 27-29 at the Coliseo Eduardo Dibo in Lima, Peru.

The team members were selected by the USA Basketball 3x3 National Team Selection Committee after they participated in the 2019 Red Bull USA Basketball 3x3 Nationals this past May at the Las Vegas Downtown Events Center. The selections also were approved by the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee.

While Maddox is the lone medalist on the men's team, the women's team owns a total of six gold medals, two silvers and two bronze medals.

Hebard took part in the 2018 USA Basketball Women's National Team training camp; was a member of the 2018 USA 3x3 World Cup team, won a silver medal with the 2017 USA U19 World Cup team and a gold medal with the 2016 USA U18 National Team.

Ionescu earned MVP at the 2019 Red Bull USA Basketball 3X Nationals and the 2018 USA Basketball 3x3 National Championship. She also helped the USA to a tournament title at the 2017 U24 Four Nations Tournament and gold medals at the 2014 FIBA U17 World Cup and 2013 FIBA Americas U16 Championship.

Nelson-Ododa won a gold medal with the 2018 USA U18 National Team and a bronze medal with the 2016 USA U17 World Cup Team.

Williams helped the USA to gold medals at the 2018 FIBA Americas U18 Championship and 2017 FIBA 3x3 U18 World Cup, silver at the 2017 FIBA U19 World Cup and bronze at the 2016 FIBA U17 World Cup. She also played in two stops on the 2019 FIBA 3x3 Women's Series, including Chengdu (May 31-June 1) and Turin (June 14-15), and is expected to participate in the Ekaterinburg stop from July 9-10 in Russia.

The USA women will open play on July 27 against Argentina at 4:30 p.m. (all times listed are EDT), followed by Uruguay at 7 p.m. and Brazil at 10 p.m. The U.S. women complete preliminary round play on July 28 versus Venezuela at 6 p.m. and Dominican Republic at 8 p.m.

The women's semifinals will be played on July 29, and will feature the No. 1 and No. 4 teams from the preliminary round at 10 a.m., followed by the No. 2 and No. 3 placed teams at 10:30 a.m. The semifinal losers will meet in the bronze medal game at 1 p.m., and the winners will play in the gold medal game at 2 p.m.

The women's fifth place game, which includes the No. 5 and No. 6 teams, will be played at 12 p.m. on July 29.

The USA men also begin play on July 27, and will face Venezuela at 5 p.m. and Brazil at 9 p.m. On July 28, the U.S. men complete preliminary round play against Puerto Rico at 4 p.m., Argentina at 7 p.m. and Dominican Republic at 10:30 p.m.

The first men's semifinal on July 29 will feature the No. 1 and No. 4 placed teams at 11 a.m., and the second semifinal will include the No. 2 and No. 3 finishing teams at 11:30 a.m. The bronze medal game is set for 1:30 p.m., and the gold medal game will be played at 2:30 p.m.

The No. 5 and No. 6 men's teams will play for fifth place at 12:30 p.m. on July 29.

Similar to the Pan American Games, 3X3 basketball will make its Olympic debut at the 2020 Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo.

The exciting and fast-paced game officially was unveiled in international competition at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games and since has become a fan favorite at FIBA 3x3 World Cup events.

3x3 is played on a half court with a 12-second shot clock and a 10 minute game clock. The first team to 21 points, or the team in the lead at the end of regulation, is the winner.

The USA Basketball 3x3 National Team Selection Committee includes: **Carol Callan** (USA Basketball Women's National Team director), **Jay Demings** (USA Basketball Youth & Sport Development director), **Samson Kayode** (USA Basketball Men's National Team assistant director), **Kara Lawson** (2008 Olympic gold medalist and USA 3x3 team consultant) and **Mo McHone** (1997 USA Basketball National Coach of the Year), who has served on numerous USA Basketball coaching staffs (1998-2018) and has coached in the NBA, NBA G League, Continental Basketball Association and in South Korea.

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