



NBA TO HOST JR. NBA EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST ELITE CAMP IN ROME MAY 4-7

***- Top Boys and Girls Ages 13-14 from Europe and the Middle East to Participate in
Four-Day Elite Camp -***

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LONDON AND ROME, May 4, 2022 – The National Basketball Association (NBA) today announced that a four-day Jr. NBA Europe and Middle East Elite Camp will be held at Stella Azzurra in Rome, Italy from Wednesday, May 4 – Saturday, May 7.

The Jr. NBA EME Elite Camp will feature 60 boys and girls ages 13-14 from 25 countries across Europe and the Middle East where Jr. NBA programs currently operate, and will focus on positional skill development, shooting, and skills competitions, culminating with three-on-three and five-on-five competition.

The camp will be conducted by NBA Basketball Operations staff and coaches from Jr. NBA leagues in Europe and the Middle East. Former NBA and WNBA players and NBA Europe Ambassadors Anastasia Kostaki (Greece), Zaza Pachulia (Georgia), Vladimir Radmanović (Montenegro) and Ronny Turiaf (France) and former NBA head coach Ryan Saunders will also attend and coach the youth players. Saunders will also lead an NBA Coaching Clinic for the Jr. NBA coaches and invited local coaches.

“We are excited to host 60 of the top young boys and girls from across Europe and the Middle East at Stella Azzurra’s facilities in Rome,” said NBA Associate Vice President of Basketball Operations, Europe and Middle East Neal Meyer. “The Jr. NBA EME Elite Camp provides a unique and exciting opportunity for these developing players to compete alongside their peers from other countries and learn from established coaches as they advance in their young careers.”

“I look forward to seeing the talent on display at this camp from young hopefuls across our region,” said Pachulia. “This kind of intensive basketball experience will be invaluable as they embark on the next stage of their basketball development.”

“It’s a pleasure to help guide and evaluate these young players and support up-and-coming coaches as they strive towards the goal of becoming better players,” said Saunders. “I know they will take away lessons from this camp that will help them continue to grow as players, coaches and people in the years to come.”

The Jr. NBA EME Elite Camp will be supported by official NBA partners Nilox and San Carlo. Nilox will sponsor the Shooting Challenge and the NBA Coaching Clinic, while San Carlo will sponsor a Special Olympics Unified Clinic and the camp's Sportsmanship Awards.

The Jr. NBA, the league's global youth basketball program for boys and girls, teaches the fundamental skills as well as the core values of the game – teamwork, respect, determination and community – at the grassroots level in an effort to help grow and improve the youth basketball experience for players, coaches and parents. During the 2021-22 season, the Jr. NBA will reach nearly 37,000 youth in 28 countries in Europe and the Middle East.

Below please find the complete roster of the boys and girls participating in the Jr. NBA Europe and Middle East (EME) Elite Camp:

GIRLS ROSTER:

Last Name	First Name	Country
Košáková	Eliška	Czech Republic
Fischer	Ella Julie	Denmark
Matthews	Tamzin	England
Rugette	Neve	England
Gardziella	Anna Frieda	Finland
Badibanga	Elikya	France
Foirest	Louane	France
Tialadze	Lizi	Georgia
Heide	Maja	Germany
Schulze	Lilli	Germany
Foniadaki	Efthymia	Greece
Ophir	Noam	Israel
Zilbershlag	Maya	Israel
Baldassarre	Francesca	Italy
Hassan	Isabel Mohamud Mohamed	Italy
Haziri	Malvina	Kosovo
Miscenko	Sindija	Latvia
Mansour	Jane	Lebanon
Mockevičiūtė	Justė	Lithuania
Makula	Marta	Poland
Pop	Silvia Maria	Romania
Gamal	Fleur	Scotland
Radjenovic	Kristina	Serbia
Mrak	Eli	Slovenia
Lostal Moron	Claudia	Spain

Nieto Morales	Laia	Spain
Toribio	Ada	Spain
Mingert	Elsa	Sweden
Awad	Thea	UAE

BOYS ROSTER:

Last Name	First Name	Country
Stampalija	Toni	Croatia
Broda	Jan	Czech Republic
Noorgard	Noah Martin	Denmark
Ziegler	Mads Nikolai	Denmark
Rugette	Tejan	England
Towo-Nansi	Aaron	France
Tatanashvili	Saba	Georgia
Scheffs	Jervis	Germany
Tsipourlianos	Georgios	Greece
Saghy	Tamas	Hungary
Hitkes	Noam	Israel
Shmuel Aronov	Aviv	Israel
Pavese	Riccardo	Italy
Kastrati	Yll	Kosovo
Kudrjavcevs	Raivo	Latvia
Nebhan Moujaes	Kyle	Lebanon
Pakamanis	Ernas	Lithuania
Štombergas	Ignas	Lithuania
Sitkiewicz	Karol	Poland
Radu Andrei	Cepoi	Romania
Henderson	James Andrew	Scotland
Kovač	Vukašin	Serbia
Marjanovic	Stefan	Serbia
Malovcic	Tin	Slovenia
Doucoure	Mahamadou	Spain
Maker Bol	Paul Ater	Spain
Torrens	Pau	Spain
Zurita Rueda	Marcos	Spain
Abou Jaoude	Patrick Samer	UAE
Albora	Ali	UAE
Balde	Isaias	Wales

About the Jr. NBA

The Jr. NBA is the league's global youth basketball program for boys and girls that teaches the fundamental skills and core values of the game: teamwork, respect, determination and community. The Jr. NBA is focused on helping grow and improve the youth basketball experience at the grassroots level for players, coaches and parents, and offers a free curriculum covering all levels of the game that includes 48 practice plans and more than 250 instructional videos featuring NBA and WNBA players. During the 2019-20 season, the NBA and its teams reached 14.5M youth around the world through in-person events and clinics, before transitioning to virtual programming and online youth basketball development events that generated more than 210M views from youth players and fans in 118 countries.