

FIBA INTERCONTINENTAL CUP SINGAPORE 2023

THE CONTENDERS













The 33rd edition of the FIBA Intercontinental Cup opens a new chapter in the history of this storied competition. It is the first time ever the event is hosted in Asia, the first time ever it includes Asian clubs, and the first time in the last 36 years that it features more than four contenders for the title.

The field of contenders has expanded to six clubs from around the world, drawn into two groups. These six teams represent six diametrically different leagues and each team comes from a different geographical region, but they all have one thing in common: None of them yet knows what it feels like to lift the FIBA Intercontinental Cup trophy, and they all arrive in Singapore aiming to conquer the coveted crown and add it to their silverware collection.

GROUP A

AL AHLY - EGYPT - Basketball Africa League winner

NBA G LEAGUE IGNITE - USA - NBA G League representative

SESI FRANCA - BRAZIL - Basketball Champions League Americas winner

GROUP B

AL MANAMA - BAHRAIN - FIBA West Asia Super League winner

TELEKOM BASKETS BONN - GERMANY - Basketball Champions League winner

ZHEJIANG GOLDEN BULLS - CHINA - Chinese Basketball Association representative

Each team will play two games in the Group Phase and on the final day of competition the teams that topped their respective groups will square off in the Final to battle for the trophy. The second-placed teams in each group will face off in the Third-Place Game, while the third-placed teams in each group will fight for fifth place in the tournament.





THE VENUE

SINGAPORE INDOOR STADIUM

Designed by internationally acclaimed architect Kenzo Tange and officially declared open by Singapore's first Prime Minister, Lee Kuan Yew, this air-conditioned, multi-purpose pillarless sports and entertainment facility has hosted a wide variety of sports, entertainment and community events.

With flexible configuration for maximum utilization of event space, it can accommodate from 4,000 to 12,000 spectators.





GAME SCHEDULE & GROUPS







As a club a few years away from its 100th birthday, Al Ahly is much more than simply one of the most storied clubs in Egypt. The Cairo-based club, founded in 1930, is an integral part of basketball history in Africa.

The Reds, as they are affectionately known, are coming off an enormously successful 2022-23 season which saw them conquer the domestic double and put the cherry on top by winning their first ever Basketball Africa League (BAL) crown in May.

In the big Final in Kigali, Rwanda, Al Ahly defeated AS Douanes of Senegal and clinched a spot in this year's FIBA Intercontinental Cup as BAL champions.

Al Ahly have grown accustomed to success throughout the club's long history. They have won the Egyptian league title on seven occasions and the Egyptian Cup 11 times.

Meanwhile on the international stage, in addition of course to the 2023 BAL trophy, they also celebrated the FIBA Africa Champions Cup title in 2016 and the Arabophone Championship in 2021.



	POSITION	HEIGHT	NA <mark>T</mark> IONA <mark>LI</mark> TY
ABADA, OMAR	PG	189CM	TUN
NASR, MOHAMED	PG	190CM	EGY
KHAIRY, MOAMEN	SG	190CM	EGY
AMIN, EHAB	G	185CM	EGY
COLE, NORRIS	G	188CM	USA
GENDY, AMR	PF	193CM	EGY
MAADAWY, YOUSSEF	SF	192CM	EGY
MOHEIB, AHMED	SF	189CM	EGY
KEJO, MOSTAFA	C	208CM	EGY
FAKUADE, MICHAEL	PF	202CM	NGR
ORABY, OMAR	C	218CM	EGY
SEIF, SAMIR	PF	203CM	EGY
SARHAN, MARWAN	PF	203CM	EGY
ZAHRAN, AMR	G	191CM	EGY



If Al Manama manage to taste success in Singapore this September and therefore become the first Asian club in history to lift the FIBA Intercontinental Cup trophy, they will be presented with a problem among their celebrations: they will have serious trouble finding free space for the new silverware in their already laden trophy case.

The Bahrain-based club are the most successful basketball organization within the country, as they are able to boast of having a total of 40 domestic trophies in their possession.

Al Manama have conquered the Bahrain league title on 22 occasions and the Bahraini Cup 18 times. In 2023 they won both titles, adding yet another domestic double to their name.

However, Al Manama arrive in Singapore as representatives of a competition they won for the first time. In June, they celebrated lifting the very first trophy in the history of FIBA West Asia Super League, after defeating Kuwait Club in the title game of the Final Eight that was hosted in Dubai.



AL MANAMA

	POSITION	HEIGHT	NATIONALITY
ALI, EMRAN	G	180CM	BRN
ALMARBATI, YUSUF	G	200CM	BRN
HAJI, AHMED	PG	175CM	BRN
HAMOODA, MOHAMMED	PF	198CM	BRN
NAJAF, AHMED	C	199CM	BRN
NOWROOZ, HASSAN	G	185CM	BRN
POINTER, SIR'DOMINIC	G	198CM	USA
RASHED, ALI	G	181CM	BRN
RASHED, MOSTI	G	177CM	BRN
SHAKER, HUSAIN	PG	174CM	BRN
THIBODEAUX, TRAVIN	C	206CM	USA
WILLIAMS, LATAVIOUS	PF	203CM	USA



There is only one trophy so there can be only one champion at FIBA Intercontinental Cup Singapore 2023, but if there was an unofficial title for the most exciting young team, the NBA G League Ignite would win it without a contest.

Current NBA players such as Jalen Green, Jonathan Kuminga and Scoot Henderson came through the Ignite program, and their young successors on this year's roster are ready to showcase their skills in Singapore.

The concept for the Ignite program came to fruition in 2020, when the team was created to provide high school, college and international prospects with an avenue towards the NBA Draft. Ignite have competed in the NBA G League during the past three seasons, reaching the play-off Quarter-Finals once.

A team representing the NBA G League has competed in the FIBA Intercontinental Cup in each of its last four editions, with the Lakeland Magic and the Rio Grande Valley Vipers achieving third place finishes. Will the young guns do better in Singapore?



NBA G LEAGUE | IGNITE

	POSITION	HEIGHT	NATIONALITY
ALMANSA, IZAN	PF	207CM	ESP
BUZELIS, MATAS	F	208CM	LTU/USA
GILDER, ADMON	SG	192CM	USA
HOLLAND, RON	F	207CM	USA
JENKINS, JOHN	G	193CM	USA
JOHNSON, LONDON	G	193COM	JAM
MIKA, ERIC	C	208CM	USA
PARGO, JEREMY	G	188CM	USA
SANE, BABACAR	F	200CM	SEN
SMITH, TYLER	F	209CM	USA
STOCKTON, DAVID	PG	180CM	USA



Will third time be a charm for the Brazilians? Sesi Franca reached the Final of the FIBA Intercontinental Cup on two occasions, in 1975 and 1980, but both times ended up having to settle for second place.

So, this time around, the members of the team which embarked on a transatlantic trip to Singapore all the way from the Brazilian state of Sao Paulo can only be truly content with reaching the top spot of the podium.

That's a spot that Franca are very familiar with, as they are the most winning club in Brazilian league history with 13 titles to their name, while they also have four Pan American Club Championship trophies, six South American Club Championships, and one FIBA South American League titles to their name.

The conquest that earned them a spot in Singapore this September though was the Basketball Champions League Americas trophy they lifted last April, after defeating Argentina's Quimsa in the Semi-Final and fellow Brazilian side Flamengo in the Final, in front of their home fans.



	POSITION	HEIGHT	NA <mark>T</mark> IONALITY
BARBOSA, PAULO	G	190CM	BRA
BORGES, ALEXEY	PG	188CM	BRA
DE PAULA, GEORGINHO	F	197COM	BRA
DIAS, LUCAS	PF	207CM	BRA
DOS SANTOS, JHONATAN	SF	199CM	BRA
ELEVI, EDOARDO	PF	207CM	BRA
FERNANDES MARIANO, NATHAN	PF	207CM	BRA
FERREIRA, WESLEY	PF	199CM	BRA
JACKSON, DAVID	SF	192CM	USA
SANTOS, MARCIO	C	204CM	BRA
SCALA, SANTIAGO	G	185CM	ARG



No German club has ever won two international trophies in the same year and no German club has ever won the FIBA Intercontinental Cup, so the dual challenge that Telekom Baskets Bonn face in Singapore is clear.

Yet Bonn, who arrive as Basketball Champions League winners and, by extension, as representatives of Europe, are something of an oddity in German basketball.

They are one of the most established and well-respected clubs but in the 31 years since 1992, when they were founded, and up until this year, they had no trophies to show for it.

Bonn has reached the German BBL league Finals on six occasions and the German Cup Final three times, yet they always ended up as the runners up.

Luckily for them, that unlucky domestic streak did not apply internationally. In May, Bonn capped off a fantastic campaign in the Basketball Champions League by defeating Hapoel Bank Yahav Jerusalem in the title game of the Final Four in Malaga and became the first ever German team to win the competition.



TELEKOM BASKETS BONN

	POSITION	HEIGHT	NA <mark>T</mark> IONA <mark>LI</mark> TY
BULIC, LEON	С	211CM	CRO
BLUNT, TYREESE	PG	206CM	GER
FLAGG, SAVION	F	201CM	USA
FOBBS, BRIAN	G	196CM	USA
FREY, HARALD	G	183CM	NOR
GEDIGA, PASCAL	PG	178CM	GER
GRIESEL, SAM	SF	200CM	GER
KENNEDY, THOMAS	C	206CM	CAN
KIRKWOOD, NOAH	F	201CM	CAN
PAPE, TILL	PF	204CM	GER
SENGFELDER, CHRISTIAN	PF	203CM	GER
TURUDIC, BENEDIKT	C	207CM	GER
UDANOH, IKE	PF	203CM	NGR
WATSON, GLYNN	G	183CM	USA



The Zhejiang Golden Bulls are poised to write a page of basketball history in Singapore, the very moment they step foot on the court for their Group B opener against Al Manama, as they will become the first ever Chinese club to participate in the FIBA Intercontinental Cup.

The club that is based in the province of Zhejiang was founded in 1995 and has been competing in the Southern Division of the Chinese Basketball Association (CBA). The Golden Bulls had a deep run in the 2020-21 CBA season and reached the Semi-Finals of the league play-offs.

They did even better in the 2022-23 campaign, since they first raced to win the top seed in the Regular Season and then battled their way to the play-off Finals. There however they lost the fight for the title to the back-to-back Chinese champions, the Liaoning Flying Leopards.

Now, the Golden Bulls aspire to not only showcase Chinese basketball on the international stage, but also dazzle the international audience with their trademark offensive-minded game.



	POSITION	HEIGHT	NATIONALITY
GULLEY, JAMAR	SG	196CM	USA
LIN, XIAOTIAN	SG	192CM	CHN
LIU, SHUANGYU	C	218CM	CHN
LIU, YITING	SF	196CM	CHN
LU, WENBO	SG	194CM	CHN
NEWMAN, MALIK	G	193CM	USA
PERRY, REGINALD	PF	208CM	USA
REN, JUNZHE	PG	180CM	CHN
WANG, YIBO	G	185CM	CHN
WANG, ZILU	F	200CM	CHN
WU, QIAN	G	190CM	CHN
ZHANG, HONGSHOU	F	201CM	CHN
ZHOU, YISHAN	SF	199CM	CHN

MEDIA SERVICES

A range of media services, including access to the teams, are available to all accredited media of FIBA Intercontinental Cup Singapore 2023.

VENUE INFORMATION

Event Venue: Singapore Indoor Stadium

(Stadium Walk - outside Kallang Wave Mall and Stadium MRT Station Exit B)

Media Accreditation and Photographer Bibs Collection: Accreditation Center

(inside the Visitors Center)

Where to Eat: Food and Beverage Directory
What to Do: Explore Singapore Sports Hub

Directions to Singapore Sports Hub: <u>Getting to Singapore Sports Hub by MRT,</u> Bus, Taxi/Private Hire Vehicle, Car

Parking: Carpark L (Please note that there is no complimentary parking for media. Please, decide your transportation options to the venue accordingly)

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INTERNET, POWER AND OTHER TIPS

- Complimentary wireless internet and LAN access is available throughout the event space and Media Centre.
- The Media Center will have charging points for all devices (mobile phones, laptops). Important to bring three-point charging heads and a universal adaptor.
- Media are advised to keep a jacket on hand in the air-conditioned
 Media Centre to stay warm.
- Snacks and drinks will be provided on game days at the Visitors
 Centere, with vegetarian options available. Additional food options are available (at own expense) at Kallang Wave Mall.

Directions to Visitors Centre



From MRT Station: Exit from Stadium MRT Station (CC6) Exit A, and walk straight through the OCBC Square and turn left to the Visitors Centre.

From Taxi Stand (I30): Walk past Stadium MRT Station (CC6) Exit A, walk straight through the OCBC Square and turn left to the Visitors Centre.

MEDIA CENTRE OPENING HOURS

	20 SEPT	21 SEPT	22 SEPT	23 SEPT	24 SEPT
MEDIA ACCREDITATION COLLECTION	11:00-14:30	11:00-14:30	12:00-14:00	10:30-11:30	10:30-11:30
MEDIA WORKING ROOM		10:30-23:00	10:30-23:00	10:30-23:00	10:30-23:30

MEDIA ACCREDITATION AND TRIBUNE SEATING

- Accredited media will be able to pick up their accreditation badges and photographers as well can collect their Photographer Bibs at the Accreditation Center (Visitors Center) during opening hours (see below).
- Media are required to carry their accreditation at all times, for entry into the Media Working Room and all other media zones (Media Tribune, Mixed Zone). Accredited media who fail to produce their pass may be denied entry.
- Seating in the Media Tribune is available to journalists only.
- Photographers and camera crews cannot take a seat in the Media Tribune; they can work from the photo positions around the court or from the Working Room.

GAME ACCESS AND GUIDELINES FOR ACCREDITED MEDIA

- Non-Rights holding media cannot film live or record video of any action inside the arena bowl including of course game action, and at all times.
- Under no circumstances can media venture around the court,
 behind the team benches or on the field of play at any stage, before,
 during or after the game.
- They can only film interviews at the Mixed Zone, during Media Days, at the Opening Ceremony or during the Final day postgame press conference.
- There will be a live feed of the games in the Media Centre.

GAME ACCESS AND GUIDELINES FOR ACCREDITED PHOTOGRAPHERS

- Accredited photographers can only take photos from the photo benches around the court. These positions are offered on a first come, first served basis.
- Under no circumstances can photographers venture behind the team benches or on the field of play at any stage, before, during or after the game.
- Photographers are kindly requested to not mark or add self-made stickers to reserve positions.
- They must take their position before the game starts, they cannot move during the game but only during the half time interval.
- Photographers can also shoot from the fan tribunes, provided they
 do not obstruct the view of spectators, Host Broadcasting cameras
 or other personnel.
- Photographers cannot film live or record video of any action inside the arena bowl including of course game action, and at all times.
- Photographers should be mindful of their camera equipment positioning to ensure the safety of participants and surrounding spectators.
- Photography taken by accredited photographers may be published (including online) for editorial purposes only.

TEAM PRACTICE SESSIONS

By default, all team practices throughout the tournament are considered closed sessions. However the last five (5) minutes of each of the sessions must be open for photo and video opportunity.

The 10 minutes after the end of each practice are considered Media Minutes when media can approach the players and coaches for interviews. Interviews must be conducted in the mixed zone, in order not to distract the next team practice..

The official practice sessions schedules will be communicated through media advisories.

MEDIA DAYS WITH TEAMS

Dates: 18 - 19 September 2023 **Duration:** 75 Minutes per Team

Venue: Pan Pacific Hotel - Pacific Room 1/2/3

Media are welcome to join the Media Days with the six participating teams in the Team Hotel.

They will be able to conduct short interviews, take behind the scenes footage and photos and live the atmosphere of this unique opportunity with the coaches and players.

Media are kindly asked to respect the instructions of the organizers during the event.

SCHEDULE OF MEDIA DAYS

Monday 18 September

18:30 – 19:45: Telekom Baskets Bonn (Germany)

20:00 - 21:15: NBA G League Ignite (USA)

Tuesday 19 September

12:30 - 13:45: Al Ahly (Egypt)

14:00 – 15:15: Sesi Franca (Brazil)

16:30 - 17:45: Zhejiang Golden Bulls

20:30 - 21:45: Al Manama (Bahrain)

OPENING CEREMONY

Date: 20 September 2023 Registration Time: 4pm Time: 4:30pm to 6pm

Venue: OCBC Square @ Singapore Sports Hub

PROGRAMME OUTLINE (ALL TIMES LOCAL)

16:30	MEDIA CONFERENCE AND FIRESIDE CHAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM FIBA, KASM, SPORTSG, AND PARTICIPATING PLAYERS
17:00	ARRIVAL OF GUEST OF HONOUR
17:10	OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY
17:20	INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY
17:35	EXCLUSIVE 'BEHIND-THE-GAMES' MEDIA TOUR
18:00	EXCLUSIVE 'BEHIND-THE-GAMES' MEDIA TOUR

Guidelines for Media

- Registration is at the OCBC Square. Registered media will be given wristbands to access the press conference.
- There are opportunities for media interviews. Please contact Mutant Communications if you wish to conduct 1:1 interviews with event representatives and/or team players present (attention: only a small number of players will be present at the ceremony).
- Food and water will be provided.

MIXED ZONE AFTER EVERY GAME

After the end of each game, it is mandatory for players as well as for the Head Coach to pass through the Mixed Zone before heading back to the locker rooms, however please note that they are not obliged to stop and talk to the media.

FINAL DAY PRESS CONFERENCE

A post-game press conference will take place after the Final game on Sunday, September 24, in the Singapore Indoor Stadium press conference room.

Accredited media will be allowed in the room.

The event will be livestreamed on the FIBA YouTube channel.

The head coach and one player from each of the two finalists will attend. The runners-up team will attend first, followed later by the champions.

USEFUL LINKS

- FIBA Intercontinental Cup Website
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- Hashtags: #Intercontinentalcup #mysgsportshub

Singapore Sports Hub Quick Links

- Directions to Singapore Sports Hub
- Official Singapore Sports Hub website
- Official Singapore Sports Hub FIBA 2023 page
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ALL-TIME MEDALISTS

YEAR	CHAMPION	2ND PLACE	3RD PLACE	4TH PLACE
1966	IGNIS VARESE (ITA)	CORINTHIANS (BRA)	REAL MADRID (ESP)	CHICAGO JAMACO SAINTS (USA)
1967	AKRON GOODYEAR WINGFOOTS (USA)	IGNIS VARESE (ITA)	SIMMENTHAL MILANO (ITA)	CORINTHIANS (BRA)
1968	AKRON GOODYEAR WINGFOOTS (USA)	REAL MADRID (ESP)	SIMMENTHAL MILANO (ITA)	BOTAFOGO (BRA)
1969	AKRON GOODYEAR WINGFOOTS (USA)	SPARTAK ZJS BRNO (CZE)	SIRIO (BRA)	REAL MADRID (ESP)
1970	IGNIS VARESE (ITA)	REAL MADRID (ESP)	CORINTHIANS (BRA)	SLAVIA VS PRAHA (CZE)
1972	NABL ALL-STARS (USA)	SOVIET UNION	BRAZIL	POLAND
1973	IGNIS VARESE (ITA)	SIRIO (BRA)	VAQUEROS DE BAYAMON (PUR)	JUGOPLASTIKA (YUG)
1974	MARYLAND TERRAPINS (USA)	IGNIS VARESE (ITA)	VILA NOVA (BRA)	REAL MADRID (ESP)
1975	BIRRA FORST CANTU (ITA)	AMAZONAS FRANCA (BRA)	REAL MADRID (ESP)	PENN QUAKERS (USA)
1976	REAL MADRID (ESP)	MOBILGIRGI VARESE (ITA)	OBRAS SANITARIAS (ARG)	AMAZONAS FRANCA (BRA)
1977	REAL MADRID (ESP)	MOBILGIRGI VARESE (ITA)	MACCABI ELITE TEL AVIV (ISR)	ATLETICA FRANCANA (BRA)
1978	REAL MADRID (ESP)	OBRAS SANITARIAS (ARG)	SIRIO (BRA)	MOBILGIRGI VARESE (ITA)
1979	SIRIO (BRA)	BOSNA (YUG)	EMERSON VARESE (ITA)	PIRATAS DE QUEBRADILLAS (PUR)
1980	MACCABI TEL AVIV (ISR)	ATLETICA FRANCANA (BRA)	BOSNA (YUG)	REAL MADRID (ESP)
1981	REAL MADRID (ESP)	OBRAS SANITARIAS (ARG)	SIRIO (BRA)	MOBILGIRGI VARESE (ITA)
1982	FORD CANTU (ITA)	NASHUA EBBC (NED)	MACCABI ELITE TEL AVIV (ISR)	AIR FORCE FALCONS (USA)
1983	OBRAS SANITARIAS (ARG)	JOLLYCOLOMBANI CANTU (ITA)	PENAROL (URU)	MONTE LIBANO (BRA)
1984	BANCO DI ROMA VIRTUS (ITA)	OBRAS SANITARIAS (ARG)	SIRIO (BRA)	FC BARCELONA (ESP)
1985	FC BARCELONA (ESP)	MONTE LIBANO (BRA)	CIBONA (YUG)	SAN ANDRES (ARC)
1986	ZALGIRIS (USSR)	FERRO CARRIL OESTE (ARG)	CIBONA (YUG)	CORINTHIANS (BRA)
1987	TRACER MILANO (ITA)	FC BARCELONA (ESP)	CIBONA (YUG)	MACCABI ELITE TEL AVIV (ISR)
1996	PANATHINAIKOS (GRE)	OLIMPIA (ARG)	N/A	N/A
2013	OLYMPIACOS (GRE)	PINHEIROS SKY (BRA)	N/A	N/A
2014	FLAMENGO (BRA)	MACCABI ELECTRA TEL AVIV (ISR)	N/A	N/A
2015	REAL MADRID (ESP)	BAURU (BRA)	N/A	N/A
2016	GUAROS DE LARA (VEN)	FRAPORT SKYLINERS (GER)	N/A	N/A
2017	IBEROSTAR TENERIFE (ESP)	GUAROS DE LARA (VEN)	N/A	N/A
2019	AEK ATHENS (GRE)	FLAMENGO (BRA)	SAN LORENZO (ARG)	AUSTIN SPURS (USA)
2020	IBEROSTAR TENERIFE (ESP)	SEGAFREDO VIRTUS BOLOGNA (ITA)	SAN LORENZO (ARG)	RIO GRANDE VALLEY VIPERS (USA)
2021	HEREDA SAN PABLO BURGOS (ESP)	QUIMSA (ARG)	N/A	N/A
2022	FLAMENGO (BRA)	HEREDA SAN PABLO BURGOS (ESP)	LAKELAND MAGIC (USA)	ZAMALEK (EGY)
2023 FEB	LENOVO TENERIFE (ESP)	SAO PAOLO (BRA)	RIO GRANDE VALLEY VIPERS (USA)	US MONASTIR (TUN)



INTERCONTINENTAL CUP

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