

# Basketball



Introduced to the Olympics in 1936, the game was invented by *Dr James Naismith*, who nailed a peach basket to each end of a Massachusetts college balcony in 1891 as an indoor game to fill a gap between baseball and the American football season

Tall players obviously have an advantage. When the international federation tried to ban anyone taller than 6ft 3in (1.9m) at the 1936 event, the U.S. objected because they would have lost three players. The rule was withdrawn and the tallest players have since reached 7ft 4in (2.2m)