

FIBA World Championship 2006

The world's best basketball teams meet in Japan for the FIBA World Championship. For the first time since 1986, the tournament is being contested by 24 nations, an increase from 16

Preliminary round: 15 games played in each group, *Aug 19-24*

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Argentina	Angola	Australia	China
France	Germany	Brazil	Italy
Lebanon	Japan	Greece	Puerto Rico
Nigeria	New Zealand	Lithuania	Senegal
Serbia/Mont.	Panama	Qatar	Slovenia
Venezuela	Spain	Turkey	USA

Top four in each group advance to knockout phase

**Eighth
Finals**

Aug 26-27

A1 v B4	C2 v D3	B1 v A4	D2 v C3	C1 v D4	A2 v B3	D1 v C4	B2 v A3
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**Quarter
Finals**

QF1 <i>Aug 29</i>	QF2 <i>Aug 29</i>	QF3 <i>Aug 30</i>	QF4 <i>Aug 30</i>
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Semi Finals
Sep 1

Winner QF1 v
Winner QF2

Winner QF3 v
Winner QF4

**Final: Saitama Super Arena,
Saitama City, Sep 3**

Games to decide 3rd-8th place not shown



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