



To the GAC representatives

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FIBA - GAC Meeting Request

On behalf of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), applicant for the .BASKETBALL gTLD, we would like to formally request a meeting with the GAC at the upcoming October meetings in Toronto. As the world governing body for the sport of Basketball, the FIBA believes it is the rightful steward of .BASKETBALL.

FIBA is the world governing body for basketball, formed by 213 national federations throughout the world. It is also recognized as the sole competent authority in basketball by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). FIBA's mission is to develop and promote the game of basketball as well as unite the global basketball community.

As the sole applicant with a dedicated interest in the sport of basketball, FIBA will ensure that those with an affinity for basketball will have ample opportunity to unite in this new domain space. FIBA will provide a trusted and secure space, ensure proper usage of .BASKETBALL and protect industry trademarks.

FIBA does not support or endorse any other applicant for .BASKETBALL. The consequences of allowing someone foreign to the basketball community to oversee the .BASKETBALL string could be highly detrimental to the sport. As such, FIBA intends to utilize all necessary resources (including the support of its federations, players and basketball fans worldwide) to vigorously defend its application.

Meeting with the GAC would allow us to demonstrate our firm commitment to protecting the best interests of the sport and the global Basketball community as well as address our significant concerns with regard to permitting someone from outside of the Basketball community to be awarded .BASKETBALL.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,



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