

Best teams in the world confirmed for the Lipik tournament



Organizing Committee of the Malbée Lipik 3x3 Challenger

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Lipik (Croatia) (OTS) - Teams from Novi Sad, Ljubljana and Trbovlje, currently the best ranked 3x3 street basketball teams in the world, as well as the best teams from France (Paris), Spain (Málaga), Russia (Saint Petersburg), Lithuania (Vilnius) and Italy (Modena) will appear at the Malbée Lipik 3x3 Challenger, a tournament in 3x3 street basketball that will be held in Lipik on July 8 and 9.

This was confirmed at the Quella hall in Lipik at the press conference held to introduce the Challenger, which is part of the official World tour competition organised under FIBA, the international governing basketball organisation.

Ivan Pušenik, the president of the Libox Association, who will be organising the Challenger in Lipik, explained that the 16 teams that will compete for the finals and the two places that will take them to Prague Masters still haven't been confirmed.

Brasilians also interested

Pušenik pointed out that teams from Brazil (Sao Paulo), Germany (Düsseldorf), Italy, Austria, Ukraine, Netherlands and Bosnia and Herzegovina showed official interest to compete in Lipik.

Thanks to the Challenger status, this year, Lipik was included in the company of only 14 other cities in the world where tournaments of this status will be held. This makes Lipik the only town in Croatia and in the region to stand next to world capitals such as Moscow, Bucharest, Copenhagen, Tallinn, Lugano, The Hague, Sibiu, Sao Paulo, Buenos Aires, Abidjan, Abu Dhabi, Penang and Chengdu, added Pušenik.

The most recognisable and special part of this tournament is the Dražen Petrovi Trophy, which was specifically approved by the Petrovi family and has been awarded to the Lipik tournament winners since 2008.

Toni Anzulovi, the representative of the Croatian Basketball Federation, the partners in this project, explained that this Challenger is of great importance for the Croatian street basketball and the promotion of Croatia in Europe and the world.

Slobodan Katunar, deputy major of Lipik, pointed out that this street basketball tournament is one of Lipik's main brands, along with the Lippizan horses, water, glass and thermo-mineral springs, and it shows important potential for the promotion and development of tourism.

The general sponsor of the tournament is Malbée, and Josip Juroš, the owner and the director of the company pointed out that they are coming to Lipik as friends as well as partners. He also said that they have big business plans for this town and that in Challenger they saw a connection to their business motto „Dreams are meant to be dreamt and fulfilled“.

More information about Malbée Lipik 3x3 Challenger at
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