



## **PRESS RELEASE**

Ron Smith, Director of USA Sports Tours & Events announces the rosters and coaches for the USA D-3 Men's & Women's Basketball Teams – Brazil Tour 2021. The teams are made up of invited NCAA Division III basketball players from throughout the United States. Team members have been recognized at the national, regional and conference levels.

“This is an outstanding group of basketball players that come from 8 different state and 13 different colleges and universities from across the United States. We feel that we have some of the BEST of the BEST representing several Regions of the country. These players have been high achievers both on the court and in the classroom. They represent everything good that the NCAA Division III institutions have to offer. ”

The USA D-3 Men's & Women's Basketball Teams will begin their Brazil Tour 2021 in Orlando, Florida on July 12th. The tour runs from July 12-21. After team orientation in Orlando the team departs for Sao Paulo, Brazil. The teams will practice in the city of Jundiai, Sao Paulo on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. The USA D-3 Basketball Teams will play a doubleheader (Men & Women) on Wednesday, July 14 in the city of Soracaba, which is in the 8<sup>th</sup> largest city in the state of Sao Paulo. On Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> the USA D-3 Teams will fly to Rio de Janeiro for the remaining 6 days of the tour.

The USA D-3 Women's Team will play Mangueira in Rio de Janeiro on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. The USA D-3 Men's Team will play on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> vs. Flamengo Clube. On Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> both the men & women will play against Flumenense Clube. The teams will depart Brazil on Tuesday evening July 20<sup>th</sup> and return to the USA on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

While in Brazil the teams will experience educational, cultural and social aspects of Brazilian life through city, school and sports club visits. On Monday the TEAM will conduct a youth clinic for members of the Basquete Cruzada program. Basquete Cruzada is a social enhancement program recognized and supported by the NBA, as well as many other organizations in Rio. While in Rio the team will be staying on the famous Copacabana Beach and touring the Christ the Redeemer Statue and Sugar Loaf Mountain, two of the most recognizable landmarks in the world. The team will visit other famous sites, including Ipanema Beach.

## Tentative Basketball Schedule

### **Tuesday, July 13**

USA D-3 Women practice at Clube Jundiaense

USA D-3 Men vs. practice at Clube Jundiaense

### **Wednesday, July 14**

USA D-3 Women vs. Soracaba

USA D-3 Men vs. Soracaba

### **Friday, July 16**

USA D-3 Women vs. Mangueira

### **Saturday, July 17**

USA D-3 Men vs. Flamengo Clube

### **Sunday, July 18**

USA D-3 Women vs. Fluminense Clube

USA D-3 Men vs. Fluminense Clube

### **Monday, July 19**

USA D-3 Women & Men conduct "Youth Basketball Clinic" at Basquete Cruzada

## **2021 USA D-3 Women's Basketball Team - Brazil Tour**

Molly Buck	Coe College
Hanna Geistfeld	Bethany Lutheran College
Katie Healy	John Jay College
Sami Martin	Loras College
Abby Olson	Bethany Lutheran
Cassie Nash	Simpson College
Makenna Pearson	Bethel College
Kaalyn Petersen	Coe College
Gabby Robinson	Hamline University
Bella Williams	Bethel College

**USA D-3 Women's Head Coach** – Lyle Jones (Bethany Lutheran College)

## **2021 USA D-3 Men's Basketball Team - Brazil Tour**

Walker Blaine	LeTourneau University
Josh Gregory	SUNY Poly
Isaac Hibbard	Hanover College
Chris Honz	Simpson College
Grant Niego	DePauw University
Nolan Niego	DePauw University
Skylar Sinon	Ithaca College
Kyce Wilson	LeTourneau University

**USA D-3 Men's Head Coach** – David Golembiowski (SUNY Poly)