

NBA'S WILLIAMS LEADS USA TEAM TO SPAIN

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New York, NY - Coach Mike Williams of the NBA's Utah Jazz has been named the head coach of USA East Coast's upcoming tournament in Melilla, Spain. The USA team will join Spain, Germany, and the Czech Republic from June 23rd to 25th in The International Tournament. "Mike's experience at the professional level, combined with prior USA Basketball coaching experience, made him the ideal fit for this event.", said Guy Rancourt, Director of USA East Coast Basketball.



Williams young career has been on the fast-track after learning under Mark Turgeon at the University of Maryland. After earning a degree in Journalism and Masters in Business and Management, Williams broke into the professional ranks as an intern with the Portland Trailblazers in Player Development. The DC-Baltimore native was able to return home in 2018 joining the Washington Wizards organization as an assistant with Player Development. A short time into his role

he was promoted to work with the team's G-League affiliate Capitol City Go-Go, then in 2021, was elevated to be the team's head coach. Williams' efforts were being noticed, and in 2022, Head Coach Alex Jensen (Dallas Mavericks) brought him on staff for USA Basketball's Americup Team as an assistant coach. The USA team competed in Recife, Brazil where they earned the Bronze medal. From there Williams continued rising as Utah Jazz Head Coach Will Hardy tabbed him an assistant coach, where he presently serves.

The young USA team, comprised of collegiate players throughout the east coast, will hold a brief training session in New York City prior to departing for Spain. The International Tournament is a U-23 developmental event as the world prepares for the Summer Olympic Games opening July 26th. All games will be held in Melilla, an exclave of Spain located on the northern tip of Africa. The team will face Germany on the 23rd, Spain on the 24th, and finish with the Czech Republic on the 25th. The tournament will be televised throughout Spain, however availability in the United States is still to be determined. Results and updates can be found on X: @East_Coast_BBC or Instagram: @GuyRancourtBasketball