

AIA BULGARIA'S SCHEDULE- JUNE 2011				
date	team	city	where	time
*10 th	arrive in Chicago and travel to Cincinnati, Ohio			
*12 th	AIA Luncheon at Faith Bible Church	Cincinnati, Ohio		12:30-2:00
12 th	Intrasquad Scrimmage	Cincinnati, Ohio	TBA	3:00-5:00
*16 th	Travel to Tennessee			
*18 th	AIA Luncheon at First Presbyterian Church	Bristol, TN		12:00-1:30
18 th	Tri-Cities All-Stars	King College		6:00
*18 th	Basketball Clinic for Youth following the game			7:30-8:30
*21 st	Travel to Xenia, Ohio			
22 nd	Ohio All-Stars	TBA		
*23 rd	Travel to Chicago			
*25 th	AIA Breakfast at The Orchard Church in Arlington Hts, IL 8:30-10:00			
25 th	Trinity Int'l University	Christian Liberty Academy		5:00
*25 th	Basketball Clinic for Youth following the game			6:30-7:30
27 th	Chicago All-Stars	Marshall High School	TBA	
*29 th	fly to Sofia... arriving on 30 th			

For more information about games and presentations, or if you have questions, go to www.athletesinactionbulgaria.wordpress.com or call the numbers on this brochure. Please RSVP for the breakfasts or luncheons by sending an email to: larrysharrett@yahoo.com

INTERNATIONAL MEN'S TOURS

D1 / Professional

Macedonia May 20-31

East Asia May 15-June 5

D2 / NAIA

Columbia May 25 to June 15

Israel June

Mold./Rom. June 1-21

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S TOURS

Turkey May 6-17

Israel June

Czech August

COACHES' TOURS

West Africa May

East Africa August

Poland/Bulg./Mac. May

East Asia Feb, July, Aug

BASKETBALL CAMPS

Lithuania / Poland / Germany

June, July

SUPPORT STAFF



Ashley Bristol, Didi Popov and Rali Zhandarska working with student ministry



Bobby Nachev & Veronica Dimitrova students involved with AIA



Silvia Duncheva Executive Director of the basketball club "Overgas" which is interested in partnering with AIA



Bobby and Reni Peltekovi Head Coach of Sofia University

Address: 1784, Sofia, Bulgaria, 15 Jerusalem St., „Athletes in Action“



"I grew up in a small town in the state of Georgia, and even though the church was always a part of life in the south, it didn't matter to me. I lived for sport. I spent all of my time playing every sport you can imagine. During my teen years I was crushed by 3 things: my home was destroyed by a tornado, my parents went through a long and bitter divorce, and I broke my ankle playing hoops. I was devastated! But, when I began to recover, I participated in my first basketball tournament. During halftime someone was talking to everyone about how to have a relationship with Christ. He was speaking of forgiveness, eternal life and the goal of our lives. He said that the best place that we can go during difficult times is to Jesus, and that day I did. When I trusted in Jesus as my personal Savior, my life didn't immediately become easy. There were still battles, but as the Bible says, Jesus is my Rock. Now I play for His glory and I can't imagine anything cooler than that."

Jeremiah Boswell

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What others are saying about Athletes in Action



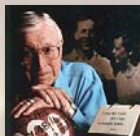
"Athletes in Action provides an invaluable service for the growth of Bulgarian Basketball. Their involvement in Bulgaria over the years as representatives of the greatest basketball nation resulted in our clubs attracting many more quality American players."

Atanas Tonev, Former President of the BBF



"I have a lot of respect for them. Most of these teams that travel around do not have a purpose. This team has a purpose. They play together and their mission is to spread the Word of Christ, and they do it in an exemplary fashion."

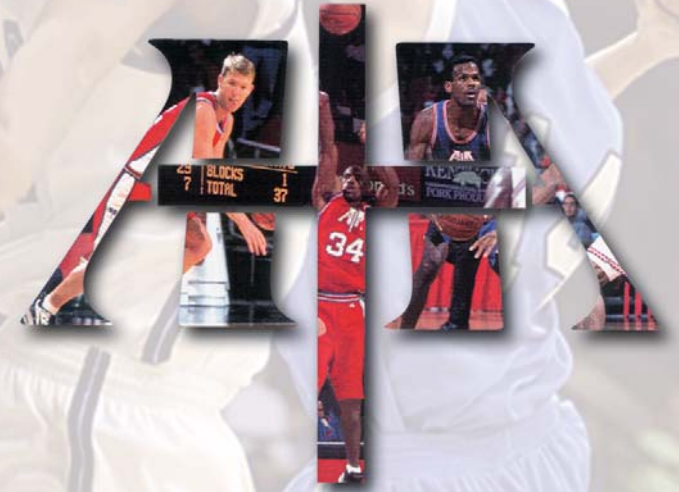
Mike Krzyzewski, Head Coach of Duke, Coach of Olympic Team



"I always enjoy my involvement with AIA because of the good work they do with young people and athletes of all ages. I have always liked the idea of mature, God-honoring individuals being role models in the context of sports. Today's younger generation needs the positive reinforcement of athletes who are making the most of themselves and living out the character that demonstrates their faith in God through His Son, Jesus Christ."

John Wooden, Legendary Head Coach of UCLA

ATHLETES IN ACTION BASKETBALL



AIA Bulgaria Second Time in the USA



The first AIA Bulgaria team that visited in 2007

PROGRAM

WHO ARE WE?

Is there a place for faith in sports? The daily lives of athletes are filled with emotions that come from successes and failures. Because of that, they often have need of someone to come alongside and calm them down or just encourage them.



The Bulgarian Basketball Federation and AIA after a coaches clinic in 2007

Since their founding in 1966, Athletes in Action has had an enormous amount of experience around the world doing just that.

Our goal is to help athletes grow in three areas of their lives: the mental, the physical and the spiritual, so that they can develop as a "total athlete" and a complete person. To accomplish that goal in Bulgaria, we are working together with the Basketball Federation, the Wrestling Federation, and the Soccer Union, as well as being in contact with other teams, coaches, referees, and players.



Clinic for coaches - 2007 in CSKA Gym

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AIA kid's camp - 2005 in Vidin

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AIA kid's camp - 2002 in Yambol



Kiril Raikov -
SG/SF
4-28-1987
198 lbs / 6'5"
Burgas



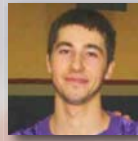
Stanislav Vakinov - PF/C
6-7-1989
220 lbs / 6'8"
Samokov



Yuli Radianov -
PG
7-1-1979
179 lbs / 6'2"
Yambol



Jeremiah Boswell
SG
10-6-1982
196 lbs / 6'4"
ABA Macedonia



Milen Kostov -
PG
1-23-1989
175 lbs / 6'2"
Temple Bapt. College



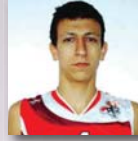
Boyan Tenev -
SG/SF
7-9-1988
214 lbs / 6'7"
Blagoevgrad



Nikolay Varbanov - C
6-6-1985
262 lbs / 6'11"
Yambol



Milen Dimitrov -
PF
11-19-1988
234 lbs / 6'7"
Pleven



Vasil Bachev -
SG
8-11-1992
177 lbs / 6'5"
Sofia



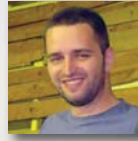
Justin Neuhaus -
PF/C
4-8-1988
235 lbs / 6'11"
Burgas



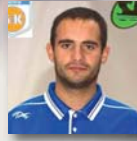
Rosen Todorov -
PF
1-5-1985
170 lbs / 6'2"
Sofia



Asen Saraliski -
PF/C
4-1-1984
223 lbs / 6'7"
Burgas



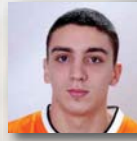
Ivailo Stoimenov
Ass't Coach
Veliko Turnovo



Bojedar Georgiev
Ass't Coach
Samokov



John Jakus
AIA Staff,
Head Coach



Sergey Tsvetkov
Player/Coach
rehabing an injury
Macedonia



Brooke Rollins
Director of AIA
Bulgaria



Larry and Courtney Sharrett
Coordinators for
AIA Bulgaria



"In 2005 I made my first trip to Bulgaria as a basketball coach. I lead a group of American university players to play against professional teams. That was a trip I will never forget.

Because of the way I fell in love with Bulgarian basketball, I returned in 2007 to be the coach of Bulgarian professional players who traveled to the US to play against American university teams. I felt challenged and I liked that. Since then, I've coached a number of teams with Athletes in Action that have played all over the world. My goal became to train athletes to be "total athletes," meaning to train them mentally, physically and spiritually, and to make character, family and faith a part of their sport. In 2009 I had the pleasure of coaching one of the Athletes in Action's teams against the best team in New Zealand - The Breakers. That was the first time I coached against players that had experience in the NBA. I also had the pleasure of coaching AIA's first ever full time professional basketball team this past year in Macedonia. I have fallen in love with the international game, and the players that I have had the chance to coach. Bulgaria was the place where it all began. I am currently full-time staff with Athletes in Action, along with my wife, Sara, and 2 boys, Brady and Cal. Our current passion is to use both the Bible and the Basketball to bring glory to our Heavenly Father."

John Jakus (Head Coach)



"I have played professional basketball in Bulgaria for 17 years. About 7 years ago someone told me, "When you're on the court, play for God!" Seven years have passed since that encounter and I'm still trying to understand the truth and full meaning of those words. I think that it would be good to play, practice, and act, not only for the purpose of money, or making a good impression on the president or team sponsors, or for temporal or insignificant things that we all are prone to think as important, but for something greater: for the glory of Jesus Christ - that's the most important."

Yuli Radianov