**3GPP TSG RAN WG2#128 R2-24xxxxx**

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**Source: Offline Rapporteur (RAN2 Basketball team captain)**

**Title: Report on RAN2 Basketball team**

**Agenda item:** **2.5**

**Document for:** **Discussion and Decision**

# Introduction

[POST127bis][021][Basketball] Team (Team captain Shi Cong)

Intended outcome: decide team and cheerleading team, response to RAN3 and timeline

Deadline: Long email discussion

RAN2 received the LS from RAN3 ([R2-2409411](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/Meetings_3GPP_SYNC/RAN2/Inbox/R2-2409411.zip)) on the challenge of basketball game. Based on the chairlady’s guidance on the incoming LS, we will accept the challenge and we will set up the RAN2 basketball team, with the following considerations from RAN2 side:

1. Chairs from RAN2/RAN3 need to be in the team and always play in the court.
2. We aim to have a mix team for each group, e.g., 3 gentlemen plus 2 ladies (exact number to be determined but we encourage athletic ladies to participate).
3. We prefer to have the match in February meeting; The day of the match will further be negotiated.

The draft reply LS is in the sub-folder, please provide any comments to that directly and save it back in that folder.

# Background – Basketball introduction

Not too many words to say about basketball, I assume it’s a famous sports, but if you’re interested in some of the roles we play in the court, would be good to refer to: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basketball_positions>.

Below is a court with some typical roles and players:



In total, we have 5 players in the court, with the following roles. Of course, u don’t need to be always there in the same point the picture, u need to run in a strategy way so that the team can get more points. The following are some simple descriptions of each role in the court, but believe me, sometime it’s easy to forget what role you’re playing, just shoot if u have chance 😊

• Point guard: The point guard (PG), also known as the one, is typically the team's shortest player and best ball handler and passer.

• Shooting guard: The shooting guard (SG)—also known as the two or the off guard—is, along with the small forward, often referred to as a wing because of its use in common positioning tactics.

• Small forward: The small forward (SF), also known as the three, is considered to be the most versatile of the main five basketball positions.

• Power forward: The power forward (PF), also known as the four, often plays a role similar to that of the center, down in the "post" or "low blocks".

• Center: The center (C)— also known as the five, the pivot, or the big man; typically plays near the baseline or close to the basket (the "low post").

If there are further questions, you can always reach out to either me (privately) or any other basketball players you already know in RAN2 😊. Hopefully you will now spend the rest of your summer researching about basketball and hitting a ball with the bat!

# Logistics for the match

Logistics are still to be determined , but this is what I suggest so far:

**Date for official match:** We aim to have the match in Athen meeting, February 2025, the data is TBD.

**Date for practice:** Orlando, Sunday Nov. 17th, 2024

**Venue:** TBD

**Food and drinks:** Please bring your own. You can watch the game with a drink and some food.

**Format:** 5 v 5, at least 1 lady (aim to have two ladies) plus 3 gentlemen each team, the chairladies have to be always in the court.

**Other info:** We will also have basketball jerseys with the preferred number (you can input in the following table) and name printed for the team.

I am sure I missed some information, if you have any questions, please can you send me (a private) email and I will get back.

# RAN2 team questionnaire

Now we need a team. So, if you want to take part, please volunteer yourself by adding your name to the following table (save the file with a new version number and your name at the end):

You can select multiple options for each question… add your own option and explain etc 😊.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Name and contact email | **What is your experience with playing Basketball?**  a) I am/was a professional/league player  b) I am a current player playing for a (friendly) club  c) I played it in the past but am not an active player now  d) I never played it but I have watched others play, know the rules, and I am confident I can give it a go  e) I am not playing but would like to be a cheerleader  f) Other (please explain) | **What’s your primary role in a basketball team?**   1. Point guard 2. Shooting guard 3. Small forward 4. Power forward 5. Center 6. Cheer leader (I can dance and cheer) 7. Audience (I like watching, eating, drinking, clapping and heckling the opposition players – the last one is a must) 8. Umpire (I am familiar with basketball laws) 9. Other (please explain) | **What number in the basketball jersey do u prefer if u are in the team?** | **Would you be available to have a practice in Orlando, tentative day Sunday.**  Answer yes/no (time you are available) |
| ShiCong  [shicong@oppo.com](mailto:shicong@oppo.com) | b) | a), c)  Normally, it’s easy for me to forget the role i play in the court, so just play it 😊 | 25 | Yes  (Maybe Sunday, still waiting for my US visa) |
| Gyeong-Cheol LEE  [gyeongcheol.lee@lge.com](mailto:gyeongcheol.lee@lge.com) | c), I was in a (friendly) club before. | Usually c) and d), sometimes b) in the past. | 11 | Maybe No (I will arrive around 6PM in Orlando.) |
| Rao Shi  shi\_rao@nec.cn | a) I was a professional player in college | a) and b) | 3 | Yes  (Arrive in the early morning, Sunday) |
| Stepan Kucera  [Stepan.kucera@nokia.com](mailto:Stepan.kucera@nokia.com) | c) I played it in the past but am not an active player now | I am tall but played long time ago, so probably defense is the best match. Otherwise same as ShiCong. | 8 | Maybe (I will arrive around 6pm). |
| Marcin Augustyniak  marcin.augustyniak@huawei.com | c) I played in High School, but that was 20 years ago… | a)/b)/c)  Not high enough for e), not young and strong enough for d) 😉 | 24 | Yes, Sunday afternoon/evening |
| Rudraksh Shrivastava  shrivastavar@sharplabs.com | b) | a) and c) | 23 | Yes |
| Tuomas Tirronen  [tuomas.tirronen@ericsson.com](mailto:tuomas.tirronen@ericsson.com) | c)  Used to play 20 years ago, used to coach yound kids and was a referee for a while as well | Used to play b) and c) (wing), perhaps could try d) as well as I’m a bit bigger (not taller ☺) nowadays | 6 | Yes |
| Emre A. Yavuz  [emre.yavuz@ericsson.com](mailto:emre.yavuz@ericsson.com) | c) | a), b), or c) | 13 | I would like to join the practice, but I cannot make it on Sunday. How about Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday at lunch break? It may also be possible to have a practice after the sessions are closed provided that we can find a basketball court with light. |
| Diana Pani  Diana.pani@interdigital.com | c) | a) | 11 | Yes for Sunday (we can also try to find a day during the week) |
| Xing Yang  [Yangxing1@xiaoimi.com](mailto:Yangxing1@xiaoimi.com) | C, used to play in colleague, ten years ago… | a or b. Also can play other positions if needed. Just play it | 4 | No, arrive late on Sunday. |
| Samuli Turtinen  [samuli.turtinen@interdigital.com](mailto:samuli.turtinen@interdigital.com) | f): I went to watch Bulls game in Chicago so I feel like a) but more like d). e) might actually be the best fit unless there is a lack of players. | I guess any but am a heavy guy so e) could also work. | 10 | Unlikely on Sunday but during the week could work. |
| Henrik Enbuske  [Henrik.enbuske@ericsson.com](mailto:Henrik.enbuske@ericsson.com) | C, used to play – some years ago though | C, d, maybe also e | 22 | Likely arrive late Sunday, but still a bit unsure. |
| Xiao, XIAO  [xiaoxiao@catt.cn](mailto:xiaoxiao@catt.cn) | c): I was the representative of my college's basketball team, PG/SG, when I was a Freshman (many years ago…). But then badly injured and stayed at the bench as a substitution till graduation ☹ | a), b), c);  g) (as long as Captain Shi, Cong has enough team mates) | 99 | Should be OK. |
| Congchi Zhang  Zhangcc16@lenovo.com | c) | a) c) d) g)  i) or undercover agent put in the other team | 5 | Yes, in Sunday evening, or during the week. |
| Dawid Koziol  Dawid.koziol@huawei.com | c), I used to play but only recreationally and that was quite a long while ago (had a lot of fun out of it though 😊) | c), perhaps b) or d) | 66 | Yes, Sunday is good |
| Eswar Vutukuri  [Eswar.vutukuri@zte.com.cn](mailto:Eswar.vutukuri@zte.com.cn) | e), but can be d) if we are really desperately low on players. | g)/f).  Can be c), if really pushed and will very likely get carried away and be all over the place and end up confusing everyone (including our team and the opposition) – not recommended 😉! So, g)/f) is the requested option. | Makes no difference! | I arrive late on Sunday, but can turn-up for the weekday practice session. |
| Ghyslain Pelletier  [ghyslain.pelletier@interdigital.com](mailto:ghyslain.pelletier@interdigital.com) | c)  I used to play league in Quebec province up to 20 years old.  Then I used to coach high school level and later university level (women team in Sweden) | 1. Natural position 2. Certainly 3. Works well too | 0  00  000 | Should make it by Sunday PM.  “Basketball is life” |
| Jedrzej Stanczak (jedrzej.stanczak@nokia.com) | c) Used to play a lot in the past (15-20 years ago), now not anymore. But similarly to Samuli, I was at the Bulls game in Chicago, so I have a lot of up-to-date knowledge about professional basketball. | c, d, maybe e | Any number is good | Sunday (late) evening or (preferably) some other day during the week. |
| Yuan Gao  (gao.yuan66@zte.com.cn) | c) I played in High school but not any more after that. | b) Shooting guard or d) Power forward | 88 | Yes  Sunday or some other day during the week |
| Marco Belleschi  (marco.belleschi@ericsson.com) | c) Played a lot in the past (at regional level) in a youth league up to 19 years old. Not playing anymore since several years | c), b) | 7 | Unlikely on Sunday (maybe in late afternoon) but during the week could work. |
| Jakob Buthler (jakob.buthler@nokia.com) | e), d) Played in high school but nothing serious | a), b) | Any number is good | Sunday (late) evening or (preferably) some other day during the week. |

# Conclusion and final team selection

Thanks for all the input! We have a full team for the match! Details below:

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| **RAN2 Basketball Team**  a) Point guard, b) Shooting guard, c) Small forward, d) Power forward, e) Center, f) Cheer leader, g) Audience, h) Umpire | | |
| 1 | ShiCong | a), c) |
| 2 | Gyeong-Cheol LEE | Usually c) and d), sometimes b) in the past. |
| 3 | Rao Shi | a) and b) |
| 4 | Stepan Kucera | I am tall but played long time ago, so probably defense is the best match. |
| 5 | Marcin Augustyniak | a)/b)/c) |
| 6 | Rudraksh Shrivastava | a) and c) |
| 7 | Tuomas Tirronen | Used to play b) and c) (wing), perhaps could try d) as well as I’m a bit bigger (not taller ☺) nowadays |
| 8 | Emre A. Yavuz | a), b), or c) |
| 9 | Diana Pani | a) |
| 10 | Xing Yang | a or b. Also can play other positions if needed. Just play it |
| 11 | Samuli Turtinen | I guess any but am a heavy guy so e) could also work. |
| 12 | Henrik Enbuske | C, d, maybe also e |
| 13 | Xiao, XIAO | a), b), c); |
| 14 | Congchi Zhang | a) c) d) g) |
| 15 | Dawid Koziol | c), perhaps b) or d) |
| 16 | Eswar Vutukuri | g)/f). |
| 17 | Ghyslain Pelletier | a), b), c); |
| 18 | Jedrzej Stanczak | c, d, maybe e |
| 19 | Yuan Gao | b) Shooting guard or d) Power forward |
| 20 | Marco Belleschi | c), b) |
| 21 | Jakob Buthler | a), b) |

On the practice during the Orlando meeting:

* Half of the team member can make it in Sunday evening, but the other half prefer to have it in some other day during the week due to the travel schedule. Considering this and trying to make most of the team member join the practice, it’s suggested to have the practice during the meeting week. The tentative day can be, e.g., Wednesday after the session, but it’s up to when the court with light is available, may announce the detail schedule after further checking with the team manager Diana. 😊

# Reference

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