

Goran Dragić gets Phoenix Suns permission to play in 2 more preparation games for the World Cup

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Goran Dragić finally joins Slovenia team practices in Kranjska Gora with good news coming from Phoenix. The Suns will now allow him to play in 5 pre-games to the World Cup.

After the disappointing 2nd place finish in China the **Slovenian National Team** took a few days off to regenerate. They met up again this morning and headed to Kranjska Gora to continue with training. For the first time

[Goran Dragić](#)

will be joining them on court.

Previously he had been following a special program prescribed by the [Suns](#) - he was limited to one individual practice per day. Now the Captain will finally take over the reins of the team. Per [Ekipa24.s](#)

he was quoted saying he is "physically well prepared" and that it will be normal for the team to not to be in sync at the beginning, but 5 on 5 training will help that.

The **Suns allowing him to play 2 more preparation games** will help as well. Goran apparently called up the Suns and explained that 3 preparation games weren't really enough, especially since he hasn't been participating in any team trainings so far. The Suns approved 2 more, the only limit being max 25 minutes of playing time per game - which is plenty for such games. He is now allowed to play in a total of 5 preparation games with Greece, Brazil and USA remaining the same as previously announced and with coach Zdovc being left to decide in which other 2 games to release the Dragon. It will be interesting to see what his criteria for deciding will be. Here's hoping he goes with "What would make the fans happier". Either way this is a very nice surprise from the Suns.

I like to think Ryan McDonough comes to BrightSideOftheSun every now and then; to check up on fans opinions, see the new McNicknames, listen to the Podcasts.. The logical conclusion to this is of course: Ryan saw [my rant](#) , felt my fan pain and just wanted to give me an awesome birthday present.

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Thanks so much Ryan/Suns/WhoevermadeThisdecision!

Now all Slovenia Basketball Federation has to do is make those 2 extra games home games. Unless there's some major basketball strategy reason coach Zdovc comes up with - I still might rant though.

In other news, Goran is aware of the [Pacers](#) offer coming after the PG injury and as far as he knows the Suns won't be taking it. Of course he doesn't want a new environment, especially now he has a kid. He knows the city, has friends and family there and wouldn't want a trade now. But he also realizes it's the NBA and he is not yet at a level where he would be the one making that decision. Hearing a good team like Indiana wants him feels pretty good though.

Poll **How many pre-games should the Dragon play?**

- He shouldn't be playing at all
- 1 or 2
- 3 was enough
- 4 I could deal with
- 5 is fair
- 6 would be better
- However many he wants

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