



August 3, 2015

RE: Boban Marjanović Return to Play Criterion

To Whom It May Concern,

Upon physical examination by Dr. Richard Ferkel (Southern California Orthopedic Institute), a renowned expert in orthopedic medicine, it has come to our attention that Boban has a congenital defect relating to some fibrous/bony coalition within the subtalar/hind foot joints in both his feet. In addition, there were significant findings of bony edema on the lateral foot and talus on the left foot. This edema can cause the bone to soften and repeated impact can weaken the bone to the point of breaking.

Dr. David Schmidt, our head team doctor and orthopedic surgeon, also had a chance to evaluate Boban and is in agreement with the assessment made by Dr. Ferkel.

Subsequent to these findings, our doctors prescribe the following return to play criterion:

- Rest - no impact, wear Aircast boot for at least 3 weeks
- No physical activity that pertains to either leg or foot with the national team this summer
- Re-do MRI in 3-4 weeks and then possibly progress on court with conservative basketball specific activity as tolerated
- Obtain custom orthotics for basketball shoes and daily use
- Ensure good lab values for Vitamin D, Calcium levels

In an effort to prevent further injury and protect against long-term disability, our doctors prescribe eight (8) weeks non-contact before any potential return to basketball activity unless imaging beforehand shows significant progress.

We recognize this is difficult news to receive, however with this information and at the direction of our medical experts, the San Antonio Spurs do not allow Boban to participate with the national team this summer.

FIBA's agreement with the NBA specifically states that "Players are not allowed to participate with a national team in training or competition activities when there is a reasonable medical concern that such participation will place the player at substantial risk of injury, illness, or other harm." (FIBA/ NBA Agreement: Limitations and Other Requirements Regarding NBA Player Participation with National Teams)



As such, we will do our absolute best to help in Boban's recovery and ensure to provide the best possible resources to aid in this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "RC Buford".

RC Buford
President of Sports Franchises/ GM

CC: Jeff Schwartz, Mike Lindeman, Dan Rube, Michelle Leftwich, Dave Weiss, Serbian Basketball Federation, Dr. David Schmidt