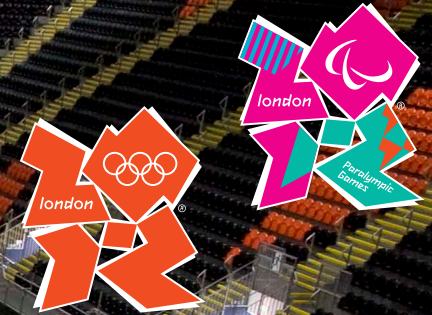


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London 2012 Basketball Arena – construction complete
June 2011



Construction
Complete

Introduction

The Basketball Arena – the venue that will host Basketball, Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Rugby and the final stages of the Handball competition – is the fourth Olympic Park venue to be completed by the Olympic Delivery Authority. The venue has been handed over to the London 2012 Organising Committee (LOCOG), who are in the process of carrying out overlay works to prepare the venue for the first test event, which is taking place in August 2011.

Construction on the Basketball Arena began in 2009. It is the largest ever temporary venue built for any Olympic or Paralympic Games.

During the Olympic Games, there will be a period of only 22 hours to transform the venue from the Basketball competition to the Handball competition finals. This will include removing the Basketball posts and installing the Handball goals and field of play mat. Afterwards, during the Paralympic Games, there will be just 12 hours to get ready for Wheelchair Rugby after the Wheelchair Basketball competition finishes, with similar changes needed.

After the Games, the Basketball Arena will be taken down and parts of it are expected to be reused or relocated elsewhere in the UK.

October 2009

Construction work begins on the Basketball Arena site. The venue is one of the quickest Olympic Park venues to finish construction – taking only 15 months to complete.





March 2010

The steel arch structure begins to be erected – 1,000 tonnes of steel was used to construct the frame of the Basketball Arena.



May 2010

The giant frame of the Arena was erected in less than three months. The unique arched design of the frame ensures that the fabric covering maintains the correct tension.

June 2010

Cherry pickers are used to complete cladding work on the roof of the Basketball Arena.

20,000sqm

of recyclable white PVC membrane has been stretched over three different variations of arched panels.



August 2010

Work begins on erecting scaffolding inside the Basketball Arena.



35 metres

height of the Basketball Arena – the same as the Tate Modern



November 2010

Cladding is completed on the Basketball Arena. The fabric on the exterior of the Arena will form a canvas for an innovative lighting design during the Games.

March 2011

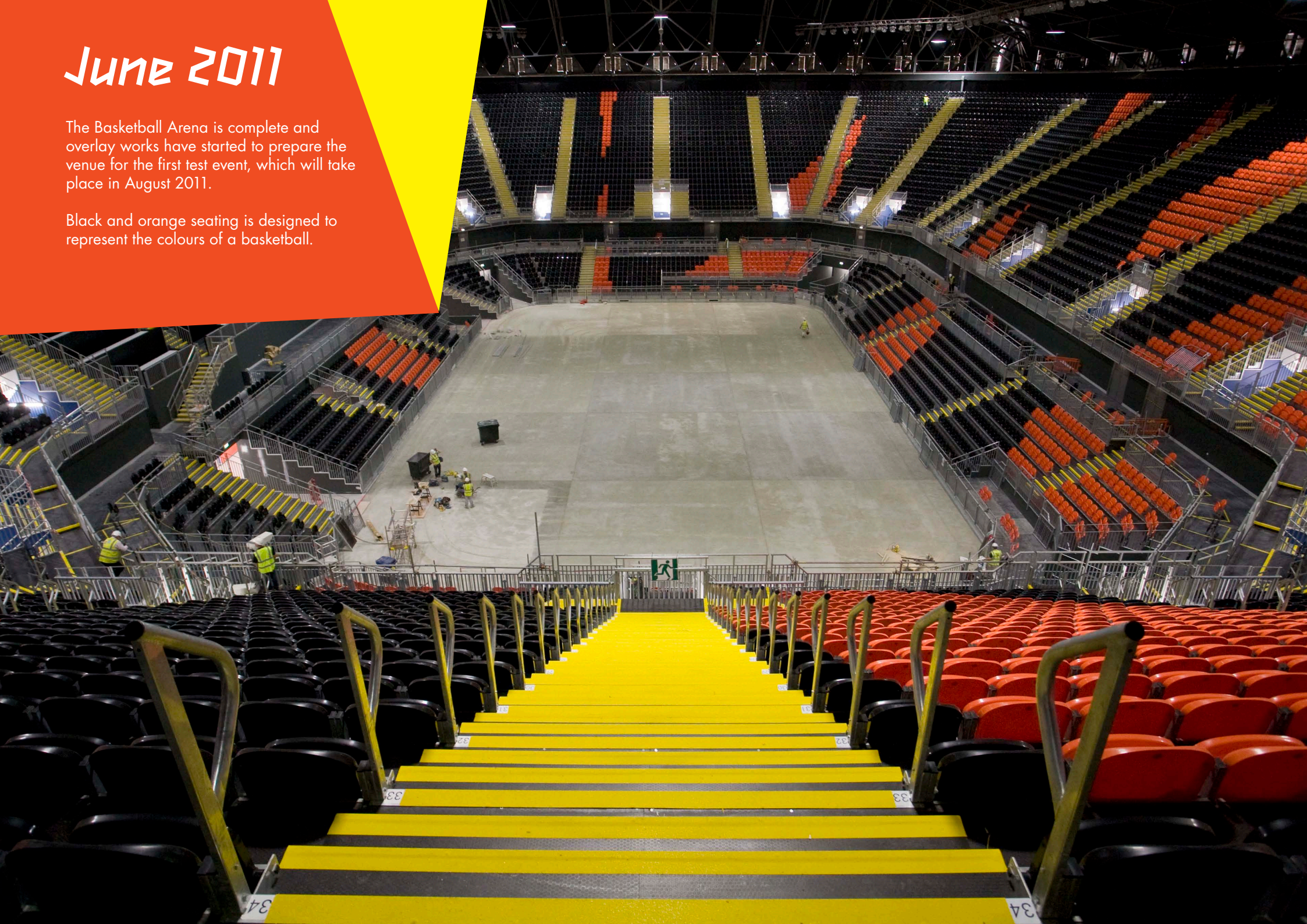
The 12,000 temporary seats are installed and the concrete Field of Play has been laid.



June 2011

The Basketball Arena is complete and overlay works have started to prepare the venue for the first test event, which will take place in August 2011.

Black and orange seating is designed to represent the colours of a basketball.



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