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22nd Annual Nike Hoop Summit Set for April 12 in Portland, Oregon

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (Dec. 27, 2018) – The Nike Hoop Summit, an annual basketball game that pits top U.S. high school senior boys against a World Select Team comprised of elite international players who are 19 years old or younger, will return to the Moda Center in Portland, Oregon, at 7 p.m. (PT) on Friday, April 12.

Tickets for the 2019 Nike Hoop Summit will go on sale Thursday, Dec. 27 at 10 a.m. (PT). Courtside seats are available for \$50, and VIP Packages (including premier courtside seating) will be release in January. Lower bowl seating starts at \$10. Applicable service charges apply. Tickets will be available at Ticketmaster.com, the Rose Quarter Box Office or by calling 800-745-3000.

“We are excited to again hold the Nike Hoop Summit in Portland in 2019,” said USA Basketball CEO **Jim Tooley**. “The Portland community has been very supportive of this event, which has been extremely competitive since we have moved the game to Portland in 2008. We hope the community will continue to come out and support the 22nd edition of this very exciting event.”

The 2019 USA Nike Hoop Summit Team is expected to be announced in January, and the U.S. athletes and coaches will be selected by the USA Basketball Men’s Developmental National Team Committee. The 2019 World Select Team is expected to be announced in March and will draw players from FIBA Africa, FIBA Americas, FIBA Asia and FIBA Europe, with approved sanction of FIBA, the governing body of international basketball.

Overall, the USA holds a 14-7 series advantage in the Nike Hoop Summit, however, in 2018 the USA could not overcome icy shooting and an international record 60 rebounds and fell to the World Select Team 89-76. **Darius Garland** contributed 16 points and five assists, and **Quentin Grimes** added 15 points, six rebounds and four assists.

In 2017, the USA held on for a 98-87 win that saw **Michael Porter Jr.** and **Jarred Vanderbilt** score 19 points apiece.

The Nike Hoop Summit has been held annually since 1995, with the exception of 2001-2003.

In 1998 and 2004, the Nike Hoop Summit was played in San Antonio, Texas, during the NCAA Final Four; in 1999, the event was held in Tampa, Florida; and 2000 in Indianapolis, Indiana. From 2005-2007 the game was held in Memphis, Tennessee, and since 2008, the Nike

Hoop Summit has been played in Portland, Oregon – where it has recorded the four largest crowds in event history.

An incredible 217 former USA or World Select Team members have been drafted by NBA teams, including 14 players in the 2018 NBA Draft.

Twelve Nike Hoop Summit alumni have been chosen as the No. 1 pick, and 76 players have been selected among the first 10 picks.

The past nine No. 1 picks have been Nike Hoop Summit alumni, including **DeAndre Ayton** (Bahamas) in 2018, **Markelle Fultz** in 2017, **Ben Simmons** (Australia) in 2016, **Karl-Anthony Towns** (Dominican Republic) in 2015, **Andrew Wiggins** (Canada) in 2014, **Anthony Bennett** (Canada) in 2013, **Anthony Davis** in 2012, **Kyrie Irving** in 2011 and **John Wall** in 2010.

In 2014, the first three picks were Nike Hoop Summit alumni (**Andrew Wiggins, Jabari Parker** and **Joel Embiid**), which also happened in 2012 (**Anthony Davis, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist** and **Bradley Beal**) and 2008 (**Derrick Rose, Michael Beasley** and **O.J. Mayo**).

Eight players have gone on to earn NBA Rookie of the Year, including **Ben Simmons** (2018), **Karl-Anthony Towns** (2016), **Andrew Wiggins** (2015), **Kyrie Irving** (2012), **Tyreke Evans** (2010), **Derrick Rose** (2009), **Kevin Durant** (2008) and **Elton Brand** (2000-shared).

As of Nov. 6, 2018, a remarkable 118 Nike Hoop Summit alumni were active in the NBA, including 80 former U.S. players and 38 former World Select Team members.

Additionally, 34 former Hoop Summit players are currently competing on the collegiate level, including 21 U.S. players and 12 World Select Team athletes.

About USA Basketball

Based in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and chaired by retired Gen. **Martin Dempsey**, USA Basketball is a nonprofit organization and the national governing body for basketball in the United States. As the recognized governing body for basketball in the U.S. by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), USA Basketball is responsible for the selection, training and fielding of USA national teams that compete in FIBA-sponsored five-on-five and 3x3 international competitions, as well as for some national competitions and for the development of youth basketball.

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