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## **2018 Nike Hoop Summit Returns to Portland, Oregon**

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (Dec. 21, 2017)** – For an 11<sup>th</sup>-straight year, Portland, Oregon, will serve as home to the Nike Hoop Summit – an annual basketball game that pits the best U.S. high school senior boys against top international players from around the world who are 19 years old or younger in a one game showdown. The 2018 Nike Hoop Summit will be played at 7 p.m. (PDT) on Friday, April 13, at the Moda Center.

Tickets for the 2018 Nike Hoop Summit will go on sale Wednesday, Dec. 27. Courtside seats are \$50 and \$75, while 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.

“USA Basketball is very excited to return to Portland for the 2018 Nike Hoop Summit,” said **Jim Tooley**, USA Basketball CEO. “Each year this game showcases the best young talent from the United States and around the world, and basketball fans in Portland will be treated to another exciting contest this year.”

The 2018 USA Nike Hoop Summit roster is expected to be announced in January. The U.S. team will be chosen by the USA Basketball Men's Developmental National Team Committee. The 2017 World Select Team roster, which is expected to be announced in March, will include top players from FIBA Africa, FIBA Americas, FIBA Asia and FIBA Europe, with the approved sanctioning of FIBA, the governing body of international basketball.

USA Basketball teams have compiled a 14-6 overall advantage all-time in the Nike Hoop Summit.

In 2017, the USA held on for a 98-87 win that saw **Michael Porter Jr.** and **Jarred Vanderbilt** score 19 points apiece at the Moda Center on April 7, 2017. In 2016, the USA recorded its largest margin of victory in event history with a 101-67 win. 2015 saw 30 points from **Jamal Murray** help the World Team to an exciting 103-101 win in which **Luke Kennard** scored 22 points for the USA.

An incredible 203 former members of the USA or World Select Team have been drafted by NBA teams, including 13 players in the 2017 NBA Draft. And, as of Dec. 12, 2017, a remarkable 72 former U.S. players and 33 former World team members were active in the NBA.

Some of the notable Nike Hoop Summit alumni currently starring in the NBA include: Harrison Barnes (Dallas Mavericks); Bradley Beal (Washington Wizards); DeMarcus Cousins (New Orleans Pelicans); Anthony Davis (Pelicans); DeMar DeRozan (Toronto Raptors); Kevin Durant (Golden State

Warriors); Joel Embid (Philadelphia 76ers); Rudy Gay (San Antonio Spurs); Aaron Gordon (Orlando Magic); Brandon Ingram (Los Angeles Lakers); Kyrie Irving (Boston Celtics); Stanley Johnson (Detroit Pistons); Tyus Jones (Minnesota Timberwolves); Michael Kidd-Gilchrist (Charlotte Hornets); Kevin Love (Cavaliers); Jahlil Okafor (Nets); Tony Parker (San Antonio Spurs); Julius Randle (Los Angeles Lakers); Derrick Rose (Cavaliers); Ben Simmons (76ers); Jayson Tatum (Celtics); Karl Towns Jr. (Timberwolves); Myles Turner (Indiana Pacers); John Wall (Wizards); Andrew Wiggins (Timberwolves); and Justise Winslow (Miami Heat).

Additionally, 36 former Hoop Summit players are currently competing on the collegiate level, including 23 U.S. players and 13 World Team athletes.

The Nike Hoop Summit has been held annually since 1995, except for 2001-2003. The game was played in San Antonio, Texas, during the NCAA Final Four in 1998 and 2004; in Tampa, Florida, in 1999; and in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 2000. From 2005-2007 the game took place in Memphis, Tennessee, and since 2008, the Nike Hoop Summit has been played in Portland – where it has recorded the four largest crowds in event history.

### **About USA Basketball**

Based in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA Basketball, chaired by ret. General **Martin E. Dempsey**, is a nonprofit organization and the national governing body for men's and women's 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 teams that compete in FIBA-sponsored international competitions, as well as for some national competitions, and for the development of youth basketball initiatives that address player development, coach education and safety.

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