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Twentieth-Annual Nike Hoop Summit Set For April 7 At Portland's Moda Center

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (Feb. 22, 2017) – The 20th-annual Nike Hoop Summit will return to Portland, Oregon, for a 10th-straight year and will be played at 7 p.m. (PST) on Friday, April 7 at the Moda Center.

Tickets for the 2017 Nike Hoop Summit will go on sale Saturday, Feb. 25 at 10 a.m. (PST). Lower bowl seating starts at just \$10, and courtside seats are \$50 and \$75. Applicable service charges apply. Tickets will be available at Ticketmaster.com, the Rose Quarter Box Office or by calling 800-745-3000.

The Nike Hoop Summit is an annual basketball game that features the USA Basketball Junior National Select Team, which features the best U.S. high school senior boys, taking on the World Select Team, which is comprised of elite, international players who are 19 years old or younger.

“Basketball fans in the Portland area have supported and enjoyed this game for the past nine years, and we know that the 10th year in Portland and the 20th Nike Hoop Summit overall will be another exciting and competitive game that showcases the brightest rising basketball talents,” said USA Basketball CEO/Executive Director **Jim Tooley**.

The 2017 USA Basketball Junior National Select Team roster will be chosen by the USA Basketball Men's Developmental National Team Committee and announced in February. The 2017 World Select Team roster will be announced in March and will include top players from FIBA's five geographic zones (FIBA Africa, FIBA Americas, FIBA Asia, FIBA Europe and FIBA Oceania), with the approved sanctioning of FIBA, the governing body of international basketball.

USA Basketball teams have compiled a 13-6 overall advantage in the series and are 3-3 versus the World squad in the past six games. Most recently, the USA recorded the largest margin of victory in event history with a 101-67 win in 2016 that saw **Terrance Ferguson** finish as the USA's leading scorer with 21 points and a U.S. Nike Hoop Summit record seven 3-pointers made. In 2015, 30 points from **Jamal Murray** helped the World Team capture an exciting 103-101 win that saw **Luke Kennard** score 22 points for the USA.

Some of game's top highlights include: an almost triple-double of 10 points, 10 rebounds and nine blocked shots by perennial NBA All-Star **Kevin Garnett** in a U.S. win in the first Hoop Summit in 1995; 33 points by **Dirk Nowitzki**, which help the World Team to a win in 1998; 20 points and seven assists by 2000 World Team member and French guard **Tony Parker**; and a USA team record 35 points by USA guard **Shabazz Muhammad** in 2012.

The Nike Hoop Summit has been held annually since 1995, with the exception of a three-year hiatus in 2001-2003. The game was played in the city hosting the men's NCAA Final Four in 1998 and 2004 in San Antonio, Texas; 1999 in Tampa, Florida; and 2000 in Indianapolis, Indiana. In 2005, 2006 and 2007 the game was staged 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.

An incredible 199 former USA and World Select Team members have been drafted by NBA teams, including 11 players in the 2016 NBA Draft and 13 alumni in 2015.

In fact, the past seven No. 1 NBA Draft picks have been Hoop Summit alumni, including 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.

Overall, 10 of the game's alumni have been chosen at No. 1, and 65 players have been selected among the first 10 picks.

Seven players have gone on to earn NBA Rookie of the Year, including Towns (2016), Wiggins (2015), Irving (2012), Tyreke Evans (2010), Rose (2009), Kevin Durant (2008) and Elton Brand (2000-shared).

As of Dec. 7, 2016, a remarkable 70 former U.S. players and 38 former World team members were active in the NBA.

Some of the notable U.S. alumni in the NBA include: Harrison Barnes (Dallas Mavericks); Beal (Washington Wizards); DeMarcus Cousins (New Orleans Pelicans); Davis (Pelicans); DeMar DeRozan (Toronto Raptors); Durant (Golden State Warriors); Rudy Gay (Kings); Rondaé Hollis-Jefferson (Brooklyn Nets); Irving (Cleveland Cavaliers); Stanley Johnson (Detroit Pistons); Terrance Jones (Pelicans); Tyus Jones (Minnesota Timberwolves); Kidd-Gilchrist (Charlotte Hornets); Kevin Love (Cavaliers); Jahlil Okafor (Philadelphia 76ers); Parker (Milwaukee Bucks); Mason Plumlee (Denver Nuggets); Julius Randle (Los Angeles Lakers); Rose (New York Knicks); J.R. Smith (Cavaliers); Jared Sullinger (Raptors); Myles Turner (Indiana Pacers); Noah Vonleh (Portland Trail Blazers); Wall (Washington Wizards); and Justise Winslow (Miami Heat).

World Hoop Summit alumni now playing for NBA teams include: Alexis Ajinca (Pelicans); Nicolas Batum (Hornets); Davis Bertans (San Antonio Spurs); Bismack Biyombo (Orlando Magic); Clint Capela (Houston Rockets); Omri Casspi (Pelicans); Cheick Diallo (Pelicans); Embiid (76ers); Dante Exum (Utah Jazz); Evan Fournier (Magic); Serge Ibaka (Raptors); Nikola Jokic (Denver Nuggets); Cory Joseph (Raptors); Enes Kanter (Oklahoma City Thunder); Skal Labissiere (Kings); Trey Lyles (Jazz); Thon Maker (Bucks); Boban Marjanovic (Pistons); Patrick Mills (Spurs); Nikola Mirotic (Bulls); Donatas Motiejunas (Pelicans); Emmanuel Mudiay (Nuggets); Jamal Murray (Nuggets); Raul Neto (Jazz); Lucas Riva Nogueira (Raptors); Dirk Nowitzki (Mavericks); Tony Parker (Spurs); Sergio

Rodriguez (76ers); Dario Saric (76ers); Dennis Schröder (Atlanta Hawks); Luis Scola (Nets); Kevin Seraphin (Pacers); Simmons (76ers); Tristan Thompson (Cavaliers); Towns (Timberwolves); Wiggins (Timberwolves); and Kyle Wiltjer (Rockets).

Additionally, 31 former Hoop Summit players are currently competing on the collegiate level, including 25 U.S. players and six World Team athletes.

Playing at Duke are U.S. alumni Marques Bolden, Harry Giles, Frank Jackson, Chase Jeter, Luke Kennard and Jayson Tatum. The USA's Isaiah Briscoe, De'Aaron Fox and Wenyen Gabriel are teamed up with former World Team member Tai Wynyard at Kentucky. Kansas lists U.S. alumni Josh Jackson and Malik Newman alongside World Team alumni Sviatoslav Mykhailiuk and Udoka Azubuike. Arizona currently lists former U.S. team member Allonzo Trier and is expecting to have World Team alumni DeAndre Ayton join the team in 2017-18.

Other U.S. alumni in the NCAA are: Joel Berry II and Theo Pinson at North Carolina; Jarrett Allen (Texas); James Blackmon Jr. (Indiana); Jalen Brunson (Villanova); Markelle Fultz (Washington); Kasey Hill (Florida); Jonathan Isaac (Florida State); Joshua Langford (Michigan State); Payton Pritchard (Oregon); Ivan Rabb (California); Caleb Swanigan (Purdue); and Reid Travis (Stanford).

Other World Team alumni at U.S. colleges include: Brandone Francis (Texas Tech); Justin Jackson (Maryland); and Przemyslaw Karnowski (Gonzaga).

Additionally, Kostas Antetokounmpo is in the midst of a red-shirt year at Dayton, and Harry Froling will play at Marquette in 2017-18.

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