

Jr. NBA World Championship Tips Off This Week at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Disney

First-of-its-kind youth competition will feature more than 300 boys and girls from 35 different countries

The inaugural Jr. NBA World Championship gets underway Tuesday, Aug. 7, at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World Resort. The six-day global, youth basketball tournament will showcase the top 14U boys and girls teams from the United States and around the world, including countries such as India, Australia, China and Mexico.

The event brings together the top 32 teams (16 from the U.S. and 16 international) that advanced from regional competitions earlier this year. The teams will compete in round-robin and single elimination games, and the winners of the U.S. and international brackets will play in the World Championship games on Aug. 12.

Three-time NBA champion Dwyane Wade, 2018 Hall of Fame inductee Grant Hill, eight-time NBA All-Star and Atlanta Hawks guard Vince Carter, two-time NBA All-Star and Detroit Pistons center Andre Drummond and Milwaukee Bucks center Brook Lopez will all participate in the event, which in addition to basketball games, will include life skills sessions, a community service playground build and a health and wellness session sponsored by Gatorade's Sports Science Institute.

Wade, along with the current and former NBA stars, will be joined by WNBA legends Tamika Catchings, Swin Cash and Jennifer Azzi.

There are eight teams from the U.S. Boys division and eight from the U.S. Girls division:

U.S. Boys Division

Central – Lenexa, Kan.

Mid-Atlantic – Upper Marlboro, Md.

Midwest – Detroit, Mich.

Northeast – Westchester, N.Y.

Northwest – Seattle, Wash.

South – Dallas, Texas

Southeast – Atlanta, Ga.

West – Los Angeles, Calif.

U.S. Girls Division

Central – Kansas City, Mo.

Mid-Atlantic – Germantown, Md.

Midwest – South Bend, Ind.

Northeast – Westchester, N.Y.

Northwest – New Castle, Wash.

South – Dallas, Texas

Southeast – Columbia, S.C.

West – Los Angeles, Calif.

**Teams are based in the cities listed, but comprised of youth from throughout the respective regions*

The 16 international teams represent Africa & Middle East, Asia Pacific, Canada, China, Europe, India, Mexico and South America.

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