

ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World Resort to host Jr. NBA World Championship in Summer 2018

The top boys and girls basketball players in the United States and from around the globe will battle for world supremacy this upcoming summer when ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World Resort hosts the Jr. NBA World Championship.

The championship, a first-of-its kind global youth basketball tournament, will feature boys and girls divisions (14 and under), each comprised of 16 regional champions (eight U.S. and eight international teams) who will compete in the inaugural event Aug. 7-12 at the sports complex.

Cleveland Cavaliers guard and three-time NBA champion Dwyane Wade and Los Angeles Sparks forward and WNBA champion Candace Parker will serve as global ambassadors for the Jr. NBA World Championship.

The tournament tips off in the spring of 2018 with U.S. and international games being contested across various regional sites that will be announced early next year.

The tournament is the latest basketball event to take place at Disney's world-class sports complex, which regularly hosts elite professional, international, collegiate and recreational youth sports competitions. During its 20-year history, the sports complex has hosted AAU National Championships, the AdvoCare Invitational college basketball tournament, Orlando Magic training camp and the NBA Rookie Symposium.