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## Slam Dunk to the Beach Announces 2018 Partnerships

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### *Tournament increases Official Partners in Fifth Season*

**Lewes, DE – December 15, 2018** – The Delaware Sports Commission is excited to announce that the 2018 Slam Dunk to the Beach has expanded to five official partners plus the return of **Grotto Pizza** as the event's presenting sponsor. Returning to this group of highly regarded businesses are **Pepsi**, **SoDel Concepts** and **Visit Delaware**. They will be joined this season as official partners by **ATI Physical Therapy** and **Megee Motors**.

"We are very proud to be the Official Pizza and presenting sponsor of Slam Dunk to the Beach," said **Dominick Pulieri**, owner of Grotto Pizza. "This event seems to get bigger and bigger every year. It is a great way to showcase what Sussex County has to offer not only in the summer, but year-round. I'm looking forward to another year of elite competition."

Slam Dunk to the Beach is Dec. 27-29, 2018 at Cape Henlopen High School. Nationally-ranked teams, with some of America's most highly-touted college recruits, will join a strong local field. The national schools are headlined by Kentucky commit **Kahlil Whitney** of Roselle Catholic (NJ) and former Slam Dunk to the Beach All-Tournament Team selection, **Jeremy Roach**, of Paul VI (VA). Those big names and many more will compete against 16 other schools, including four of Delaware's premier high school programs.

The 2018 All-Star Sponsors have been announced, as well. They include **Freeman Foundation**, **iHeartMedia-Delaware**, **State of Delaware**, **Sussex County Council**, **The Office of Highway Safety**, **The Voice Network** and **WRDE-TV**.

Plenty of fun and games can be found throughout the event, from the lobby to center court as Megee Motors will sponsor a musical chairs contest once per session for a chance to win cash and prizes. Vendors such as Grotto Pizza, **Kick n' Chicken** and **Rita's** will serve up food and drinks for attendees in the lobby. The fan experience continues thanks to The Office of Highway Safety which will provide a pop-a-shot basketball game and a make your own sign table to help root on your favorite team.

The **Comfort Inn Rehoboth Beach**, **Hyatt Place Dewey Beach** and **Sleep Inn & Suites Rehoboth Beach** will serve as host hotels for the 2018 Slam Dunk to the Beach by hosting the tournament's national field and offering discounted rates to fans during the three-day event.

"We would not be able to offer the highest level of high school basketball in the country and the outstanding players and future college and NBA without the support of our partners," said Delaware Sports Commission chairman, **Dr. Matthew Robinson**. "We value our relationships and appreciate the support they have given us and we hope we been able to deliver on our promise of delivering an amazing experience for the local fans and visitors to the local community."

Slam Dunk to the Beach is also proud to partner with the many other area businesses at multiple sponsorship levels.

#### Hospitality Sponsors

- Casapulla's
- Chick-fil-A
- Jimmy's Grille
- The Starboard

#### Session Sponsors

- Big Fish Restaurant Group
- Parkowski, Guerke & Swayze, P.A.
- Standard Distributing



### **Team Sponsors**

- Arena's Deli
- Boardwalk Plaza Hotel
- Cape Gazette
- Creative Courtyards
- Crooked Hammock
- Delaware Electric Cooperative
- Delaware Express
- Delaware River & Bay
- Delaware Technical Community College
- Dover Federal Credit Union
- Gatorade
- High Five Hospitality - Buffalo Wild Wings
- Highmark
- KDI
- Kick n' Chicken
- L&W Insurance
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- Sussex County Association of Realtors
- Tunnell & Raysor, P.A.
- University of Delaware Sport Management Program
- Urban Float
- Worms Quality Carpet Care

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- Dairy Queen
- Delaware State Chamber of Commerce
- Delmarva Insulation
- Max Challenge
- Potter Anderson
- Premier Orthopaedic Bone & Joint Care
- Rehoboth/Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce
- State Farm Agent, Jeanine O'Donnell
- The Factory

Fans can purchase tickets by visiting [www.slamdunktothebeach.com](http://www.slamdunktothebeach.com).

For more information, visit [slamdunktothebeach.com](http://slamdunktothebeach.com) or follow the tournament on Facebook at Slam Dunk to the Beach, via Twitter @SlamDunkToBeach on Instagram @SlamDunkDE and with the hashtag #SlamDunkDE.

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