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Slam Dunk to the Beach Announces 2019 Participants and Schedule

Local and National Powerhouses return to Delaware Beaches

November 6, 2019 (Lewes, Del.) – The Delaware Sports Commission is proud to announce the full schedule and participating teams for the 2019 Slam Dunk to the Beach basketball tournament. The elite squads will hit the hardwood at Cape Henlopen High School for the three-day event from Friday, December 27 to Sunday, December 29.

"We feel this year may be the best since the revival of Slam Dunk to the Beach in 2014. The quality and the depth of the talent is exceptional and will lead to exciting games as some of the best high school players in the country have the chance to showcase their abilities. Seeing Duke and North Carolina as destinations for some of the players, says it all!" said **Dr. Matthew Robinson**, chairman of the Delaware Sports Commission.

The iconic tournament has hosted many future NBA and college superstars over the years and since returning in 2014, Slam Dunk to the Beach has welcomed in the next generation of basketball's best. The most recent wave of talent has included 33rd overall pick in the 2016 NBA Draft, **Cheick Diallo** (2014), 6th overall pick in the 2018 NBA Draft, **Mohamed Bamba** (2016, 2015) 17th overall pick in the 2018 NBA Draft, **Donte DiVincenzo** (2014), and 10th overall pick in the 2019 NBA Draft, **Cameron Reddish** (2017, 2016, 2015, 2014).

The full schedule, with start times for all 18 games, is listed below. **Tickets are on sale now at www.slamdunktothebeach.com**. New for 2019, **group tickets** are available for purchase by calling **(302) 672-6832**.

This year's event will feature sixteen teams from around the region and nation and three teams from the host state of Delaware. The top players as rated in the latest ESPN rankings include:

- **A.J. Griffin** (#10 c/o 2021, Archbishop Stepinac, Duke)
- **Jeremy Roach** (#15 c/o 2020, Paul VI, Duke)
- **Frank Kegang** (#20 c/o 2021, Westtown, Undecided)
- **Zion Cruz** (#20 c/o 2022, Hudson Catholic, Undecided)
- **Trevor Keels** (#32 c/o 2021, Paul VI, Undecided)
- **R.J Davis** (#40 c/o 2020, Archbishop Stepinac, North Carolina)
- **Cliff Omoruyi** (47th c/o 2020, Roselle Catholic, Undecided)
- **Andre Jackson** (#50 c/o 2020, Albany Academy, UConn)

Slam Dunk to the Beach welcomes six new teams to the tournament:

- **Archbishop Stepinac HS** (NY)
- **Rock Creek Christian Academy** (MD)
- **National Christian Academy** (DC)
- **Our Saviour Lutheran School** (NY) (Max Amadasun, c/o 2020, Pittsburgh commit)
- **Legacy Charter School** (SC)
- **First Love Christian Academy** (PA) (DJ Gordon, c/o 2020, Penn State commit)



2016 Slam Dunk to the Beach All-Tournament team selection, Jeremy Roach, is back during his senior season after impressing the Cape Henlopen HS crowd with 40 points in two games as a freshman three seasons ago. The nation's 15th ranked player in the senior class has committed to Duke, along with A.J. Griffin in the Class of 2021, for a total of three Slam Dunk players committing to Mike Krzyzewski in the last three years.

Locally, this season's event welcomes three of the top teams in the state of Delaware, including **Sanford School** and **Dover HS** who competed in the DIAA Boys' Basketball State Championship with Sanford School taking the win 48-45. **Cape Henlopen HS**, who ended their season with a big win over Appoquinimink, will also be participating.

The 2019 Slam Dunk will run six sessions - with day and evening sessions featuring three games each on all three days of the event.

"We are very excited to have our basketball program to participate in a tournament so rich in tradition," said Legacy Charter School Head Coach, **B.J Jackson**. "The opportunity to play against some of the top talents in the country will prepare us for the long season ahead."

The Delaware Sports Commission has once again brought aboard **Position Sports, Inc.**, a national sports marketing company, to manage all event operations. Position Sports has worked with many of the world's leading brands, including current clients Nike, Jordan Brand, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and USA Basketball.

For more information on the tournament, follow **@SlamDunkToBeach** on Twitter, **@SlamDunkDE** on Instagram, and Facebook at **Slam Dunk To The Beach**.

About Delaware Sports Commission:

The Delaware Sports Commission, a not-for-profit organization, was established to attract regional and national level sporting events to Delaware as an endeavor to positively impact Delaware's economy. The DSC also assists with the retention and growth of existing sporting events. To date the DSC has partnered with over 50 regional and national events, paving the way for future large-scale events to be held in Delaware.

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2019 Slam Dunk to the Beach Schedule:

December 27 – Day Session

- 12:00pm St. Raymond HS (NY) vs. Cape Henlopen HS (DE)
1:30pm First Love Christian Academy (PA) vs. Hudson Catholic HS (NJ)
3:00pm Rock Creek Christian Academy (MD) vs. Our Saviour Lutheran School (NY)

December 27 – Evening Session

- 5:00pm National Christian Academy (DC) vs. Gill St. Bernard's School (NJ)
6:30pm Sanford School (DE) vs. Lake Clifton HS (MD)
8:00pm Albany Academy (NY) vs. Eleanor Roosevelt HS (MD)

December 28 – Day Session

- 12:00pm Immaculate Conception HS (NJ) vs. Rock Creek Christian Academy (MD)
1:30pm Lake Clifton HS (MD) vs. Albany Academy (NY)
3:00pm Eleanor Roosevelt HS (MD) vs. Dover HS (DE)

December 28 – Evening Session

- 5:00pm Hudson Catholic HS (NJ) vs. Westtown School (PA)
6:30pm Our Saviour Lutheran School (NY) vs. Legacy Charter School (SC)
8:00pm Roselle Catholic HS (NJ) vs. Sanford School (DE)

December 29 – Day Session

- 12:00pm Legacy Charter School (SC) vs. Immaculate Conception HS (NJ)
1:30pm Gill St. Bernard's School (NJ) vs. St. Raymond HS (NY)
3:00pm Paul VI HS (VA) vs. Archbishop Stepinac HS (NY)

December 29 – Evening Session

- 5:00pm Dover HS (DE) vs. Cape Henlopen HS (DE)
6:30pm First Love Christian Academy (PA) vs. Roselle Catholic HS (NJ)
8:00pm Westtown School (PA) vs. National Christian Academy (DC)

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