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2019 U SPORTS Men's Basketball Final 8 returns to weekend schedule

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TORONTO – U SPORTS, Sports & Entertainment Atlantic (S|E|A) and Dalhousie University are pleased to announce a return to a weekend schedule for the 2019 U SPORTS Men's Final 8 - the men's basketball university national championship - to be played at the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax, N.S., March 8-10, 2019.

The Calgary Dinos are the 2018 U SPORTS national champions, capturing their first-ever national men's basketball title, following a last-second 79-77 victory over the Ryerson Rams, who defeated the seven-time defending champion Carleton Ravens, in an epic semifinal and rematch of the 2017 title contest.

2019 U SPORTS Men's Final 8 detailed schedule *(All times are in Halifax local time)*

Teams and match ups will be known the weekend previous to the competition, following the official seeding.

Thursday, March 7

7 p.m. AST 2019 U SPORTS Men's Basketball All-Canadian Awards

Friday, March 8

12 p.m. AST Quarter-final #1

2 p.m. AST Quarter-final #2

6 p.m. AST Quarter-final #3

8 p.m. AST Quarter-final #4: Dalhousie Tigers opening game

Saturday, March 9

12 p.m. AST Consolation Semifinal #1: Loser QF 1 vs. Loser QF 2

2 p.m. AST Consolation Semifinal #2: Loser QF 3 vs. Loser QF 4

6 p.m. AST* Championship Semifinal #1: Winner QF 1 vs. Winner QF 2 **(Sportsnet Broadcast)**

8 p.m. AST* Championship Semifinal #2: Winner QF 3 vs. Winner QF 4 **(Sportsnet Broadcast)**

Sunday, March 10

12 p.m. ADT Consolation Final

2 p.m. ADT Bronze Medal Game

6 p.m. ADT* Championship Final **(Sportsnet Broadcast)**

** Time of the games on Sportsnet are subject to change*

"The City of Halifax and Scotiabank Centre are undeniably a hub for Canadian university basketball, with a strong history dating back nearly three decades," said Lisette Johnson-Stapley, Chief Sport Officer at U



SPORTS. “We are confident that Dalhousie University and S|E|A| Organizing Committee will deliver a first-rate championship for both our student-athletes and U SPORTS basketball fans.”

“Dalhousie is thrilled to play host to the U SPORTS Final 8 Men’s Basketball Championship for the second time in three years,” stated Tim Maloney, Executive Director, Athletics & Recreation, Dalhousie University. We are honoured to build on the great tradition Halifax has built with the Final 8 and we are motivated to continue to raise the bar with our partners Sports & Entertainment Atlantic given the importance of this event to our campus and our community.”

Tournament ticket packages will be available through Ticket Atlantic as of Friday, June 22 at 11:00 a.m. AT and include a reserved seat of your choice for all six (6) tickets events. Tournament package pricing is \$150 for Adults, \$125 for Seniors (60+) and only \$75 for Students and Youth (12 & under). All ticket prices include HST but are subject to a processing fee and can be purchased online or by phone through Ticket Atlantic. Tournament floor seats and VIP corporate ticket packages are available exclusively through Sports & Entertainment Atlantic. Fans interested in purchasing VIP packages can contact Gillian by email gillian@seatlantic.ca or phone 902.444.3773.

For further details about the U SPORTS Men’s Final 8, please visit the event website at

<https://usports.ca/en/championships/final-8/m/history>

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About Sports & Entertainment Atlantic (S|E|A)

S|E|A is Atlantic Canada’s premier sport event production company. For over a decade S|E|A has elevated the sports & entertainment experience for fans and produced some of the most successful sporting events in our region’s history. From the FIVB World Beach Volleyball Championships on man-made beaches in downtown parking lots to innovative multi-partner hosting agreements for National University Championships to



finally delivering an outdoor stadium for Halifax and launching the HFX Wanderers Football Club; S|E|A is committed to uniting and building our community through the power of sport.

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