

HOOPSFIX ALL-STAR CLASSIC RETURNS FOR 2022

- 48 of the top under-19 basketball players in the UK to participate in one day showcase -

LONDON, 6 May 2022 - The Hoopsfix All-Star Classic is set to return for its eighth edition with the 2022 event confirmed to take place on Saturday 28th May at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, in London.

Tickets are on sale with 48 of the best young players from the UK having been selected to face off as the event welcomes back fans for the first time since 2019 and following sellouts every year, has moved to a new venue with increased capacity.

Two Under-19 games packed with junior internationals are on the schedule with the Under-19 women's game at 1:30pm followed by the men's game at 4:00pm, with both games seeing a mixture of Class of 2022 and Underclassmen suiting up, while players will also battle it out in a three-point shootout (1:00pm) and dunk contest (3:30pm).

As of this year, 85% of players to play in the Classic have either won a scholarship or gone on to professional basketball careers. Notable alumni include Jeremy Sochan (2019), who is a projected lottery pick in this year's NBA draft, and Holly Winterburn (2019), who played professionally for London Lions in both the WBBL and FIBA EuroCup Women this season.

The event, sponsored by Foot Locker, Jordan, Sportserve, Molten, 5or6, Always Ballin' and Red Bull, is organised by the Hoopsfix Foundation, the not-for-profit arm of Hoopsfix.com, with any profits being ploughed back into the growth and development of the British game.

In 2021 proceeds from the Hoopsfix All-Star Classic were used to help renovate Clapham Common basketball courts.

"It's great to be able to welcome fans back again in a new venue with double the capacity we previously had," founder of Hoopsfix, Sam Neter said.

"We're looking forward to once again assembling the best under-19s the UK has produced to battle it out across the two games, raising money for the Foundation to reinvest back into the

Under-19 Men's Rosters

Team Black

- #1 Michael Belle, Guard/Forward, SIG Strasbourg (France)
- #5 Stephen Asante, Guard, Barking Abbey
- #6 Oliver Wright, Guard, Oaklands
- #8 LA Casinillo, Guard, Itchen College/Solent Kestrels
- #9 Kanu Gudza, Guard, Charnwood College/Loughborough Riders
- #10 Bryan Akanmu, Forward, Myerscough
- #12 Chudi Dioramma, Forward, Haringey 6th Form/Haringey Hawks
- #13 Zamoku Weluche-Ume, Forward, Barking Abbey
- #14 Charles Okafor, Forward, Sheffield College/Sheffield Elite
- #15 Live Kivuvu, Forward, JMA/Reading Rockets
- #21 Marcus Myen King-Danchie, Guard, Florida Coastal Prep (US)
- #36 Jason Soodeen, Forward, SGS College/Bristol Flyers

Team White

- #0 Simeon Perry, Forward, Derby College/Derby Trailblazers
- #1 Declan Kom, Guard, Sheffield College/Sheffield Elite
- #2 Juelz Robinson, Guard, Myerscough
- #4 Quinn Ellis, Guard, Orlandina (Italy)
- #5 Louie Jordan, Forward, Charnwood College
- #6 Joe Buchanan, Guard, Barking Abbey
- #7 Brandon Tchouya, Guard/Forward, Dagenham Park/London Lions
- #8 Kane Daley, Guard, Oaklands
- #10 Ben Michaels, Forward, Copleston/Ipswich
- #11 Josh Ijeh, Forward/Centre, BMET James Watt/Team Birmingham Elite
- #25 Victor Ndoukou, Forward, Loughborough Riders/Charnwood College
- #55 Pedro Ellery, Guard/Forward, Myerscough

Under-19 Women's Rosters

Team Black

- #0 Kizzy Spence, Guard, Oaklands
- #2 Megan Lovatt, Guard, Derby
- #4 Fatmata Janneh, Forward, London/Barking Abbey
- #5 Charli Wroe, Guard, Manchester
- #7 Jessie Ford, Forward, Reading Rockets/JMA
- #8 Abbey Whitehouse, Guard, Sheffield Hatters/Sheffield
- #9 Saruna Gudza, Guard, Ipswich/Copleston
- #11 Natalie Charity, Guard, Nottingham Wildcats/Nottingham

#13 Emilie Black, Guard, City of London Academy

#15 Cameron Taylor-Willis, Forward, Ipswich/Copleston

#16 Carys Roy, Centre, Cardiff Met Archers

#55 Molly Lavin, Forward, City of London Academy

Team White

#1 Funmi Amode, Forward, City of London Academy

#3 Katie Januszewska, Guard, Leicester Riders/Loughborough/Charnwood

#5 Maisie Evison, Guard, Nottingham Wildcats/Nottingham

#6 Olivia Forster, Guard, Ipswich/Copleston

#7 Vanessa Obanor, Centre, Derby

#8 Erin Powell, Forward, Loughborough/Charnwood

#9 Mariam Olawoyin, Guard, Nottingham Wildcats/Nottingham

#10 Faye Endean, Guard, Solent Kestrels/Itchen

#11 Emily O'Connell, Guard, City of London Academy

#12 Isi Ozzy-Momodu, Forward, City of London Academy

#13 Anna Nevison, Guard, Solent Kestrels/Itchen

#15 Issy Bunyan, Forward, Cardiff Met Archers

Tickets are £10 for adults, £8 for under-18s, with group discounts for batch purchases of more than 10.

Use the hashtag #HASC22 on all social media platforms to help spread the word, and be in with a chance of winning prizes around the event.

For more information about the event, its history and to buy tickets, visit HoopsfixAllStarClassic.com.

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About Hoopsfix

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You can find more information at Hoopsfix.com

About the Hoopsfix All-Star Classic

With the first event being held in 2014 at Brunel University, the Hoopsfix All-Star Classic has become the premier showcase of up and coming British basketball talent.

Moving to Brixton in 2015, the event has sold out every year, whilst being live streamed to a

global audience, inviting the top Under-19 males and females to battle it out against each other in All-Star games, along with a 3-point shootout, dunk contest, and a kids clinic and coaching clinic.

With many past players now having gone on to professional careers, as well as representing the Great Britain Senior National teams, the Classic has cemented its status as the number one place in the UK to see the stars of tomorrow all competing in the same place, at the same time.

You can find more information at <u>HoopsfixalIstarclassic.com</u>

About the Hoopsfix Foundation

Founded in 2014 but officially incorporated as a Community Interest Company (C.I.C.) in 2016, the Hoopsfix Foundation C.I.C. is a not-for-profit, whose sole mission is to grow and raise the profile of basketball in the United Kingdom.

You can find more information at hoopsfixfoundation.org

Resources:

2022 Hoopsfix All-Star Classic Logos
Selection of images from previous events & assets
Quotes from all players selected to play

For any sharing on social media please use the hashtag #HASC22

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