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## **Blue Star SATURDAY** - Coming to NCAA Women's Final Four - 2020

New Orleans, LA – *Blue Star Basketball* made it official today, announcing the incarnation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual **Blue Star Saturday** event, which will be held on **Saturday, April 4, 2020**, in conjunction with the 2020 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Final Four in New Orleans.

**"Blue Star Saturday** is going to be a special celebration of girls' basketball, and the women's Final Four is the perfect time of year for what is going to become an annual event," said Mike Flynn, owner of *Blue Star Basketball* and *Blue Star Media*. "We are going to assemble a great group of young ladies that will be the future of women's basketball to come to New Orleans and compete, as well as experience the excitement of the Final Four."

**Blue Star Saturday** will be a one-day, invite only All-Star event, welcoming girls' basketball players from all over the world to compete in a full day of All-Star games. Players will be comprised of the standout attendees from *Rising Blue Star* and *Blue Star Combine Camps* held across North America this fall, as well as from *Blue Star Travel Teams*, and the four current classes of *Blue Star 30's*.

"All of the different sources where our team will be inviting players from will have representation," Flynn said. "Every fall we have our *Rising Blue Star Camps* across the US and Canada, and this year we have added the *Blue Star Combine* for older players. Our *Blue Star* evaluators at each event will give their input on the best group of players at each event, who we will invite to New Orleans."

This year's *Rising Blue Star Camps* will be for players in grades 5-8, with the *Blue Star Combine* focusing on the high school players, grades 9-11. The camps will be held predominantly in September in October, and several of this year's cities are already open for registration. For more information on this year's camp circuit and to register, visit the website:

<https://risingbluestar.com/>

In addition to *Rising Blue Star* and *Blue Star Combine All-Stars*, some of the top players from the *Blue Star Travel Teams* will also be invited to play.

Last, but certainly not least, members of the first four classes of *Blue Star 30s* will be in attendance, only adding to the star power. Each year, the *Blue Star 30* committee selects some of the world's top young middle school players to participate in the *Blue Star 30 Elite Camp*. This past summer, we witnessed the first *Blue Star 30 EUROPE* class, who attended a camp on the Spanish coastline of Gran Canaria. The 4<sup>th</sup> rendition of the American *Blue Star 30 Camp* was held in Wilmington, Delaware this past June at the beautiful Philadelphia 76ers Fieldhouse.





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On top of the All-Star games, some surprise guests and speakers are expected to be in attendance. The *Blue Star Media* team and some of the country's top evaluators including multiple McDonald's All-American voters will be on hand. Video, social media, online, and print coverage of the event will be in abundance. Some of the top club and high school coaches in the country will be coaching the All-Star Teams, and all games will be streamed online.

"Here at *Blue Star*, we value putting girls' basketball on a big stage where it belongs," said Flynn. "We want this to be a special memory for these young players, not only playing in the games, but meeting new people and hearing great professional guest speakers. ***Blue Star Saturday*** is going to be a ton of fun, and I'm already looking forward to April."

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