

**NYC & COMPANY PREVIEWS MAJOR SPORTING
EVENTS TAKING PLACE ACROSS NEW YORK CITY
THIS SUMMER**

**—From Electric Auto Racing in Brooklyn to the US Open Tennis
Championship in Queens, NYC Will Host Nearly a Dozen Landmark
Sporting Events Now Through September—**

New York City (June 7, 2018) — NYC & Company, New York City's official destination marketing organization, previews a lineup of major sporting events taking place this summer as New York City's busiest travel season quickly approaches. With more professional teams (and championships!) than any other city in the United States, the sports scene in New York City is unlike any other. In the coming months, NYC will offer a more diverse array of competitions for visitors and residents to experience than ever before. Along with legendary annual events that have called the City home for decades, NYC and its surrounding areas will play host to high-profile matches from professional wrestling and international soccer to beach volleyball and esports, further expanding the region's athletic profile.

"New York City is home to an unmatched portfolio of sporting events that draw fans of all interests from all over the world," said Fred Dixon, president and CEO of NYC & Company. "In addition to storied franchises in each of the major professional leagues and the world's most iconic venues—such as Madison Square Garden, Yankee Stadium, Citi Field and the Barclays Center—we invite visitors this summer to celebrate the landmark anniversaries of our signature contests, and to welcome emerging leagues into the City's passionate sports culture, reaffirming New York City's status as the sports capital of the world."

Outlined below are some major sporting events that will take place from June through September in New York City and its surrounding area:

AVP New York City Open

June 7–10: Hudson River Park's Pier 25/26

avp.com

The world's top volleyball athletes will compete in NYC as part of the tour's Gold Series tournaments, featuring larger grand prizes and point windfalls. For the largest professional beach volleyball tour in the United States, this is their only stop on the East Coast, featuring matches on Hudson River Park's piers with One World Trade and the lower Manhattan skyline serving as a backdrop.

Belmont Stakes Racing Festival

June 7–9: Belmont Park, Queens

belmontstakes.com

The third and final leg of the Triple Crown turns 150 this year. More than just the championship race, this three-day festival in Queens features dozens of thoroughbred races, live music and a food-truck village for visitors to enjoy.

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The last day of the festival could see history made at the longest (and arguably hardest) of the Triple Crown races as Justify will attempt become only the 13th horse to win the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes in the same season.

US Open Golf Championship at Shinnecock Hills

June 11–17: Southampton, New York

usopen.com

America’s premier golf tournament returns to the New York City area for the first time in nine years. Golf superstars such as Tiger Woods, Jordan Speith, Rory McElroy, Ricki Fowler and many more will compete in the second major championship of 2018 at the heralded Shinnecock Hills Country Club, which is hosting the tournament for the fifth time. Golf fans are encouraged to plan their stays in NYC (not far from the course) and explore the city with the help of the NYC visitor guide live now at NYCgo.com.

2018 Qatar Airways New York City E-Prix

June 14–15: Red Hook, Brooklyn

fiaformulae.com

Motor racing’s youngest worldwide phenomenon, founded in 2014, concludes its 2017–2018 season and will crown a champion in NYC at the second annual Qatar Airways New York City E-Prix. Reaching speeds as fast as 140 mph, drivers will navigate 14 turns along the harbor’s scenic waterfront with breathtaking views of the Manhattan skyline and Statue of Liberty in the background. In addition to the race, fans can enjoy the Allianz E-village, a full day festival including a meet and greet with the drivers, a test-driving zone, arcade games and live music.

International Champions Cup

July 25–August 7: East Rutherford/Harrison, New Jersey

internationalchampionscup.com

Less than a month after the 2018 World Cup concludes in Russia, some of the top soccer teams from England, Spain, Italy and Portugal will put their skills on display in the New York City area as part of a worldwide tournament spanning three continents and nine countries. While American soccer fans won't see Team USA compete in the 2018 World Cup, the International Champions Cup provides an opportunity to see some of that tournament’s top performers up close and personal. Some key matches to check out are:

July 25: Manchester City vs. Liverpool (MetLife Stadium)

UK champs Manchester City will take on iconic Liverpool, fresh off the most successful season in the history of English professional soccer.

July 28: Benfica vs. Juventus (Red Bulls Arena)

Italian Champions Juventus, who recently captured their seventh straight league title, face off against the Portuguese league’s Benfica.

August 7: Real Madrid vs. AS Roma (MetLife Stadium)

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Cristiano Ronaldo and his European champion Real Madrid squad showcase their world-renowned skills in the US for the first time since winning their latest title.

Overwatch League Final

July 27–28: Brooklyn, New York
overwatchleague.com

A smash hit since being launched in May 2016, more than 35 million online gamers play Overwatch worldwide, with more than 5 million new registered users every six months. As a result of its historic popularity, Overwatch entered the burgeoning esports industry with a professional league of its own this May. Teams from three different continents will come to the Barclays Center and battle for the Overwatch Trophy, a million-dollar prize that goes with the title “best in the world,” that will conclude the inaugural season.

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WWE Summer Slam

August 19: Brooklyn, New York
wwe.com

One of the biggest WWE events of the year will call the Barclays Center home for the fourth consecutive summer as wrestling’s biggest superstars compete for several world titles on Sunday, August 19. The night is merely one part of the WWE’s Brooklyn invasion, however, with additional events such as Smackdown Live, Monday Night Raw and NXT Takeover running August 18–21 that will bring in visitors and viewers from around the world.

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US Open Tennis Championship

August 27–September 9: Flushing, Queens
usopen.org

The largest tennis championship in the United States will celebrate its 50th anniversary in Flushing, Queens by showing off the 600 million-dollar renovations of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, set to be completed this summer. Before the likes of Serena Williams, Roger Federer, Maria Sharapova and Rafael Nadal compete in the fourth and final Grand Slam Tournament of the 2018 season at this new state-of-the-art complex, fans can celebrate the Open and its history at US Open Fan Week, a festival consisting of a qualifying tournament, open practices with tennis stars, Queens Day and Arthur Ashe Kids Day celebrations.

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For more information regarding the various professional teams, events, special promotions and unique tours that make NYC the world’s premier sports town, find NYC & Company’s official guide to all things New York sports at NYCgo.com/sports.

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