

Incredible Summer for Youth Sports Officially Underway at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex

ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex kicked off an Incredible Summer of sports during Memorial Day Weekend by staging three major events — the Disney Memorial Day Soccer Tournament presented by Danimals, the Disney Memorial Day Baseball Classic and the AAU Memorial Day Basketball Classic. Combined, these events involved more than 16,000 athletes and coaches, making it one of the most active weekends of the year at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World Resort.

The new Memorial Day Summer Kickoff Fan Zone highlighted the weekend, featuring a variety of game-day food and beverage options, high-energy music by a popular DJ, event merchandise, vendor booths presented by brands such as GoGo Squeeze, Apex and Puma and a viewing party on Saturday afternoon for the UEFA Champions League title match between Liverpool and Real Madrid.

Even more top youth sports events await athletes, coaches and fans this summer at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, including the AAU Volleyball Junior National Championships (June 17-28), the Disney International Salute to Baseball tournament (June 30-July 14), the Disney Cup International soccer tournament (July 16-22), the Disney Pre-Season Soccer Kickoff (Aug. 18-19), the Disney Labor Day Baseball Classic (Aug. 31-Sept. 3) and various AAU tournaments in baseball (June 24-30) and basketball (June 1-July 29). Between Memorial Day Weekend and Labor Day Weekend, more than 77,000 athletes across 19 sports will compete on fields, diamonds, courts and other venues at the sports complex with events ranging from elite basketball tournaments to an soccer training program.

This “Incredible Summer” of sports at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex is part of an Incredible Summer of family fun at Walt Disney World Resort, highlighted by the June 30 opening of Toy Story Land at Disney’s Hollywood Studios. Also this summer, Donald’s Dino-Bash! is coming to Disney’s Animal Kingdom May 25, creating a lively celebration with festive decor and meet-and-greets galore. And super heroes are taking center stage at Magic Kingdom with the May 25th premiere of the Incredible Tomorrowland Expo.