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2022 Shriners Children's Hospital Charleston Classic Field Announced The ESPN Events men's college basketball tournament will be played Nov. 17, 18 and 20 at TD Arena

ESPN Events has announced the eight-team field – **College of Charleston**, **Colorado State**, **Davidson**, **Furman**, **Old Dominion**, **Penn State**, **South Carolina** and **Virginia Tech** – that will compete in the 2022 Shriners Children's Charleston Classic. The annual men's college basketball tournament will be played November 17, 18 and 20 at TD Arena in Charleston, S.C. during the 2022-23 season.

Colorado State (24-4) and Davidson (25-5) both finished their 2021-22 regular seasons with 20-plus wins and are projected to make the upcoming NCAA Tournament field according to Joe Lunardi's Bracketology. Virginia Tech also remains in contention for the NCAAs and will return to Charleston this fall after winning the 2018 Classic.

In all, three Palmetto State teams will compete in the 2022 Classic: College of Charleston, the host school and a Classic participant for the first time since 2016; Furman, which advanced to the SoCon Championship and has won more than 20 games this season; and the always-competitive Gamecocks of the SEC.

Owned and operated by ESPN Events, the Shriners Children's Hospital Classic is in its 14th year. Past Classic champions include Florida (2019), Villanova (2016), Virginia (2015) and Miami (2014).

The family-friendly event offers teams a week of practice, play and experiences in and around historic Charleston. Information on travel packages, tickets and more is available at the Charleston Classic website. Tickets will be available for purchase following the announcement of the complete tournament schedule later this summer. In the meantime, fans can secure up to \$25 off each all-tournament ticket by signing up for the pre-sale at <u>www.charlestonclassic.com</u>.

About Shriners Hospitals for Children

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a health care system with locations in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Our staff is dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, conducting innovative research, and offering outstanding educational programs for medical professionals. Children up to age 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care, regardless of the families' ability to pay. Within these broad service lines, many types of care are provided. For example, some locations offer reconstructive plastic surgery, treatment for craniofacial abnormalities or care for sports injuries. Generally, care is provided until age 18, although, in some cases, it may be extended to age 21. All services are provided in a compassionate, family-centered environment. For more information, please visit shrinershospitalsforchildren.org.

ESPN Events

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For more information, visit the official <u>website</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> or <u>YouTube</u> pages.

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