



2019 NFL DRAFT TO BE HOSTED IN NASHVILLE

*Massive Free Fan Festival and Draft Celebrations
to Span Historic Downtown District*

The 84th NFL Draft will take place on April 25-27, 2019 in Nashville, incorporating iconic city landmarks across the Music City stretching from Lower Broadway to Nissan Stadium.

The announcement was made today at the annual Spring League Meeting in Atlanta following a review of the proposal by the Super Bowl & Major Events Advisory Committee and full ownership. This is the result of a comprehensive evaluation process over the past several months of plans submitted by various cities to host the 2019 NFL Draft.

“Following an exciting and successful event in Dallas, we’re thrilled to take the NFL Draft to Nashville. The city has a passionate fan base and offers iconic locations that will enable us to expand the Draft in unique ways,” said NFL Commissioner **ROGER GOODELL**. “We look forward to working with the Tennessee Titans, the City of Nashville, and the Nashville Convention and Visitors Corp to deliver a memorable celebration of football to our fans and incoming players.”

The NFL Draft returns to primetime with Round 1 on Thursday, April 25. Rounds 2 and 3 will follow on Friday, April 26, and Rounds 4-7 will conclude the event on Saturday, April 27.

As part of the event, the NFL Draft Experience Presented By Oikos Triple Zero® – a massive free football festival – will allow fans of all teams to participate and test their football skills, enjoy interactive exhibits and autograph sessions, and take pictures with the Vince Lombardi Trophy. The Draft Experience will be open all three days of the event.

“We are thrilled for the city of Nashville, our fans and our team, that we have been selected to host the 2019 NFL Draft,” said **AMY ADAMS STRUNK**, Tennessee Titans Controlling Owner. “The city and the Titans put a lot of effort into this proposal and we can’t wait to see it come to life next year. I personally would like to thank Commissioner Goodell and the NFL for this opportunity; Metro Nashville Government, led by Mayor David Briley; Butch Spyridon at the CVC; Scott Ramsey at the Sports Council; and all those who have contributed to this effort. Nashville is known as an entertainment destination and we look forward to showing the football world what that looks like on a very big stage.”

“Nashville is honored to host the 2019 NFL Draft. We are prepared to deliver a unique Music City experience and an NFL-caliber event,” said Nashville Convention & Visitors Corp President and CEO **BUTCH SPYRIDON**. “I would like to thank the Titans and owner, Amy Adams Strunk, for their support and the NFL for their confidence.”

The NFL Draft has grown into one of the biggest and most-anticipated sporting events of the year. The 2018 event set a record as the highest-rated and most-watched Draft ever, eclipsing the previous record set in 2014. The 2018 Draft marked the first time that the entirety of the event was aired on broadcast television, which helped attract more than 45 million total viewers over three days of coverage. The Draft achieved a combined 3.57 HH rating and average of 5.5 million viewers across NFL Network, FOX, ABC, ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPN Deportes. The event

also created tremendous fan engagement across social platforms with the 2018 NFL Draft being the second-most talked about sports event of the year so far, behind only Super Bowl LII.

DRAFT LOCATION HISTORY

<u>Draft</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>City</u>
1936	Ritz-Carlton	Philadelphia
1937	Hotel Lincoln	New York
1938	Hotel Sherman	Chicago
1939	Hotel New Yorker	New York
1940	Schroeder Hotel	Milwaukee
1941	Willard Hotel	Washington, D.C.
1942-44	Palmer House	Chicago
1945-47	Hotel Commodore	New York
1948	Hotel Fort Pitt	Pittsburgh
1949-50	Bellevue-Stratford Hotel	Philadelphia
1951	Blackstone Hotel	Chicago
1952	Hotel Statler	New York
1953-54	Bellevue-Stratford Hotel	Philadelphia
1955	Warwick Hotel	New York
1956	Bellevue-Stratford Hotel (Rounds 1-3)	Philadelphia
	Ambassador Hotel (Rounds 4-30)	Los Angeles
1957	Warwick Hotel (Rounds 1-4)	Philadelphia
	Bellevue-Stratford Hotel (Rounds 5-30)	Philadelphia
1958-61	Warwick Hotel	Philadelphia
1962-64	Sheraton Hotel	Chicago
1965-66	Summit Hotel	New York
1967	Hotel Gotham	New York
1968-71	Belmont Plaza Hotel	New York
1972	Essex House	New York
1973-74	Americana Hotel	New York
1975	Hilton Hotel	New York
1976-78	Roosevelt Hotel	New York
1979	Waldorf	New York
1980-83	Sheraton Hotel	New York
1984-85	Omni Park Central Hotel	New York
1986-94	Marriott Marquis	New York

1995-2004	Theatre at Madison Square Garden	New York
2005	Jacob Javits Convention Center	New York
2006-2014	Radio City Music Hall	New York
2015-16	Auditorium Theatre at Roosevelt University	Chicago
2017	Benjamin Franklin Parkway	Philadelphia
2018	AT&T Stadium	Dallas

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