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Call of Duty World League (CWL) Competition Begins in Dallas Today

***Debut Event of Season Brings in Record Number of Teams to a CWL Event;
CWL Season Prize Pool Tops \$4.2 Million***

First Live Open Tournament of new CWL Season Features Over 200 Teams from North America, Europe and the Asia-Pacific Region to Compete for \$200,000 Prize Pool

SANTA MONICA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- The first open tournament of what could be the most exciting season yet of the Call of Duty® World League (CWL) gets underway today through Sunday (December 8 -10) at the CWL Dallas Open. *Call of Duty* Esports teams from around the world, including North America, Europe and the Asia-Pacific region (APAC) will descend on the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas to go head-to-head for the first bragging rights of the new CWL season featuring *Call of Duty®: WWII* and the initial steps toward the biggest yearly prize pool in CWL history topping \$4.2 million.

This weekend's event will feature more than 200 teams, the most at an open event in CWL history. The top four teams from the open winners' bracket will join pool play tomorrow for the next round of competition. Those winning teams will then compete on Sunday in the championship bracket, for a \$200,000 event prize pool and the title of the CWL Dallas Open Champion.

"The CWL Dallas field is set. This is going to be an amazing competition and a great start to the CWL tournament season," said executive vice president and general manager of Call of Duty, Rob Kostich. "The team at Sledgehammer Games has delivered an incredible experience with *Call of Duty: WWII*. Our team passes for the event sold out in minutes. We cannot wait to see who emerges from the pack starting in Dallas this weekend."

"Call of Duty World League player participation saw tremendous growth last season, with teams vying for a piece of the largest prize pool in Call of Duty Esports history," said Call of Duty Esports Director, Kevin Flynn. "This season, the prize pool has increased to \$4.2 million and a record number of players at a Call of Duty World League open event will compete in Dallas."

2017 CWL Dallas Open Champion OpTic Gaming will have to defend their title against fierce competition at this year's event.

CWL Dallas Open tickets are available in multiple varieties. General admission passes for the event are available for \$59.99 (plus applicable fees and taxes). A Premium Pass for the event is also available for \$89.99 (plus applicable fees and taxes) and includes an event t-shirt and one month of MLG GameBattles Premium. A \$299.99 (plus applicable fees and taxes) VIP ticket is also available and includes an event t-shirt, event jacket, one-hour early entrance to the venue, access to the VIP Lounge and more. For tickets, visit MLG.com/CWLDallas.

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