

DYLAN WANAGIEL NAMED VICE PRESIDENT OF SPORTS PROPERTIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS AT PRUDENTIAL CENTER IN NEWARK, NJ

WANAGIEL TO LEAD SPORTS PROPERTIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS BOOKING FOR U.S. TOP 10-RANKED PERFORMANCE VENUE AND HOME OF NHL'S NEW JERSEY DEVILS

NEWARK – Wednesday, May 19, 2021 – Prudential Center has today announced the appointment of 27-year sports and entertainment industry leader Dylan Wanagiel to the newly created role of Vice President of Sports Properties and Special Events at Prudential Center, the world-class sports and entertainment venue located in downtown Newark, NJ. Ranked in the Top 8 nationally by Pollstar, Billboard and Venues Today, Prudential Center is recognized as one of the premier sports and entertainment venues in the United States. The home of the NHL's New Jersey Devils hosts over two million guests annually and more than 175 concerts, family shows, sports properties, and special events each year.

In his new role, Wanagiel will be responsible for pursuing, booking, retaining, and the original creation of sports programming and non-ticketed special events across all Harris Blitzer Sports & Entertainment (HBSE) properties; as well as future properties and venues in the expanding HBSE entertainment portfolio. Wanagiel will report to Sean Saadeh, Executive Vice President of Entertainment at Prudential Center.

"Following over 27 years in live events, it is tremendously exciting to now join the industry-leading team already in place at the world-class Prudential Center, part of the HBSE family," said Dylan Wanagiel, Vice President of Sports Properties and Special Events at Prudential Center. "While this premier facility already annually hosts over 175 events, as we transition into the world of live events re-opening, a unique opportunity exists to specifically bring our Sports Properties and Special Events businesses to the next level. As a lifelong resident of New Jersey, it is a source of immense pride to be now be tasked with telling the story of our fine state, starting with the 4.5 million residents of Northern NJ representing the fourth largest market in our nation!"

Wanagiel brings a wealth of sports and entertainment industry experience to HBSE, notably a 14-year tenure with Madison Square Garden Entertainment, where he most recently served as the Senior Director of Sports Events and increased the quality and quantity of bookings leading to record-breaking sales metrics in sports properties programming. For many years, Wanagiel was an essential component in the collective campaign to legalize mixed martial arts in New York State, resulting in the booking of the UFC 205 history-making event at Madison Square Garden in 2016. Wanagiel's reputation for effective venue management and assertive booking practices has enabled him to position the venues he manages at the forefront of the industry - leading programming in mixed martial arts, professional bull riding, collegiate, freestyle, and professional wrestling, esports, professional and amateur boxing/kickboxing, community/charity-driven ice hockey games, collegiate/high school basketball, track & field, gymnastics, etc.

From 2012 to 2018, Wanagiel created and served as Executive Producer of "Grapple at the Garden", the nation's premiere college wrestling dual meet – an event whose success solidified and delivered the 2016 NCAA Division I Wrestling National Championships to Madison Square Garden for the first time in history. During his most recent tenure at Madison Square Garden, across a wide spectrum of venues, Wanagiel was responsible for the booking of marquee internationally-broadcasted sporting events including as six UFC Pay-Per-View fights, ten Bellator MMA shows, five PFL MMA shows, multiple WWE signature events (including the 2008 Royal Rumble, 2011 Survivor Series, Raw, and Smackdown), the 2007-2014 NFL Drafts and 2014 NFL Honors, 2007-2010 NBA Drafts, inaugural NBA 2K League Draft in 2018, multiple League of Legends signature events (including the 2015 North American Championships, 2016 Worlds QF, 2016 Worlds SF), the 2019 Fortnite Summer Block Party, G1 Supercard, Freestyle Wrestling World Cup, Millrose Games, American Cup Gymnastics, and many more.

Prior to his most recent MSG Sports Properties role, Wanagiel was the General Manager of Metropolitan Exposition Services in the trade show industry from 2004-2006. Through 1993 to 2004, Wanagiel held several senior leadership roles at Madison Square Garden, most notably nine years in special event sales booking focused on film and TV production sites, corporate meetings, religious and cultural celebrations, product launches, major media upfronts, and college graduations.