



# WWE® Cruiserweight Classic™ to Premiere on WWE Network Wednesday, July 13

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STAMFORD, Conn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- WWE(NYSE:WWE) announced today that the *WWE Cruiserweight Classic* will premiere Wednesday, July 13 at 9 PM ET exclusively on WWE Network. The 10-week tournament will air every Wednesday night and culminate with a live two-hour special on Wednesday, September 14.

The *WWE Cruiserweight Classic* will be hosted by WWE Legend Daniel Bryan® and the voice of *WWE SmackDown*® Mauro Ranallo.

"We scoured the globe to find 32 of the best Cruiserweights to compete in this inaugural tournament," said WWE Executive Vice President of Talent, Live Events & Creative Paul "Triple H"® Levesque. "These performers will be given an unprecedented opportunity to showcase their elite athleticism and unbridled passion across WWE's global platforms."

The *WWE Cruiserweight Classic* is a 32-man, single-elimination tournament that will feature the best cruiserweights from all over the world including Rich Swann, Johnny Gargano, Cedric Alexander and Tommaso Ciampa from the United States, Kota Ibushi and Akira Tozawa from Japan, Zack Sabre, Jr from England, Noam Dar from Scotland, Ho Ho Lun and Jason Lee from Hong Kong, Gran Metalik from Mexico, Tyson Dux from Canada, Da Mack from Germany, Damian Slater from Australia and many more.

WWE Network will also air an exclusive *Cruiserweight Classic* special entitled *CWC: Bracketology* on Wednesday, July 6 at 9 PM ET.

## **About WWE**

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Additional information on WWE (NYSE: WWE) can be found at [www.wwe.com](http://www.wwe.com) and [corporate.wwe.com](http://corporate.wwe.com). For information on our global activities, go to <http://www.wwe.com/worldwide/>.

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