

NBA season off to slow start

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THE NBA 2017/2018 season officially tipped off in earnest on Tuesday.

This is a gruelling season set to feature 82 games per team and culminate in a play-offs final game that will decide the season's NBA Finals Championship winner.

This season is also interesting because big-name teams have signed up basketball superstars in a bid to unseat the champions, Golden State Warriors, boasting superstars the likes of Steph Curry and Kevin Durant who are hailed as the best two basketball players after LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers.

The Golden State Warriors have also been pegged by analysts to emerge as a dynasty for years to come, unless something dramatic is done by the other NBA teams to beef up their sides.

The NBA games will be broadcast live on Soweto TV and Kwese TV.

Meanwhile, NBA Africa - with headquarters in Sandton, Joburg - will be hosting its flagship Jr.NBA Finals tournament at Royal Bafokeng Stadium from 27 to 29 October.

Here, amateur basketball teams from schools and communities around the Gauteng and North West provinces compete

for the coveted Jr.NBA Championship.

This is where NBA's Basketball Without Borders programme showcases its development players to scouts, who'll provide education scholarships and further basketball coaching to selected players.

These programmes are led by vice-president of NBA Africa, Amadou Gallo Fall, and his executive team.

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