



# 10 THINGS TO KNOW FOR NBA ALL-STAR 2019

- 1. Transit Center Located at 7th Street:** At the start of Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) service on Friday, Feb. 15, the Charlotte Transportation Center (CTC) will be temporarily relocated to the surface lot across from the LYNX 7th Street parking deck. The temporary transit center will provide pass sales and information, connections to other CATS bus routes, a heated customer waiting area, restrooms and on-site safety and security personnel. The CTC will resume normal operation at the start of service on Monday, Feb. 18. For more information visit [www.ridetransit.org](http://www.ridetransit.org) or follow CATS on Twitter and Facebook.
- 2. Spectrum Center:** All bags including, briefcases, luggage and backpacks, will be prohibited from entering the facility. Diaper bags and purses must be smaller than 14" x 14" x 6". Guests who are in possession of items that exceed the size limit must take them back to their vehicle or hotel.
- 3. Traffic Impacts and Street Closures:** Heavy pedestrian traffic is expected in Uptown, with road closures around Spectrum Center. If you do not need to travel to Uptown during this time, please avoid the area.
  - It is recommended to avoid Independence Boulevard and the Bojangles' Coliseum area on Friday afternoon.
  - Parking around the AvidXchange Music Factory will be limited.

For updates on closures, visit [www.charlottenc.gov/nba](http://www.charlottenc.gov/nba) or follow the Charlotte Department of Transportation on Twitter.
- 4. Parking Impacts:** Parking garages around Uptown may have limited or no availability during the weekend. Valet parking will also be disbanded and many on-street parking spaces will be unavailable.
- 5. Travel Light on LYNX:** Starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, purses, tote bags and backpacks will not be permitted on the LYNX Blue Line light rail. Riders passing by the 3rd and 7th Street stations will be required to disembark for a security sweep, and will be permitted to re-embark once the check has been completed. No trains will stop at the CTC station. During this time, ambassadors will be stationed along the entire LYNX Blue Line to provide information and guide riders.
- 6. Uber/Lyft/E-Scooters:** Pick-up and drop-off locations will be altered, and E-scooters and bicycles will not be allowed in areas around Spectrum Center.
- 7. Public Events:** Get the ultimate fan experience during All-Star Weekend at the Epicentre. Starting at noon each day, the destination will feature customized experiences, retail offerings and NBA partner activations – all free and open to the public. Space is first come, first served, so registration is recommended to secure your spot. Walk-ups will be processed depending upon availability. To register and get more information, visit [www.nbaevents.com](http://www.nbaevents.com).
- 8. Safety and Security:** If you see something, say something. To report illegal or suspicious activity, or in the event of an emergency, dial 911. For non-emergency related cases, dial 311. Follow instructions from uniformed safety and security personnel, police officers or fire officials.

When possible, walk in groups and avoid low-lit areas. Keep track of your belongings in taxis and be sure to monitor your personal items in public places – never leave your property unattended. Review the fire/life safety procedures at your hotel and keep your hotel room door secured at all times. Make a copy of your passport, credit and debit cards in the event they are lost. NBA All-Star security updates can be found on the NBA All-Star App.
- 9. Hotel Footprint:** All Uptown hotels will be impacted with travelers to All-Star events, as well as hotels in the Executive Park and South Park areas.
- 10. Engage on Social Media:** Share your All-Star experience by using the official hashtag, #NBAAllStar, and follow these accounts for the latest information!



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