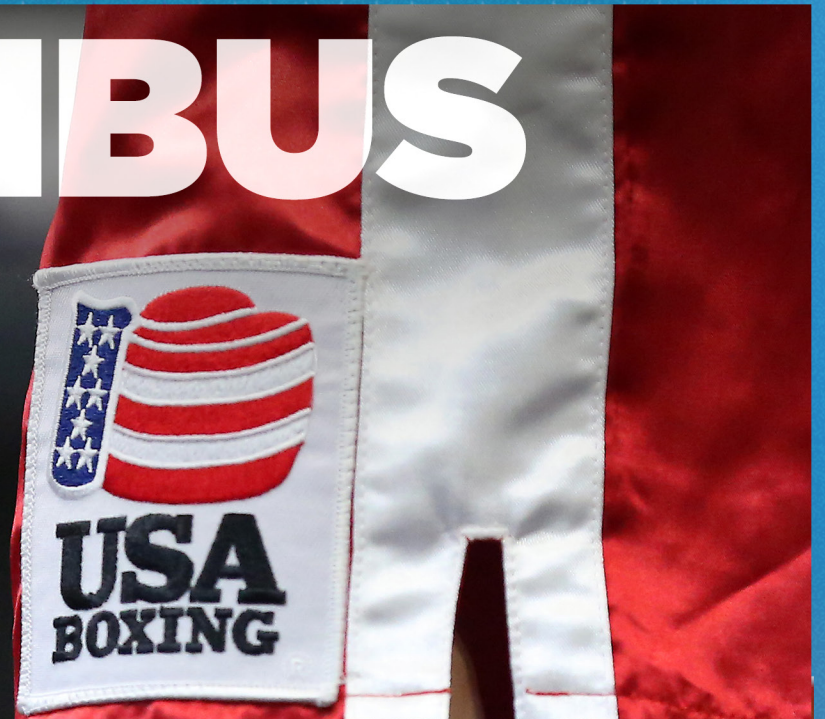


# STEP INTO THE RING IN COLUMBUS



2024 OLYMPIC TEAM TRIAL FOR BOXING & 2023 USA BOXING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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# WHY COLUMBUS

# COLUMBUS 101



We never stop moving forward. We go all in for our community and we go all in for people who are new to our city, even if they're just here for the weekend. What's the combination that makes us different?

## WE COLLABORATE

Columbus relies on the strength of its people. We work closely with one another across public and private sectors to lift our community and host major events.

## WE CUSTOMIZE

We're a big city that doesn't act like it. We customize every event that comes here. Large enough to have everything you need, but small enough that we don't treat your event like just another on the list.

## WE'RE CLOSE

Columbus is within a one-hour's flight and one-day's drive of half the U.S. population. The Greater Columbus Convention Center (GCCC) is within 10 minutes of the airport and walking distance of 300+ restaurants and shops.

# OUR RESUME



We've hosted 45 different sports, from artistic swimming to wrestling, although we still need to host Yo-Yoing and Zorbing to round out the alphabet! We've welcomed some of the biggest organizations in sports and we've welcomed ones you've never heard of. Here are a few of the former:



45  
sports

~600  
new events

62  
venues

# BOXING IN COLUMBUS



BOXING



## BOXING EVENTS IN CENTRAL OHIO

Columbus knows its way around the ring. For twenty years, the Amateur Boxing Tournament at Ohio State Fair attracted some of the biggest names in the sport, from Sugar Ray Leonard to Mike Tyson.

- **Eastern Elite Olympic Trials Qualifier & Regional Open** (2019)
- **National Invitational Amateur Boxing Tournament** (2006)
- **Amateur Boxing Tournament at Ohio State Fair** (54 Years)

## BOXING IN THE CITY

With membership numbers on the rise, Columbus has about 100 registered boxers with USA Boxing and nine gyms. The Columbus Recreation & Parks Department (CRPD) has 40+ boxers in its program, waiving dues for kids ages 8-18.

### Boxing Gyms in Central Ohio

- Barack Community Center
- Beatty Community Center
- Blackburn Community Center
- Dodge Community Center
- Douglas Community Center
- Thompson Community Center
- All Stars Boxing Team
- Rising Stars Boxing Gym
- Pilger's Old Skool Boxing & Fitness Academy

### Notable Boxers from Columbus

Vonzell Johnson - *National Golden Gloves Champion ('74), AAU Champion ('74)*

Gigi Jackson - *USA Boxing National Champion ('98, '99, '00, '01)*

Tiffany Logan - *USA Boxing National Champion ('97)*

Hilmer Kenty - *AAU Lightweight Champion ('74, '76), WBA Lightweight Champion ('81)*

Jerry Page - *U.S. Olympic Gold Medalist ('84)*

Michael Clark - *Golden Glove Champion ('92), Olympic Trial Semifinalist ('92)*

James "Buster" Douglas - *Heavyweight Champion of the World ('90)*

Manning Galloway - *WBO Champion ('89, '90, '91, '92, '93)*

# REQUIREMENTS GUIDE

As part of our commitment to host the 2024 Olympic Team Trial for Boxing & 2023 USA Boxing National Championship, Columbus agrees to pay the \$40,000 bid fee to USA Boxing.

To make things easy, here's a list of where to find the other key requirements and acknowledgments outlined in the Bid Specifications.

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# ENHANCEMENTS



We are **driven** to elevate the experience of USA Boxing for its athletes, staff, sponsors, media and fans. As with every event we host, we will work tirelessly to identify new elements that will raise the bar for future events.

The Sports Commission will educate and rally the local community around your event to take it to the next level. This includes tapping into our resources to provide top-class hospitality for organizers, participants and fans, which may include:

**Convention Center Rental:** The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will provide USA Boxing with a **COMPLIMENTARY** rental of the Greater Columbus Convention Center for the duration of the event.

**Signage:** From welcome signs at baggage claim to pole banners downtown, event signage in city hotspots makes sure your event is on display. As part of this bid, the Greater Columbus Convention Center (GCCC) has included a **COMPLIMENTARY** slide on the rotation of its 60 ft. digital monitor board located between the GCCC and Hyatt Regency Columbus for the duration of the event, valued at \$3,600.

**Welcome Gifts:** There's nothing like a warm, Midwest welcome. We'll make your VIPs feel at home with **COMPLIMENTARY** custom gifting.

**Rental Vehicles:** The LOC will provide USA Boxing with two **COMPLIMENTARY** rental vehicles, if needed.

**Microsite:** The LOC will create a **COMPLIMENTARY** microsite for the event to ensure maximum reach and exposure.

**Attendees Savings Pass:** Event attendees can save while they stay with special admission pricing to some of Columbus' best attractions.

**One-Call Away:** Our team is ready to help. Whether you need a referral, advice or someone with an "in" to help secure a permit, we do what we can to take out the guesswork.

**Volunteer Support:** We activated 970 volunteers to fill 2,793 total shifts for the 2018 NCAA Women's Final Four. We're happy to go recruiting.

**Site Visit Expenses:** The LOC will incur site visit expenses for two USA Boxing representatives, inclusive of flight, hotel, transportation and meal expenses.



# TESTIMONIALS

We've been talking about ourselves for a while. Here's a break from that action to share what others think about Columbus after hosting their big events here.



"Columbus will continue to serve as the benchmark. As you went through the entire process to get the Women's Final Four, know that you've fulfilled your promise to deliver a top-flight championship event for our student-athletes, schools, our coaches, administrators and the fans of women's basketball. Congratulations on a job well-done and it will be a Women's Final Four that is not soon forgotten."

- Lynn Holzman, NCAA Vice President of Women's Basketball



"We are excited to once again welcome the U.S. Men's National Team back to Columbus for a crucial World Cup Qualifying match. As demonstrated this past October, Columbus has time and time again proven the ability to create an electric atmosphere, providing the United States with a significant home-field advantage. We're grateful for the opportunity to host U.S. Soccer and again showcase the world-class facilities in Columbus."

- Tim Bezbatchenko, Columbus Crew President & General Manager



"A+ is not a high enough grade for Columbus. The Blue Jackets organization was fantastic; they and the City of Columbus could not have been more gracious hosts, and we loved the fan turnout and the level of energy in the building. The 2015 NHL All-Star Weekend, just like the NHL Entry Draft in 2007, got great support, and I think everyone in the community can be proud of their contribution to a terrific weekend. Columbus did an incredible job."

- Gary Bettman, National Hockey League Commissioner



"Columbus, Ohio has become my second home. The people are fantastic, the facilities are spectacular, and the entire community loves sports and fitness. The Arnold Sports Festival will continue to grow with the great enthusiasm and support of Columbus."

- Arnold Schwarzenegger



"So far Columbus has done an amazing job. One of the coolest things I've ever seen — when we got to the hotel they played a video of all the girls' parents and families giving pump-up encouragement messages. It was very creative and cool and got this trip off to a great start, so thank you for that and all the hospitality that we've seen so far. I remember in '16... Columbus, this place knows how to run Final Fours and big events. I think they do a lot of other championships and things as all, so we're excited to be here."

- John Cook, Nebraska Women's Volleyball Head Coach

# BUSINESS IN COLUMBUS



**#1 Fastest-Growing  
Midwest City**  
for GDP, Job Growth and Population

**#1 Top  
City**  
for Rising Start  
Ups  
- *Forbes*

Home to  
**134,000+**  
students  
across  
**52**  
College & University  
Campuses  
- *One Columbus*

“ Columbus isn’t the next business destination. It’s already happening. ”  
- *Inc. Magazine*

## WORTH A FORTUNE

Columbus is a startup and innovation hub. We are also home to five Fortune 500 companies, 16 Fortune 1000 companies and these other notable brands:



# DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT



Downtown Columbus has seen more than **\$3.3 billion** in investment over the last decade and the pace is quickening. As a result, visitors can enjoy new entertainment destinations, cultural amenities, premier restaurants, rooftop bars, plenty of unique shopping options and exemplary hospitality experiences.

Located at the core of The Peninsula, a new mixed-use district in Downtown Columbus, The Junto is an independent lifestyle hotel which will feature a destination restaurant, coffee shop, rooftop bar, gear garage and 197 rooms.

## HOTEL GROWTH

Downtown will have more than 5,300 rooms by 2025. There are three major new developments opening in the coming years:

- New Hilton Tower — 470 additional rooms, opening late 2022
- The Junto — 197 rooms, opening 2023
- The Merchant Building — 162 rooms, opening 2025

## SPORTS STREET

The Arena District keeps growing. The Columbus Crew said goodbye to Historic Crew Stadium with an MLS Cup win in 2020 and opened the new Lower.com Field on Independence Day Weekend 2021. The brand new, 20,000-seat stadium is the third major sports venue on a half-mile stretch of Nationwide Boulevard.



**WHY THE CONVENTION CENTER**

# ABOUT THE CONVENTION CENTER



The Greater Columbus Convention Center (GCCC) is made for the main event. Not new to boxing, it was home to the Eastern Elite Olympic Trials Qualifier and Regional Open in 2019. Three years later, the GCCC remains one of the busiest convention centers in the U.S. Here's why we believe it's a top contender.

## Location

Built on the site of a former train station, the GCCC is perfect for a one-stop shop or weeklong stay. Its proximity to hundreds of restaurants and dozens of hotels makes it accessible and convenient.

## Services

The GCCC will put the ring on center stage for those in attendance and those watching at home with the help of in-house AV provider Mills James.

## Space

With ample customizable space, the GCCC adapts to your needs. The ground-level exhibit halls have unlimited floor load capacity and minimal columns, which means every seat can be a good one. Space in the parking lot is just as good with 4,700 connected spots.



# ABOUT THE CONVENTION CENTER



**1.8 million**  
square feet total

**373,000**  
square feet of  
contiguous exhibit space

**10,000**  
square feet of  
outdoor event space

**75**  
meeting rooms

**3**  
ballrooms



**Free Wi-Fi**  
in public spaces and meeting rooms



**4,700+**  
parking spaces



**KultureCity**  
Certified Sensory Inclusive

# VENUE REQUIREMENTS



Availability for Friday, Dec. 8, 2023–Monday, Dec. 18, 2023	☑
Space for 4-5, 24'x24' boxing rings with 16' minimum between rings	☑
All events contained within one location	☑
Ambulance & security services throughout competition	☑
Tables and chairs, pipe and drape, adequate space for booths	☑
Stage pieces	☑
Ability for USA Boxing to sell tickets without incurring venue cost	☑
In-house exclusive caterer & dining options	☑
Meeting room space & availability (see appendix)	☑
Seating: 2,500 minimum	*
Tables and chairs, pipe and drape, adequate space for booths	**
Free parking	***
Ability to receive and store packages up to seven days prior to event start date	****
One 20MBPS wired connection for live stream	*****

\* GCCC can provide complimentary floor seating. Risers will be provided at a fee not to exceed \$578.00/unit. \*\* GCCC can provide tables, chairs and up to 25 complimentary stanchions. All requests for pipe and drape must be facilitated through a general services contractor. Fern is the GCCC preferred vendor. \*\*\* GCCC can offer attendees advanced purchase parking online with in/out privileges at \$22.50 per day. Non-advanced purchase passes will remain at \$15.00 per day with no in/out privileges. \*\*\*\* Dec. 8 is the earliest the GCCC can accept packages, unless shipped through Fern. \*\*\*\*\* GCCC can provide one wired internet connection at 20MBPS for a fee of \$7,850.00.



**PROMOTE**

PROMOTING AND RUNNING THE EVENT



# MARKETING PLAN

Columbus has a massive hype train ready to leave the station. When our city gets the call for big events, it hits the tracks with power and speed.

GCSC will serve as Chief Marketing Officer to build excitement and energy and sell tickets. But we don't work alone. It's truly a collaborative effort.

We will work with you to determine key messages and timeline, then pick the right partners to ideate and execute a marketing plan with the goal of filling the seats. Although we approach each event differently, we're proud to have packed the house for all kinds of sports, most recently breaking the championship attendance record for the NCAA DI Women's Volleyball Championship.

We like to talk about the marketing plan in four key areas – paid, earned, shared and owned. Here are short definitions and examples of how we have promoted events in the past. Each event has a different footprint, and we'll make sure yours gets the spotlight it deserves.



## PAID

- Social and digital media ads in Columbus and regional markets.
- TV ads in Columbus in the months leading up to and through on sale dates.
- Audio (Spotify and radio) ads in Columbus and regional markets.
- *Example: 15 and 30-second ads on local pop stations with interviews integrated into morning shows and podcasts.*

## EARNED

- Traditional press releases, media advisories, notebooks and interview opportunities, with live media opportunities throughout event week.
- Creative media pitches, leveraging local connections to shine a light on under-told stories.
- *Example: A media event that connects local reporters with sneak peaks at the event prep.*

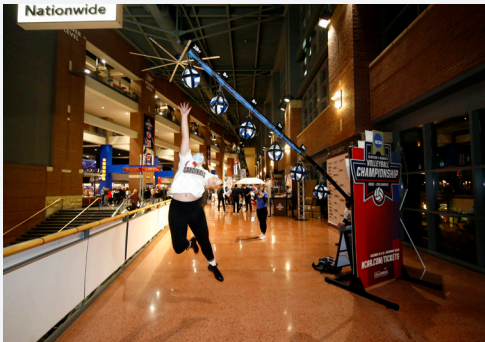
## SHARED

- Create organic social content that gets people thinking about the event and excited for it to arrive.
- Activate our partners — both corporate and local teams — to communicate at their events and with their own staffs and audiences online.
- Identify influencers with Columbus ties and audiences that fit with our event.
- *Example: Community Countdowns, a social media video series with local celebrities, officials and teams sharing why they're excited for the Final Four and supporting events.*

## OWNED

- Build a dedicated website and owned content plan (videos, etc.) to create and sustain hype from bid win through the event.
- Schedule a series of events — virtual and in-person — with notable boxing icons to educate and engage.
- Drive ticket sales through our highly engaged email subscriber list.
- *Example: Panel with former student-athletes talking about the sport and their journeys.*

Here are a few recent marketing examples.



**Greater Columbus Sports Commission**  
 Published by Matthew McGreevy · October 4, 2021 · 🌐

We're 75 days away from the NCAA Women's Volleyball championship! 🏐 Let's show the country how it's done in Ohio and pack Nationwide Arena December 16 & 18! Secure your seats today to see who will be crowned a champion in December! 🏆

bit.ly/3a4FaRt



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Find a dance partner - the bracket is set!

Who will take the @NCAAVolleyball title in Columbus this December? 🏐🏆 #NCAAVB

Pitt Volleyball and 9 others

Welcome to Ohio

Ohio has a split personality. The nation's seventh most populous state has big cities Cleveland, Cincinnati and Columbus that lead its urban charge, rolling out a spread of kooky eateries, IPA-loving breweries and one-of-a-kind museums. Northern Cleveland exudes a feisty, rock and roll vibe, while southern Cincinnati feels more languorous and European. Columbus is the polished art and tech hub that rises up in the middle. Meanwhile, Ohio's rural side is way off the grid, from the horse-and-buggy-filled roads of its enormous Amish community to the moonshine makers in its southeastern hills. It makes for an intriguing mash-up, with just a short drive between wildly different lifestyles. In between, the roadways lead to the world's fastest roller coasters, rocking party islands, beatnik

TICKETS ON SALE NOW  
 DECEMBER 16 & 18  
 NATIONWIDE ARENA  
 BUY NOW

DOWN TOWN is open FOR AFTERNOON WALKS  
 COLUMBUS LIVE FESTIVAL

2021 GUY SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES  
 375 PLAYERS

**Columbus Sports Commission** @Columbus\_Sports · Dec 14, 2021

Columbus is volleyball.

The game is built here  
 The players are developed here  
 Champions are crowned here



**Columbus Sports Commission**  
 @Columbus\_Sports

Columbus has been named a finalist to host the 2027-2031 Women's Final Four! 🏐🏆 #MarchMadness

columbusports.org  
 Columbus Named Finalist for Women's Final Four  
 Columbus hosted the Women's Final Four for the first time in 2018, breaking the event's previous attendance mark with more than 39,000 fans at three sold out...

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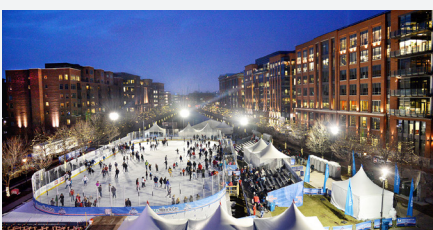
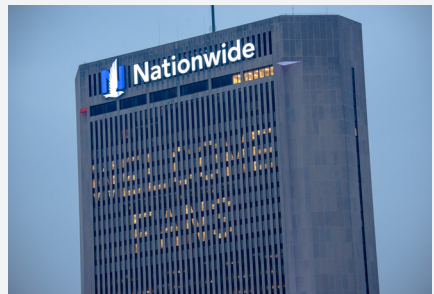
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**SUPPORT**

# VOLUNTEER SUPPORT



Another way our city collaborates is through volunteering. Many companies prioritize Corporate Social Responsibility, encouraging their staffs to get involved and offering volunteer time off specifically for those opportunities.

We have served as lead for volunteer recruitment of many national events, including the 2018 Women's Final Four and multiple NAGAAA Gay Softball World Series. GCSC and Experience Columbus manage a citywide volunteer software platform that features a robust and engaged volunteer base who eagerly support major events throughout the year.

For an example of the scale we can reach, **we activated 970 volunteers to fill 2,793 total shifts for the 2018 NCAA Women's Final Four.**

Typically for events this size, we reach out to volunteers six months out to gauge interest and availability. Then, we will work with you to determine specific needs and shifts and follow up with the volunteer network to get those filled.



**STAY**

# STAY ON A BUDGET

Providing exceptional service at competitive rates, each of our hotels is within one or two miles of the Greater Columbus Convention Center. With more than 5,300 rooms downtown, you're never far from where you're going. Here are our recommended hotels for your officials & staff.

Property	Distance from venue (miles)	Proposed Double Room Rate	
		Staff/Officials	Athletes
Sonesta Columbus	0.1	\$139	\$159
		\$99 (10 Rooms)	

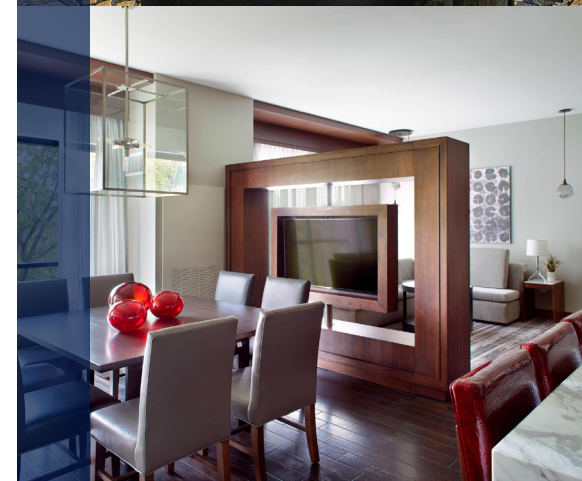
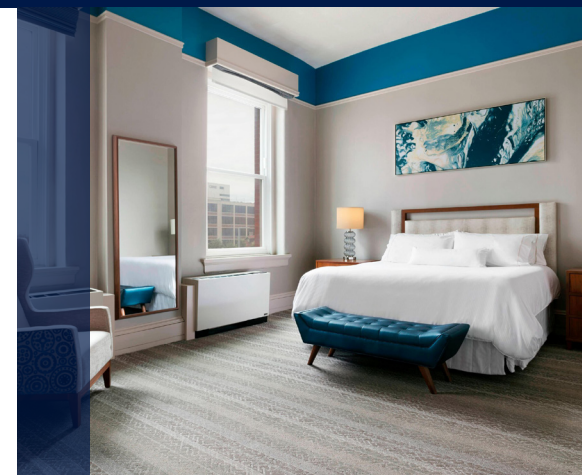
Room Availability									
12/8	12/9	12/10	12/11	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/26	12/17
70	200	350	400	400	400	400	350	250	10

Breakfast and four complimentary parking passes are included in the staff block.

Property	Distance from venue (miles)	Proposed Double Room Rate	
		Staff/Officials	Athletes
Hyatt Regency Columbus	0.0	\$129	\$129

Room Availability									
12/8	12/9	12/10	12/11	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/26	12/17
70	200	350	400	400	400	400	350	250	10

This property is connected to the GCCC through indoor walkways.



We also have several additional properties. Here are our recommended hotels for your athletes.

<b>Property</b>	<b>Distance from venue (miles)</b>	<b>Proposed Double Room Rate</b>
<b>Drury Inn &amp; Suites Convention Center</b>	0.2	\$139
<b>Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel</b>	0.6	\$119
<b>Courtyard Columbus Downtown</b>	0.3	\$149
<b>DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel Columbus Downtown</b>	0.6	\$129
<b>Courtyard by Marriott Columbus OSU</b>	1.2	\$119
<b>Marriott Columbus OSU</b>	4.2	\$129
<b>Hyatt Place Columbus/OSU</b>	1.4	\$116
<b>Fairfield Inn &amp; Suites-OSU</b>	4.1	\$109
<b>SpringHill Suites- Columbus Ohio State University</b>	2.0	\$124
<b>Holiday Inn Express &amp; Suites Columbus Airport East</b>	9.2	\$100
<b>Residence Inn at John Glenn Columbus International Airport</b>	7.0	\$129
<b>Columbus Airport Marriott</b>	4.9	\$119



# SONESTA COLUMBUS DOWNTOWN

## SUITES:

### Champion Suite

King bedroom with pull-out queen sectional, bar area and kitchenette

### Oakhurst Suite

King bedroom with pull-out queen sectional, bar and living room area with kitchenette, table with four seats

### King Loft Suite

King loft-style guest room, sitting area and spacious accommodations

The Sonesta Columbus Downtown has 421 guest rooms, suites and lofts and offers 10,000 square feet of meeting and event space.





# HYATT REGENCY COLUMBUS

## SUITES:

### 2 Deluxe Suites

Located on the 20th floor, king bed, optional second bedroom with king bed, walk-behind wet bar and separate living and dining areas

### 5 VIP Suites

King bed, optional second bedroom with king bed or two double beds, separate living and dining areas

### 11 Junior Suites

One king or two double beds, six-person conference table and separate sitting and work areas

### 15 Deluxe Kings

King bed, L-shaped layout with view of downtown and lounge seating

The Hyatt Regency Columbus offers 633 total guest rooms and 70,000 total square feet of meeting space. It is connected to the GCCC by an indoor walkway.

# ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES



Drury Inn & Suites Columbus Convention Center



Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel



Courtyard Columbus Downtown



DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel Columbus Downtown



PLAY

# DISTRICTS: FIVE ON HIGH

Columbus' vibrant districts offer endless entertainment options. Collectively, the neighborhoods surrounding the convention center on High St. are referred to as the **"Five on High."**



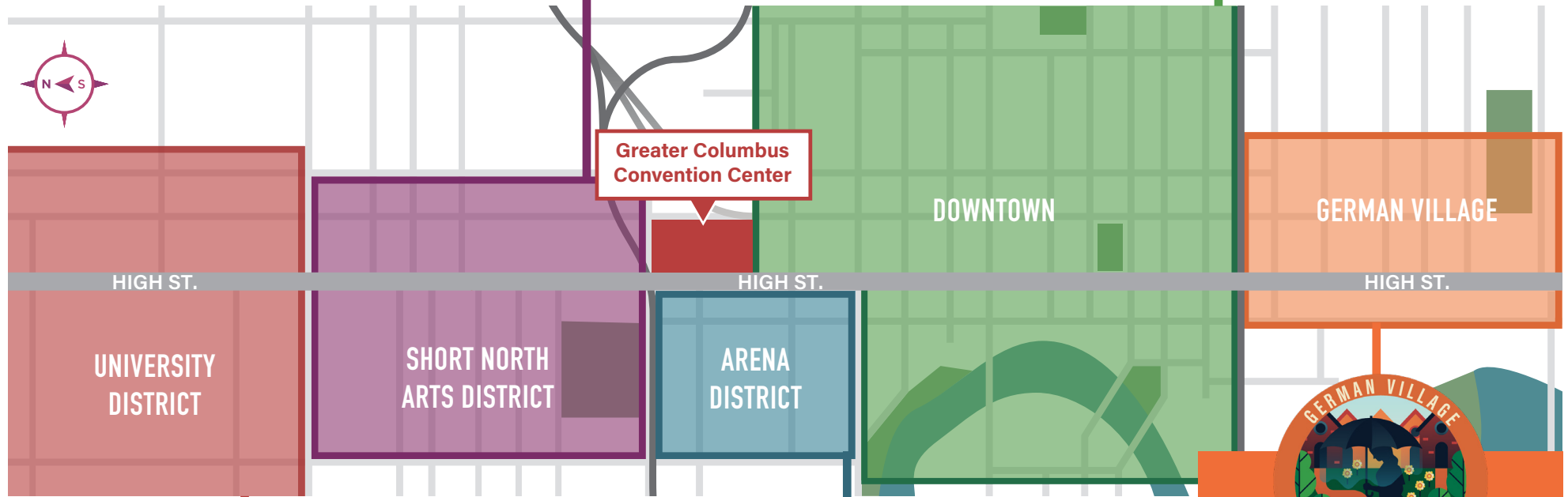
## SHORT NORTH ARTS DISTRICT

The "art and soul" of Columbus is lined with charming buildings that house the city's best boutique shopping, art galleries, dining and trendy nightlife.



## DOWNTOWN

Downtown holds hotels, historic theaters, world-class museums and acres of green space that create an iconic skyline in the heart of the city.



Greater Columbus Convention Center

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

SHORT NORTH ARTS DISTRICT

ARENA DISTRICT

DOWNTOWN

GERMAN VILLAGE



## UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

Home to The Ohio State University, this neighborhood is packed with cutting-edge science and tech resources as well as sports, shopping, music and nightlife.



## ARENA DISTRICT

This district is home to all of the city's professional sports teams and brings live music, nightlife and dining within steps of the convention center and adjoining hotels.



## GERMAN VILLAGE

This quaint, historic neighborhood is one of the most atmospheric in the country, with brick-lined sidewalks alongside charming homes, cozy restaurants and delightful shops.

# TOP ATTRACTIONS

Columbus is filled with so many can't-miss attractions, you'll surely want to revisit the city to experience them all. Each of these popular attractions can also be used as a unique off-site venue for ancillary events or VIP sessions.



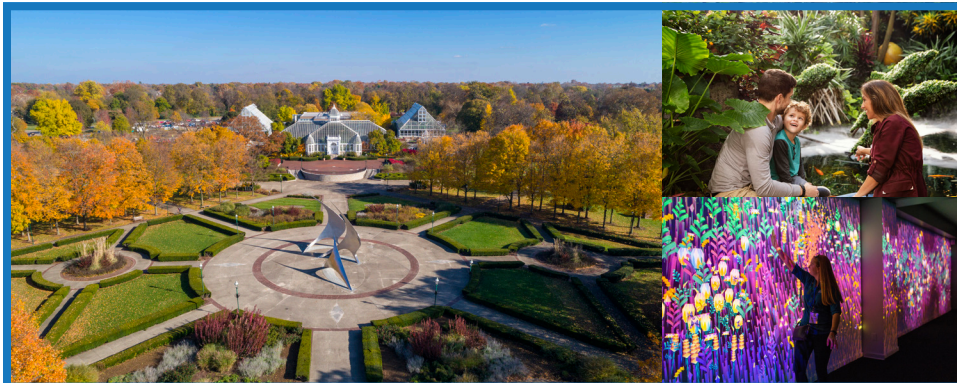
**COLUMBUS ZOO AND AQUARIUM**

Hand-feed giraffes in the heart of Africa or touch stingrays in the Adventure Cove at the **Columbus Zoo and Aquarium**. Splash around in the wave pool at the connected **Zoombezi Bay** during summer months.



**COSI**

**COSI** is a top-rated science center offering more than 300 interactive exhibits, including a dinosaur gallery. In fact, USA Today's 10Best awards named COSI best science museum in the nation — three times.



**FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY AND BOTANICAL GARDENS**

The **Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens** pulses with life. Visitors can explore over 400 species of plants and marvel at the newly imagined, larger-than-life, technicolor glass sculptures by artist Dale Chihuly.



**NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM**

Especially unique to Columbus is the **National Veterans Memorial and Museum**, the only place where stories are told together of veterans, their families and the fallen across all branches of service and eras of conflict.

# CREATIVE CULTURE IN COLUMBUS

## FESTIVALS

With festivals for music, arts, food, cultures, sports, tech and more, Columbus boasts a year-round schedule of celebrations throughout the city.



## VISUAL ARTS

Can there ever be too many murals? We say no. On our streets or in our acclaimed museums and galleries, you'll be surrounded by inspiration and creativity.



# COLOMBUS

Columbus was named one of the **"30 Most Fun Places to Live in the U.S."** by *U.S. News & World Report*, and is bursting with creativity from independent artists, professional performance companies and artists-in-residence.

## PERFORMING ARTS

Are you moved by ballet, stunned by symphony or thrilled by theatre? See world-renowned talent in inspiring spaces, from historic grand theaters to open-air parks.



## FASHION

Columbus has more fashion designers than any U.S. city besides NYC and LA. That means visitors can check out fantastic fashion events and boutique shops. And don't forget the mega brands with HQs here, like Express and DSW.



# DIVERSE AND DISTINGUISHED DINING



## WORLD-FAMOUS DESSERTS

Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams



## ARTISAN EATERIES

Del Mar



## GLOBAL CUISINE

North Market



## ROOFTOP VIEWS

Lumin Skybar



## CRAFT BREWERIES

Land-Grant Brewing Co.



## PREMIER, PLANT-BASED

Comune



## INNOVATIVE CHEFS

The Guild House



## FARM-FRESH FOOD

Watershed Distillery

[Columbus] has a nearly Sun Belt-esque buoyancy about it these days, as it welcomes all-comers, from all over the world... From some of the best momos in the country, to **a promising young chef** recreating the fast food favorites from childhood, to makers creating everything from **terrific charcuterie** to very **fine chocolates**, you're never short on things to eat... **Don't sleep on this city.** Good things are happening.

- Food & Wine Magazine

# GETTING TO COLUMBUS



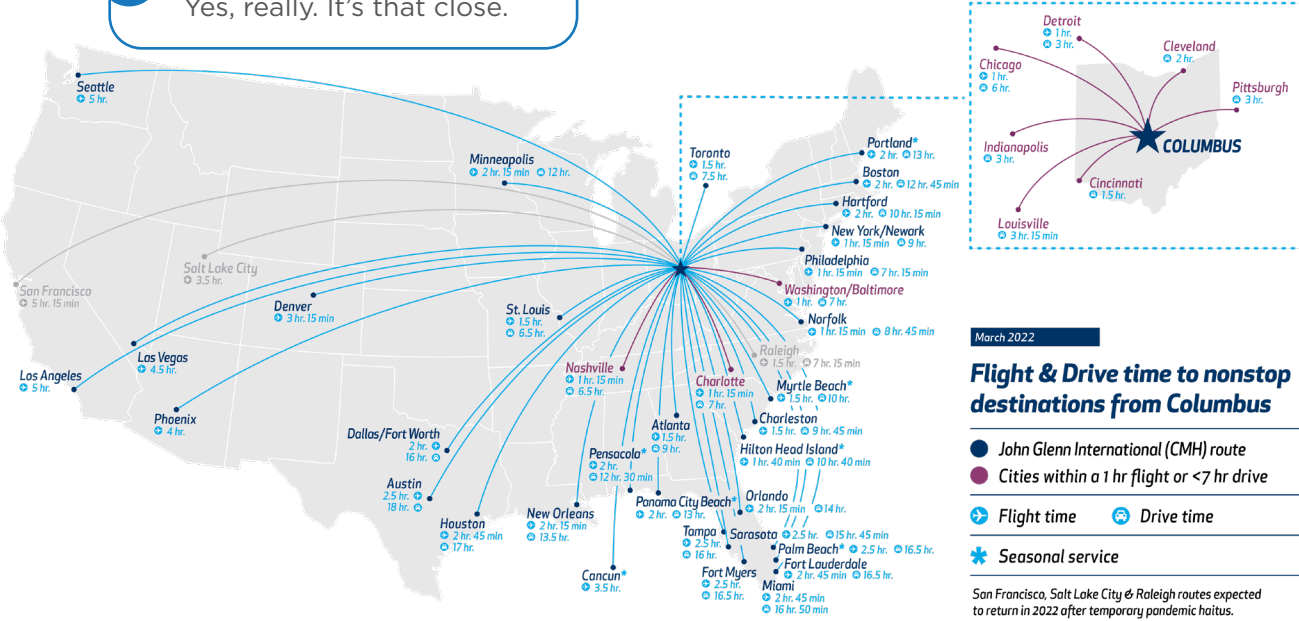
**JOHN GLENN COLUMBUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (CMH):**

- 150+ daily, nonstop flights
- 40+ destinations
- 100% of CMH's energy supply from renewable resources

**DISTANCE FROM AIRPORT TO DOWNTOWN:**  
8 miles | 10 minutes

✓ **HALF THE U.S. POPULATION IS WITHIN:**  
1 Day Drive | 1 Hour Flight

★ Yes, really. It's that close.



## DAILY NONSTOP FLIGHTS

	Air Canada	Alaska Airlines	American Airlines	Breeze	Delta	Frontier Airlines	Southwest Airlines	Spirit Airlines	United Airlines	Vacation Express	TOTALS
Atlanta, GA					9		3				12
Baltimore, MD							4				4
Boston, MA			1		3						4
Cancun, Mexico					*	*				*	*
Charleston, SC				*							*
Charlotte, NC			8								8
Chicago, IL (Midway)							7				7
Chicago, IL (O'Hare)			9						7		16
Dallas, TX (Love Field)							1				1
Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX			5								5
Denver, CO						*	2		2		4
Detroit, MI					6						6
Fort Lauderdale, FL							1	1			2
Fort Myers, FL					*		1	*			1
Hartford, CT				*							*
Hilton Head Island, SC									*		*
Houston, TX (Hobby)							1				1
Houston, TX (IAH)									4		4
Las Vegas, NV							2	1			3
Los Angeles, CA			2		1						3
Miami, FL			4		*						4
Minneapolis, MN					4						4
Myrtle Beach, SC									*		*
Nashville, TN							2				2
New Orleans, LA				*				*			*
New York, NY (JFK)			1		3						4
New York, NY (LaGuardia)			6		6						12
New York, NY (Newark)									8		8
Norfolk, VA				*							*
Orlando, FL					*	*	4	1			5
Philadelphia, PA			6								6
Phoenix, AZ			2				1				3
Portland, ME									*		*
Raleigh, NC					2						2
Salt Lake City, UT					1						1
San Francisco, CA									1		1
Sarasota, FL							1				1
St. Louis, MO							2				2
Seattle, WA		1									1
Tampa, FL				*		*	2	*			3
Toronto, Canada	4										4
Washington, DC (Dulles)									4		4
Washington, DC (National)			5				2				7
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3-8</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>155</b>

\* Less than daily service



# GETTING DOWNTOWN & AROUND



"It was so easy to get from the airport to downtown. I was surprised how efficient and timely the public transportation is in this city."

- Experience Dedicated® Destination Survey Response

## EXPLORE THE CITY



The **Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA)** operates bus services in Columbus.



For more environmentally friendly options, **CoGo** offers 365 bikes available for rent at 46 stations throughout Columbus.



Hire someone to do the pedaling for you with **E.C.T. Pedicab**, in operation most nights for \$1.50/minute.

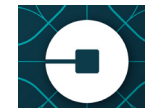


The world's leading car-sharing network, **Zipcar**, also has vehicles of all sizes on-demand and available for pickup at the airport.

## COLUMBUS OFFERS SAFE AND WALKABLE DISTRICTS FOR ALL VISITORS

From the convention center and headquarter hotels, attendees are **across the street** from hundreds of local galleries, shops, restaurants and nightlife venues in the **Short North Arts District**. Within two blocks, visitors can find global and quick-service dining at the **North Market** and numerous sports and entertainment venues in the **Arena District**.

## VARIOUS ON-DEMAND OPTIONS INCLUDE:





# LETTERS OF SUPPORT

# GREATER COLUMBUS SPORTS COMMISSION

On behalf of the Greater Columbus Sports Commission, I am grateful to work alongside our community partners to bid on the 2024 Olympic Team Trial for Boxing & 2023 USA Boxing National Championship.

Columbus is a central location for boxing in the U.S. We held the 2019 Eastern Elite Olympic Trials Qualifier & Regional Open at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. We are proud to be the hometown of Olympian Jerry Page and former heavyweight champion of the world James “Buster” Douglas, who still reside in Columbus and are great ambassadors of the sport. We are also proud to be the site of the Amateur Boxing Tournament at the Ohio State Fair, which recently completed its 54th year.

As you saw in 2019, Columbus works diligently with the public and private sectors to support major events. As the 14th largest city in the U.S., Columbus’ has supported nearly new 600 sporting events since 2002 with a custom, collaborative approach. We cut out the red tape and roll out the red carpet.

Getting here is a breeze. Columbus is within a one-day’s drive and one-hour’s flight of half the U.S. population. Once you’re here, you can stay on foot. The Greater Columbus Convention Center’s ample space and nearby shops, restaurants and hotels make it a perfect venue.

We have outlined several enhancements in our bid proposal as well as a guarantee of the \$40,000 bid fee. Our entire team looks forward to the collaborative effort in hosting the 2024 Olympic Team Trial for Boxing & 2023 USA Boxing National Championship.

Thank you for your consideration of Columbus.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Logan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Linda Shetina Logan**  
CEO & President  
Greater Columbus Sports Commission



# LOCAL BOXING COMMUNITY

On behalf of the local boxing community, I am proud to support Columbus' bid to host the 2024 Olympic Team Trial for Boxing & 2023 USA Boxing National Championship.

Since the 1960s, Columbus has hosted the Amateur Boxing Tournament at the Ohio State Fair. At its peak, the seven-day event featured more than 200 fights per day. The best boxers in the world came to Central Ohio for an event many considered to be harder to win than the Golden Gloves. It's our goal to recreate that excitement and support for boxing in Columbus.

Hosting the 2024 Olympic Team Trial for Boxing & 2023 USA Boxing National Championship is a tremendous opportunity for our city. As someone who has participated in the sport of boxing for decades as an athlete, coach, and promoter locally and nationally, hosting this event would help more kids to see the sport and aid grassroots efforts to increase participation in Central Ohio. By rallying our community members to support this event, Columbus can work to create more opportunities for area boxers and put the sport back in the local spotlight.

As someone who can contribute to this event with my time, expertise, and influence, I know it will be a great event and we look forward to the chance to host USA Boxing again in Central Ohio.



Sincerely,

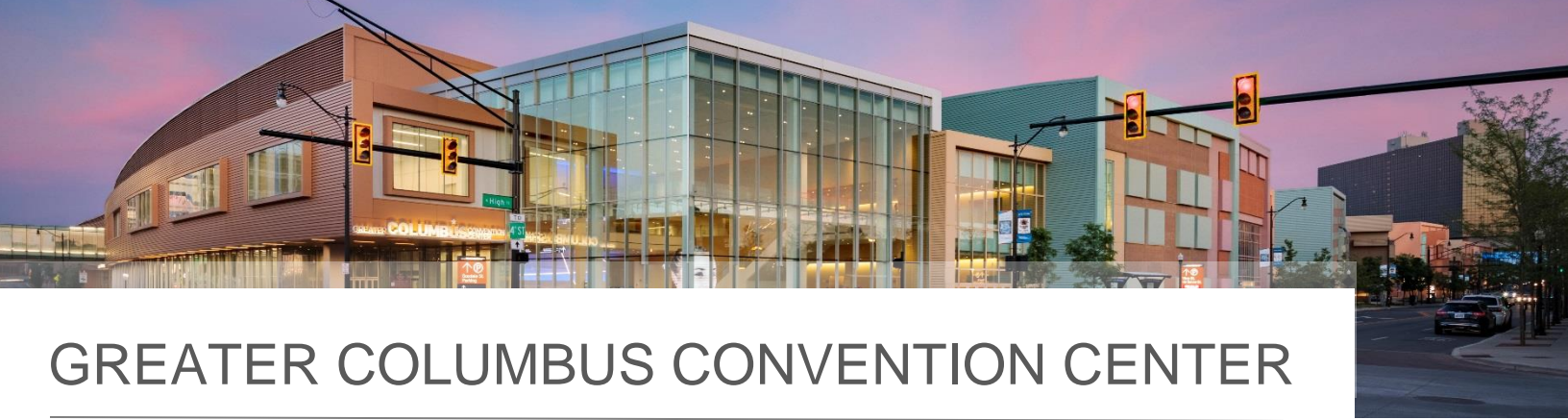
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Troy A. Speakman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Troy Speakman**

**Local Boxing Promoter**

*7-Time Golden Glove Champion, International Boxing Council's Intercontinental Champion at Super Middleweight*

# Appendix



# GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER

**Proposal for: 2024 USA Boxing Olympic Trials**  
**Dates: Friday, 12/08/23 - Monday, 12/18/23**

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**FIRST IN CLASS CONVENTION CENTER:**

The award-winning Greater Columbus Convention Center (GCCC) is a modern, progressive facility offering 373,000 square feet of contiguous exhibit space and 3 ballrooms measuring 74,000 square feet, 25,000 square feet and 15,000 square feet respectively. Our exhibit halls feature three upper-level show manager's suites overlooking the exhibit floor below. Our 75 meeting rooms are conveniently located in pods directly across the main concourse from corresponding exhibit halls. The linear layout makes wayfinding easy as you travel throughout the facility!

The two-level North Atrium is adorned with beautiful light features, elegant tile and a one-of-a-kind interactive art piece, **As We Are**, which creates complimentary 14-foot-tall LED "selfie" portraits within minutes. The facility's north entrance at Goodale Boulevard and North High Street connects the GCCC with the abundant restaurants, galleries, entertainment and shopping of the vibrant Short North Arts District.

The GCCC also features local food and beverage selections and the largest contemporary collection of central Ohio art. We have obtained Leadership in Energy & Environment Design (**LEED**) **Silver** certification for the facility.

**Additional First-Class Amenities:**

- The **Ohio Center Garage**, newly opened, features 650 spaces connected by to the east side of the building, near the Battelle Grand Ballroom. This will bring our total to more than 4,700 connected parking spots.
- The **Goodale Garage** features 800 parking spaces, including designated Tesla and electric vehicle charging stations. The garage is connected via enclosed skybridge to the north entrance.
- Multiple **local food and beverage** concepts reside in the South Café & Marketplace and Discovery Café, as well as regional and national brands. **South Café & Marketplace Cash** vouchers are available for advanced purchase.
- More than 150 pieces of **local art** are displayed on the interior and exterior of the building and parking garages to give attendees a glimpse of local artistic flair while in the center.
- An impressive **60-foot digital monitor** centrally located in our connector walkway between the GCCC and Hyatt Regency Columbus is available for sponsorship opportunities. **Additional lighting**, including up-lighting in foyers and the concourse is available, along with more **digital signage**, complementing the existing, free digital signage outside of each meeting room.
- **20,000 simultaneous users** can utilize the Internet in meeting rooms and exhibit halls. Free Wi-Fi is available in all public spaces.
- The GCCC operates as an exhibitor friendly, right-to-work facility.
- Ground-level exhibit halls with unlimited floor load capacity and minimal columns in each hall. Ceiling height is 30' uniform. Utilities are from floor pockets on 30' centers.
- Guest Service Centers are located on Level 1 near the South Café & Marketplace in the concourse of the north building near Discovery Café. Both locations are staffed by Certified Tourism Ambassadors and offer a full-service business center, including copying, faxing, shipping and packaging services, mobility assistance vehicle rentals and KultureCity Certified Sensory Inclusive amenities.



## MEETING SPACE REQUIREMENTS

Event	Area	Dates	Square Footage	License Fee	Discounted License Fee
Move In	Exhibit Hall A	Fri.-Sun., Dec 08 - 10, 2023	98000	\$13,743.00	\$6,184.00
Move In	Union Station Ballroom	Sat.-Sun., Dec 09 - 10, 2023	25000	\$9,278.00	\$4,175.00
Competition	Union Station Ballroom	Mon.-Tues., Dec 11 - 12, 2023	25000	\$18,554.00	\$8,349.00
Competition	Exhibit Hall A	Mon.-Sat., Dec 11 - 16, 2023	98000	\$54,966.00	\$24,735.00
Office	A110	Mon.-Sat., Dec 11 - 16, 2023	1128	\$1,878.00	\$845.00
Office	A111	Mon.-Sat., Dec 11 - 16, 2023	1128	\$1,878.00	\$845.00
Officials	A110-A115	Tues.-Sat., Dec 12 - 16, 2023	6840	\$9,400.00	\$4,230.00
Move Out	Exhibit Hall A	Sun., Dec 17, 2023	98000	\$4,581.00	\$2,062.00

### Estimated License Fee Summary:

License Fee	\$114,278.00
Discount 55%	-\$62,853.00
Net License Fee	\$51,425.00

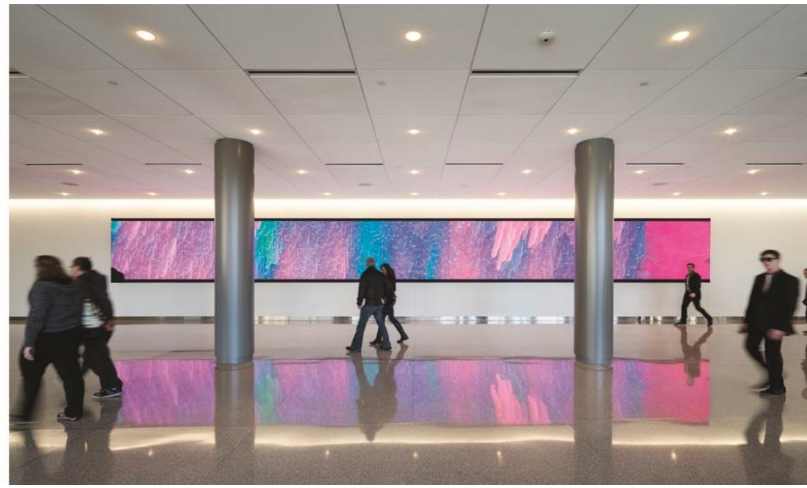
### \*F&B Waiver

The Greater Columbus Convention Center does not have a food and beverage minimum requirement. The License Fee will be prorated by crediting 20% of the actual net food and beverage expenditure against the License Fee. The net food and beverage expenditure is determined before taxes and excludes retail/concessions, Exclusive Caterer's service charges, host/cash bars, water coolers and alcoholic beverages. For example: spending \$1,000 in eligible F&B will waive \$200.00 of the license fee rental, or 20% of the eligible F&B spend.

**Additional Terms:**

- I. One wired internet connection sufficient to live stream matches at 20MBPS will be provided to USA Boxing for the fee of \$7,850.00
- II. Items included in License Fee are: 6' tables or 8' tables needed for judging and/or around the rings, chairs, classroom tables, registration tables and F&B tables.
- III. (15) 4'x8' stage pieces included with rental in Hall A. Any additional 4'x8' pieces in Hall A would incur an additional cost for a savings of \$555.
- IV. Up to (25) stanchions will be included for a savings of \$500.
- V. All chairs and plain 8'x30" tables for room set included in rental based on inventory available.
- VI. (60) total Merchandise and Vendor Tables will be included for a savings of \$2,040. Any orders of over (60) merchandise/vendor tables must be ordered by Licensee through Fern or outside service contractor.
- VII. GCCC can offer advanced purchase parking online with in/out privileges for attendees at \$22.50 per day. Non-advanced purchase passes will remain at \$15.00 per day with no in/out privileges.
- VIII. Complimentary use of Digital Monitor Board in the Connector for event – (1) slide added to facilities slideshow on rotation (equivalent to 15 seconds) for the duration of event for a total savings of \$3,600. This may include branding.
- IX. Cost of riser(s) will not exceed \$578.00 per unit utilized.





## PLANNING INFORMATION & SERVICES

Please visit [www.columbusconventions.com](http://www.columbusconventions.com) for more information, including our Event Planning Guide, space layouts, diagrams, maps, parking information, exhibitor services, menus, service partner resources and more!

- **Event Management** – An Event Manager will be assigned as soon as an event is contracted to assist with all event planning details, including providing room-set diagrams, rigging costs, event security needs, Fire Marshall regulations, client utility rate sheets and more to support and ensure the success of all events. Event Managers also coordinate any on-site planning meetings and serve as a liaison to the convention center's service partners.
- **WiFi/Internet** – Complimentary basic WiFi is provided in all public spaces and meeting rooms.
- **Audio Visual & Production Services** – Mills James is the GCCC's in-house audio-visual provider and can provide competitive quotes and cost saving recommendations.
- **Trade Show Decorator/General Service Contractor** – George Fern is the convention center's in-house General Service Contractor (Decorator). There can be cost savings and time privileges extended when using the in-house provider.
- **Room Sets** – Meeting room rentals include set up of tables and chairs for classroom seating, banquets and theater seating. GCCC also provides complimentary table linens for classroom sets, with the exception of those in Battelle Grand Ballroom and exhibit halls.
- **Cafés** – Two **food court areas** are located within the GCCC. The **South Café & Marketplace** offers 10 quick-stop restaurant options featuring a wide variety of menu items for snacks, breakfast, lunch and dinner (based on event schedules). **Discovery Café**, inside the facility's west entrance, features 4 distinct concepts to provide delegates with a taste of Columbus.
- **Electronic Signage** – Located outside each meeting room, this digital option will conserve signage production costs. Additional opportunities for digital signage are available.
- **Node Walls** – LED lighted walls along the concourse feature customized colors while offering seating and charging capabilities for your devices.
- **Promotional Support** – Your event can be mentioned on the GCCC website and social platforms.
- **Permanent Nursing Mothers Room** – Convenient access to private nursing room featuring three, private nursing mothers' stations.
- **Event Planning Guide** - <https://www.paperturn-view.com/us/gccc/greater-columbus-convention-center-event-planning-guide?pid=NTI52920&v=13.2>

## EXCLUSIVE SERVICES

- **Catering** – Levy Restaurants Inc. Please find a sample menu of offerings at this link: <https://columbusconventions.com/plan/event-planners/catering/>
- **Exhibit Booth Cleaning** – The GCCC maintains the exclusive rights for vacuuming exhibit booths. Your General Service Contractor may vacuum aisle carpet.
- **Rigging** – The GCCC maintains the exclusive rights to hang materials from the ceiling. Exception: Your General Service Contractor may hang exhibit hall aisle signs weighing less than 75 pounds.
- **Utilities** – The GCCC maintains the exclusive rights for all utilities.
- **Dock Security** – Required during load-in and load-out of exhibits to assist exhibitors and help monitor the flow of people moving into and out of the exhibit halls while keeping on schedule.
- **Event Security** – The GCCC Department of Public Safety is the exclusive security service for staffing events, including badge checking, ticket taking, crowd management, overnight security, etc. internet – Internet services are available through a partnership with Smart City Networks.
- **Graphics Installation & Removal** – Graphics installation and removal is an exclusive service of the building. All graphics and signage materials applied to a surface must use approved 3M materials and receive building approval.