



★ 2025 ANNUAL REPORT ★



THE YEAR IN SPORTS

LIVE IN 2025

106

events

\$139.8M

direct visitor spending

2025 was a landmark year — one of the most event-rich in our history. Youth volleyball and soccer made up the largest share of events and direct visitor spending. But the headlines went well beyond the numbers.

The NHL Stadium Series brought a defining moment to Ohio Stadium. The Columbus Blue Jackets defeated the Detroit Red Wings in front of 94,571 fans — the second-largest NHL crowd ever. It was a statement event for Columbus on a national stage. Other notable events from the spring and summer included:

- NCAA Men's Volleyball Championship
- Stonewall Sports National Tournament & Summit
- USA Hockey Level 5 Coaches Symposium
- Masters CrossFit® Games
- U.S. Men's National Team vs. Japan

Women's sports remained a top priority, as Columbus hosted early rounds of the NCAA Women's Basketball, Women's Ice Hockey, and Women's Golf tournaments. We also laid the groundwork for something bigger — a city-wide initiative to elevate girls' and women's sports in Columbus. That work came to life under the IgniteHER brand in early 2026, and we couldn't be more excited about what's ahead.

Finally, we made a major investment in Columbus's future as a sports destination by hosting the TEAMS Conference & Expo for the first time. A premier sports tourism convention, it brought more than 400+ event organizers to Columbus, giving us a chance to show why we belong in the conversation as a top-tier sports host city.

MAJOR EVENTS HOSTED

From the B1G Women's Swimming & Diving Championship in February to the MAC Women's Soccer Championship in November, the sports schedule was stacked.



B1G

B1G Women's
Swimming & Diving
Championship



NHL Stadium Series



NCAA DI Women's
Basketball First &
Second Rounds

B1G

B1G Men's Tennis
Championship



NCAA Men's
Volleyball
Championship



Community Youth
Camp

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

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MAJOR EVENTS HOSTED

2025

The year was too big to fit on one page!



Stonewall Sports
National Tournament
& Summit



USA Hockey Level 5
Coaches Symposium



2025 Masters
CrossFit® Games



USMNT vs. Japan



Community Cup



TEAMS Conference &
Expo

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER



MAC Women's Soccer
Championship

2025

NOVEMBER

COMING SOON



2028



NCAA DI Men's Basketball
Tournament 1st & 2nd
Rounds

LA28 Olympic &
Paralympic Games
Football (Soccer)
Tournament

2029



US Chess SuperNationals

2026



U.S. Senior Open

iPride Gay Softball
World Series

NWSL Challenge Cup

Party Animals World Tour

NCAA DIII Men's & Women's
Soccer Championships

SheBelieves Cup

USA Volleyball All-Star
Championships

2027



NCAA DI Women's
Volleyball Championship &
AVCA Convention

Women's Final Four &
WBCA Convention

Sports ETA Women's
Summit



AWARDS, ACCOLADES & APPEARANCES



SPORTS ETA SPORTS TOURISM HALL OF FAME

Linda Logan inducted in the 2025 Class



SPORTS ETA EVENT OF THE YEAR FINALIST

U.S. Figure Skating Championships



SPORTS BUSINESS JOURNAL BEST SPORTS BUSINESS CITIES: SOCCER

Columbus ranked 17th of 128 cities



30+ MEDIA APPEARANCES

By the GCSC team



25+ COMMUNITY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

By the GCSC Team



49
teams

1,600+
registered participants

NEW RECORD





Community Youth Camp continued in its fifth year with 16 sports taught and enhanced life lessons from our Emerging Leaders Board.

76

campers

130

children attended clinics

96%

of our campers were on scholarship and we hosted several free sports clinics.



2025 NCAA NATIONAL COLLEGE

GREATER
COLUMBUS
SPORTS ★ COMMISSION

