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Sports in Sacramento

Sacramento is full of sports fans, and whether we're selling out soccer stadiums or cheering on our NBA team, you won't find more passionate supporters. National sports competitions flock to Sacramento as a host city to take advantage of our ideal climate, as well as a built-in audience of sports-lovers.

Basketball

Deemed 'the loudest fans in the NBA,' [Sacramento Kings](#) fans have shown the difference that homegrown support can make. When a previous ownership group planned to move the team to another market, the fans and local officials launched a grassroots campaign that ultimately led to a new ownership group, keeping the Kings in town.

The Sacramento Kings play at Golden 1 Center in Downtown Commons (DoCo) which opened in October 2016. This LEED Platinum Certified building is the most connected indoor sports and entertainment venue through the most powerful WiFi services at any Arena in the country and sources 90% of its food ingredients from a 150-mile radius.

Baseball

America's favorite pastime is thriving in Sacramento. [The Sacramento River Cats](#), the Triple-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants, are the 2019 Triple-A National Champions. They have been playing to sold-out crowds in West Sacramento at [Sutter Health Park](#) (formerly Raley Field) for 20 seasons.

Soccer

Professional soccer came to Sacramento in 2014 when the [Sacramento Republic FC](#) played its first Match at Bonney Field, winning the USL Pro Championship in its inaugural season and selling out almost every match. The field has been renamed [Papa Murphys Park](#) but the club continues to draw widespread support with packed matches that feature local food trucks, music and much more.

In 2019, Sacramento was awarded the 29th MLS expansion team after a 5-year journey with Sac Republic FC set to start playing in 2022.

Track & Field

Sacramento is quickly becoming the nation's track & field capital. The track-fever started with the highly successful Olympic Track & Field Team Trials in 2000 and 2004 with record-breaking attendance, and the reputation was further cemented when Sacramento hosted the USA Track & Field Jr. Olympics and the

World Masters Track & Field Championships, which brought 5,000 international athletes to the region. Other track & field events that have been held in Sacramento:

- 1995, 2014 and 2017 U.S. Outdoor Track and Field Championships
- 2003, 2005, 2006 and 2007 NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships
- 2001, 2010, 2016 & 2019 National Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships
- 2010 USA Track and Field Masters Track and Field Championships
- 2019 NCAA DI Outdoor Track & Field Preliminary Championships

Distance Running

Named one of Runner's World Magazine's 'Best Cities for Runners, Sacramento offers ideal conditions for those looking to hit the pavement. A favorite spot of locals is the 32-mile American River Parkway, spanning 5000 acres of scenic landscape to take in as you breeze by. Runners from across the globe travel to Sacramento each year for the [California International Marathon](#), which has been held in the Sacramento region every December for the past 36 years. Some of the best runners in the world gather to conquer this very fast course from Folsom to the California State Capitol.

Cycling

Sacramento's scenic and often flat terrain makes it the ideal location for road cyclists. It's no wonder Sacramento has hosted the Amgen Tour of California Overall Start four times, the Overall Finish two times and Stage Finishes four times.