

UPCOMING CONVENTION AND SPORTS EVENTS

June 2019

2019 Boys and Girls State Lacrosse Championships | June 1

Two tournament divisions will be sponsored in both girls' and boys' lacrosse. All four state championship games will be held on Saturday, June 1, in Delaware at Ohio Wesleyan University's historic Selby Stadium.

- Attendance:** 4,000
- Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals
- Location:** Selby Stadium, Ohio Wesleyan University
- Website:** <https://ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Lacrosse/2019-OHSAA-Lacrosse-State-Tournament-Coverage>
- Facebook:** [@OHSAASports](#)
- Twitter:** [@OHSAASports](#)
- Group Contact:** Beau Rugg, brugg@ohsaa.org
- Sports Commission Contact:** Erica Cornell, ecornell@columbusports.org

2019 USA Rugby Club 15s National Championships | June 1-2

The 2018-2019 Club 15s National Championships will be hosted at Fortress Obetz on June 1-2. Rugby teams from across the country will compete in a championship series in conjunction with the Rugby Ohio State High School Championships.

- Attendance:** 1,000
- Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals
- Location:** Fortress Obetz
- Website:** <https://www.usarugby.org/club-championships/>
- Facebook:** [USA Rugby](#)
- Twitter:** [@USARugby](#)
- Group Contact:** Aaron Kaylor, akaylor@usarugby.org
- Sports Commission Contact:** Ariana Tyler, at Tyler@columbusports.org



2019 42nd Annual Columbus 10K Run/Walk | June 2

The Columbus 10K is one of the oldest races in Ohio and is considered “The Oldest Road Race in Columbus.” Today the event has become one of the premier 10Ks in the state. One hundred percent of all donations and fundraising efforts collected will go to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio.

- Attendance:** 1,300
- Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals
- Location:** Scioto Mile Promenade
- Website:** <https://www.columbus10k.com/>
- Facebook:** [@Columbus10K](https://www.facebook.com/Columbus10K)
- Twitter:** [@Columbus10K](https://twitter.com/Columbus10K)
- Group Contact:** Andy Harris, aharris@columbusrunning.com
- Sports Commission Contact:** Erica Cornell, ecornell@columbusports.org

2019 Ohio Lady Lasers Tournament | June 7-9

10U through 18U teams will compete in round robin style on Friday and Saturday, then will compete in a day-long tournament on Sunday to crown a champion for each division.

- Attendance:** 4,650
- Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals
- Location:** Lou Berliner Sports Park
- Website:** <https://www.ohioladylasers.com/>
- Group Contact:** Jeff Cavanaugh, lasers@ladylasers.com
- Sports Commission Contact:** Erica Cornell, ecornell@columbusports.org

2019 USS National Championships | June 8

The United States Strongman National Championships are coming to Columbus to crown the strongest person in each division (Open, Novice, Heroes, Teen, and Masters).

- Attendance:** 1,150
- Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals
- Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center
- Website:** <https://www.unitedstatesstrongman.com/>
- Facebook:** [United States Strongman](https://www.facebook.com/UnitedStatesStrongman)
- Twitter:** [@USStrongmanInc](https://twitter.com/USStrongmanInc)
- Group Contact:** Chris Vachio, vachioc@gmail.com
- Sports Commission Contact:** Ariana Tyler, at Tyler@columbusports.org

Game Manufacturers Association | June 12-16

Origins Game Fair

Features more than 6,000 events over five days including board games, card games, collectible card games, miniatures games, role-playing games, cosplay, and seminars. Game sessions run daily from 8 a.m. until after midnight.

- Attendance:** 59,000
- Meals:** Attendees are on their own for all meals. Expect late night/early morning dinners.
- Exhibits:** Open to the public with badge fee. Exhibit hall hours are:
Thu.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center, downtown hotels
- Website:** www.originsgamefair.com
- Facebook:** www.facebook.com/originsgamefair
- Twitter:** @originsgames
- Instagram:** @originsgamefair
- Group Contact:** Danni Loe, media@gama.org
- Experience Columbus Contact:** Diane Share, dshare@experiencecolumbus.com

2019 Worthington Wood Bat Tournament | June 13-16

The best 14U through 18U teams from numerous states will compete in the “largest wood bat tournament in the Midwest.”

- Attendance:** 500
- Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals
- Location:** Ohio Wesleyan University, Otterbein University, and Capital University
- Website:** www.worthingtonwoodbattournament.com/Default/Default.aspx
- Twitter:** [@WoWoodBat](https://twitter.com/WoWoodBat)
- Group Contact:** David Ganger, dganger@helmsbrisoec.com
- Sports Commission Contact:** Ariana Tyler, at Tyler@columbusports.org

2019 Nations Baseball State Championships | June 13-16

One of the largest youth baseball tournaments in the country will make its way to Columbus to crown a champion in each division (8U-15U).

- Attendance:** 1,870
- Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals
- Location:** Lou Berliner Sports Park
- Website:** <http://ohio.nations-baseball.com/ohio-state-championships/>
- Facebook:** [Nations Ohio Baseball](#)
- Twitter:** [@PlayNations](#)
- Group Contact:** Harry Oschip, hoschip@glbl.org
- Sports Commission Contact:** Erica Cornell, ecornell@columbusports.org

National PTA | June 20-23 ***Convention and Expo***

Attendees are PTA members, non-members, education professionals, community leaders and others interested in the education and well-being of children. Over 1,500 of the nation's most influential educational leaders, parents and experts will be at convention.

- Attendance:** 1,500
- Meals:** Attendees are on their own for all meals.
- Exhibits:** Exhibit hall open Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; PTA Palooza open to the public Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center, Hyatt and Hilton
- Website:** <https://www.pta.org/home/events/National-PTA-Convention-Expo>
- Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ParentTeacherAssociation/>
- Twitter:** @NationalPTA
- Instagram:** @nationalpta
- Group Contact:** Donna Taylor, dtaylor@pta.org
- Experience Columbus Contact:** Hannah Henthorne, hhenthorne@experiencecolumbus.com

2019 USSSA State Baseball Championships | June 21-23

The United States Specialty Sports Association Ohio State Baseball Championships will feature some of the best 9U-17U baseball teams in the state of Ohio.

Attendance:	900
Meals:	Attendees are on their own for meals
Location:	Lou Berliner Sports park
Website:	https://ohioplaysusssa.com/tournaments-columbus
Facebook:	USSSA - Baseball
Twitter:	@USSSA
Group Contact:	Dennis Dick, dennis.dick@usssa.com
Sports Commission Contact:	Erica Cornell, ecornell@columbusports.org

2019 USA Powerlifting National Championship | June 27-29

Columbus knows strength! The 2019 USA Powerlifting National Championship comes to the Greater Columbus Convention Center on June 27-29.

Attendance:	750
Meals:	Attendees are on their own for meals
Location:	Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website:	https://www.usapowerlifting.com/
Facebook:	USA Powerlifting
Twitter:	@USAPowerlifting
Group Contact:	Roman "Chico" Cloyne, romancloyne@yahoo.com
Sports Commission Contact:	Ariana Tyler, atyler@columbusports.org

2019 United States Fencing Association National Championships and July Challenge| June 28-July 7

The best fencers in the country will compete in the largest fencing tournament in the world in Columbus, OH at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

- Attendance:** 10,000
- Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals
- Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center
- Website:** <https://www.usafencing.org/2019-national-championships-and-july-challenge>
- Facebook:** [USA Fencing](#)
- Twitter:** [@USAFencing](#)
- Group Contact:** Christy Strong-Simmons, c.simmons@usafencing.org
- Sports Commission Contact:** Ariana Tyler, at Tyler@columbusports.org

The **Experience Columbus Visitor Centers** in the Arena District and at the Greater Columbus Convention Center are here to help your customers find their way around the city. Arena District hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m.–5 p.m. The Visitor Center is located on the corner of Nationwide Blvd. and Neil Ave. at 277 W. Nationwide Blvd., 43215. Phone: 614-221-6623. The Convention Center Visitor Center hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.–4 p.m., and Sunday 12 p.m.–5 p.m.

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