

## UPCOMING CONVENTION AND SPORTS EVENTS

*May 2019*

### **Ohio Health Care Association | April 29-May 2** ***Annual Convention and Exposition***

Featuring nearly 175 educational sessions and an expansive tradeshow for the long-term care industry.

- Attendance:** 3,000
- Meals:** Attendees are on their own for dinner, but lunch is provided each day. The convention ends at noon on Thursday.
- Exhibits:** 300 companies. Not open to the public.
- Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center, downtown hotels
- Website:** [www.ohca.org](http://www.ohca.org)
- Twitter:** [@OHCA\\_OCAL\\_OCID](https://twitter.com/OHCA_OCAL_OCID)
- Group Contact:** Kathy Chapman, [kchapman@ohca.org](mailto:kchapman@ohca.org)
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### **2019 Coaches Against Multiple Myeloma | May 3-5**

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Coaches Against Multiple Myeloma tournament will be held at Lou Berliner Sports Park in Columbus, OH. 100% of the proceeds will go to The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center--Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute.

- Attendance:** 2,250
- Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.
- Location:** Lou Berliner Sports Park
- Website:** <https://www.coybl.org/page/show/4593317-coaches-against-mm>
- Facebook:** [Baseball Coaches Against Multiple Myeloma](https://www.facebook.com/BaseballCoachesAgainstMultipleMyeloma)
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- Sports Commission Contact:** Erica Cornell, [ecornell@columbusports.org](mailto:ecornell@columbusports.org)

### **2019 Ohio State Championships | May 11-12**

The 2019 Ohio State Championships will be held at Lou Berliner Sports Park. The divisions for the championships include 9u through 14u, with each division crowning a champion at the conclusion of the tournament.

- Attendance:** 450



**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.  
**Location:** Lou Berliner Sports Park  
**Website:** <https://gamedayusa.com/team-event/?eid=1661>  
**Facebook:** [Game Day USA](#)  
**Twitter:** [@GameDayUSA1](#)  
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## **2019 7UP Capital Cup | May 17-19**

The 7UP Capital Cup will feature some of the best 9u through 14u baseball teams from the Midwest region at Lou Berliner Sports Park. \$25 from every registration will be donated to the Mid-Ohio Foodbank.

**Attendance:** 3,720  
**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.  
**Location:** Lou Berliner Sports Park  
**Website:** <http://crpdsports.org/baseball>  
**Facebook:** [USSSA-Baseball](#)  
**Twitter:** [@USSSA](#)  
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## **Sonic Temple Art & Music Festival | May 17-19**

Inaugural event by independent festival producer, Danny Wimmer Presents (DWP). Featuring three music stages, art installations and enhanced onsite experiences, plus premium food and beverage celebrating local Columbus flavors.

**Attendance:** 40,000

**Location:** MAPFRE Stadium, Columbus hotels.

Hotel ticket packages are offered at six hotels, Crowne Plaza Worthington, Sheraton Capitol Square, DoubleTree Worthington, Hilton Polaris, Sheraton Suites Worthington, DoubleTree Downtown

**Website:** <https://sonic Temple festival.com/>

**Facebook:** [Sonic Temple Festival](#)

**Twitter:** [@Sonic Temple Fest](#)

**Experience Columbus Contact:** Diane Share, [dshare@experiencecolumbus.com](mailto:dshare@experiencecolumbus.com)

## **2019 The Rogue Invitational | May 18-19**

This unique event will feature first-class competitors from around the world, with 20 male and 20 female athletes in singles competition, as well as a team division consisting of ten squads. Invitees will include the Top 10 male and female finishers from the 2018 Reebok CrossFit Games, along with a select number of additional athletes from the top ranks of the sport.

**Attendance:** 4,080

**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.

**Location:** Rogue Fitness

**Website:** <https://www.roguefitness.com/invitational#/about>

**Facebook:** [Rogue Invitational](#)

**Twitter:** [@RogueFitness](#)

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## **2019 Firefighters Memorial Tournament | May 24-26**

The USSSA Firefighters Memorial tournament will be held in Columbus, OH for the 8<sup>th</sup> time at Lou Berliner Sports Park.

- Attendance:** 3,480
- Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.
- Location:** Lou Berliner Sports Park
- Website:** <https://usssa.com/home/>
- Facebook:** [2019 Firefighters Memorial tournament](#)
- Twitter:** [@USSSA](#)
- Group Contact:** Mendy Moore, [gm10moore@att.net](mailto:gm10moore@att.net)
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## **2019 IGR Capital City Tournament | May 24-27**

Rugby Teams from across the country will meet in Columbus to compete in the Capital City Tournament hosted by the Columbus Coyotes RFC and Columbus Kodiaks RFC.

- Attendance:** 400
- Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.
- Location:** Kilbourne Run Sports Park
- Website:** <https://capcitycup.com/>
- Facebook:** [IGR International Gay Rugby](#)
- Twitter:** [@IGRugby](#)
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## **2019 USA Adult Volleyball Open and Annual Meeting | May 24-29**

One of the largest national championships in any sport in the United States will take place in Columbus, OH at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

- Attendance:** 4,000
- Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.
- Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center
- Website:** <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/calendar/2019/may/24/open-nationals>
- Facebook:** [USA Volleyball](#)
- Twitter:** [@usavolleyball](#)

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## **2019 OHSAA Track & Field State Championships | May 31-June 1**

The best high school track & field athletes in Ohio will compete for championships at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium.

**Attendance:** 27,175

**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.

**Location:** Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium

**Website:** <https://ohsaa.org/sports/track>

**Facebook:** [Ohio High School Athletic Association](#)

**Twitter:** [@OHSAASports](#)

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## **2019 Capital City Showdown | May 31-June 2**

10u through 18u softball teams from across the state of Ohio will compete in the Capitol City Showdown tournament. All teams are guaranteed to play at least 7 games!

**Attendance:** 3,930

**Meals:** Attendees are on their own for meals.

**Location:** Lou Berliner Sports Park

**Website:** <http://www.fastpitchshowdowns.com/capital-city-showdown-page>

**Facebook:** [Fastpitch showdowns](#)

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