

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA. BRILLIANT.



SPORTS PLAYBOOK

EXPERIENCE
CHAMPAIGN
URBANA



Make your next event
more than memorable.
Make it **BRILLIANT.**





NO MATTER THE SPORT TEAMS COME TO PLAY IN OUR DIRT

Wondering what makes the greater Champaign-Urbana area brilliant? You'll have to come visit us to see.

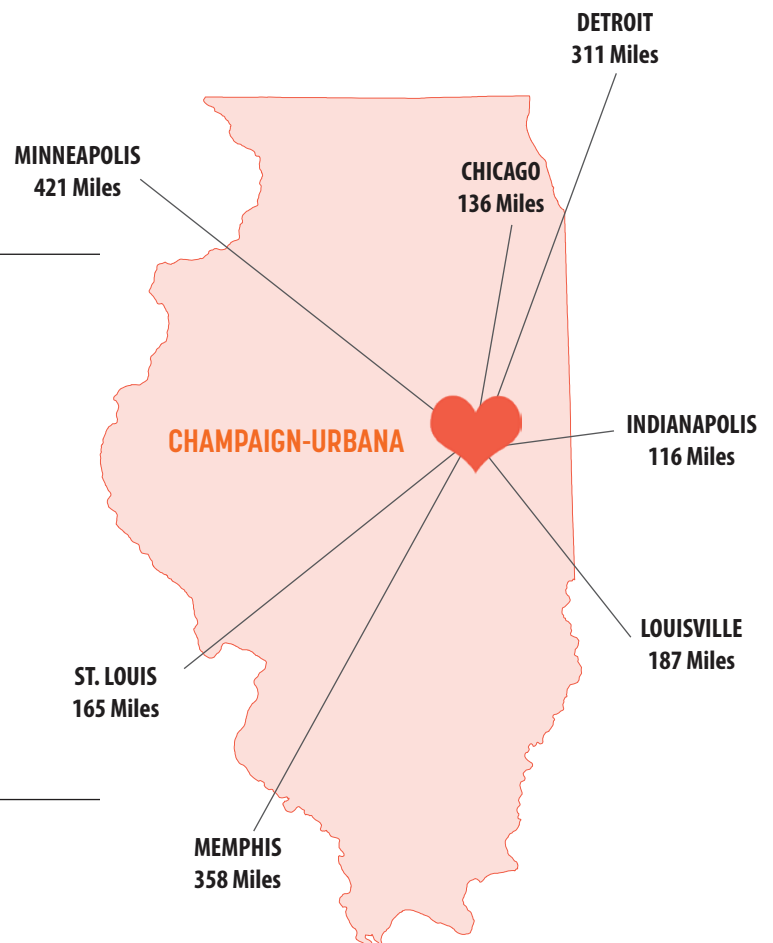
It goes beyond the destination, filled with arts and culture, scenic outdoor spaces, local award-winning food, and the University of Illinois. With our renowned Midwest Hospitality and our collection of urban and rural experiences, people can't stop talking about our community. Maybe that's why we're the fastest growing city in Illinois.

Champaign-Urbana is host to a premier educational and sporting institution, the University of Illinois, a member of the Big Ten Conference. With the state-of-the-art facilities that provide Olympic quality training and competition venues with over 60,000 seats available at Memorial Stadium, 16,000 at the State Farm Center, a world-class tennis center, and a new, state-of-the-art outdoor sports complex, Champaign-Urbana is able to host major sporting events such as the NCAA Tennis Championships, NCAA Men's and Women's Gymnastics Championships and the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Football, Basketball, and Wrestling State Championships.

We'll help you on the path to success, providing the tools to get people to your event and make sure the experience is brilliant!

THE OF THE MIDWEST

We know you're wondering—where exactly is Champaign-Urbana? We like to consider ourselves the heart of the state, located in East Central Illinois, centrally located between Chicago, Indianapolis and St. Louis. With three interstates intersecting in Champaign-Urbana, an Amtrak station and Willard Airport, getting here is easy for everyone.



Just the Facts

BIG TEN

CHAMPIONSHIP FACILITIES

NATIONAL

REGIONAL, AND STATE
TOURNAMENTS

71

INDOOR COURTS

100+

OUTDOOR FIELDS

70+

TENNIS COURTS

4,500

AREA HOTEL ROOMS

HUNDREDS

OF LOCAL RESTAURANTS
& ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS

SPORTS EVENTS IN CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

We're no stranger to hosting events in our community. From small tournaments to national championships, we have the facility and the experience to make your event a success.

Here's just a few of the events we host:

- 2023 Big Ten Women's Softball Tournament
- 2022 NCAA Men's & Women's Tennis Championships
- 2021 Big Ten Outdoor Track & Field Championships
- 2019 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Championships
- 2019 National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Tournament
- Christie Clinic Illinois Marathon (18,000 runners)
- Gameday USA Baseball
- Illinois Futbol Club Spring & Fall invites
- Land of Lincoln Speedskating Championships
- Illinois High School Association Boys Basketball State Tournament (16 teams)
- Illinois High School Association Individual Wrestling State Championships (40,000 fans + competitors)
- US Quadball Midwest Regional
- D1 Nation Spring National Championship
- American Junior Golf Association Junior All-Star Tournament
- Steve Stricker Illini Golf Classic
- Champaign Illini Archery Invitational
- IPRA Central Region Rodeo Finals
- Hot Rod Power Tour
- Airsoft Republic Sleeping Giant Competition
- Illinois Triathlon Championships

Our Services

FACILITY SITE INSPECTION

After reviewing the many facilities available in our community in this playbook, schedule a site visit for an in-person tour. We'll coordinate with you and the facility for a dedicated time to learn about any of the spaces, and hotels in our area.

BIDDING ASSISTANCE

Need assistance negotiating with a facility? We can help with discussions to ensure the costs to host your event is within your budget.

ACCOMMODATIONS

We will help you secure affordable accommodations for teams, individual athletes, coaches, officials and spectators. Our hotel partners offer thousands of rooms, with many doubles and suites, to provide ample accommodations to suit your needs.

ATTENDANCE BOOSTERS

Want to attract a regional and local audience? We will help market your event in and around the Champaign-Urbana area to attract participants and spectators.

SHUTTLE TRANSPORTATION

Make it easy for your athletes and fans to get to your event. We can help set up shuttles with local motorcoaches to make the event go smoother.

VISITOR WELCOME

Our team will make your athletes and fans feel welcome in our community. We'll start by creating a dedicated webpage with helpful resources such as our online Experience Guide, maps, shopping and dining options, as well as links to accommodations. We can also prepare packets for coaches and officials, and provide on-site concierge service.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Want to boost media attention? We can help! We will work with you on press releases and media events to attract local and regional media to your event.

CUSTOMIZED TOUR ITINERARIES

Want tours outside your event for fans? With our many museums, attractions, and local businesses ready to welcome you, our team can create a customized itinerary to provide a brilliant experience.



ACCOMMODATIONS

The Champaign-Urbana area has over 4,500 hotel rooms to house your guests. Our 24 hotel partners provide nearly 2,500 rooms at competitive rates. We'll help you find the right space, close to your facility.

PROPERTY	#OF ROOMS
Best Western Plus	100
Candlewood Suites	83
Comfort Suites	86
Country Inn & Suites.....	83
Courtyard by Marriott.....	78
Drury Inn & Suites.....	131
Eastland Suites.....	126
Fairfield Inn	60
Hampton Inn Urbana	130
Hampton Inn Champaign	80
Hilton Garden Inn.....	99
Holiday Inn.....	199
Holiday Inn Express	74
Holiday Inn Express Rantoul.....	74
Homewood Suites by Hilton	98
Home2 Suites	104
Hyatt Place.....	145
I Hotel & Conference Center	126
Illini Union Hotel	72
La Quinta Inn	122
Red Roof Inn	101
Residence Inn by Marriott.....	112
Rodeway Inn.....	65
TownePlace Suites.....	95



RANTOUL FAMILY SPORTS COMPLEX

744 S. Murray Rd., Rantoul | rantoulsportscomplex.com

The award-winning Rantoul Family Sports Complex is only 15 minutes north of the University of Illinois. Offering all turf fields with eight baseball/softball, two T-ball/Challenger baseball, eight soccer/football/rugby/lacrosse multi-purpose fields, over 800 parking spaces, and a splashpad, concessions and restrooms.

AMENITIES

- 8 Baseball/Softball Turf Fields
- 2 T-Ball/Challenger Baseball Turf Fields
- 8 Football/Rugby/Lacrosse Multi-Purpose Fields
- Splashpad
- Playground
- 3 Concession Stands
- 3 Restrooms
- 800+ Parking Spaces

SPORT	AVAILABLE
Baseball	▪
Softball	▪
Soccer	▪
Football	▪
Basketball	
Lacrosse	▪
Rugby	▪
Tennis	
Swimming	
Wrestling	
Gymnastics	
Volleyball	
Track & Field	
Hockey	
Speedskating	



STATE FARM CENTER

1800 S. First St, Champaign | statefarmcenter.com

This architectural icon on the University of Illinois campus has recently undergone a \$170 million renovation and offers several state-of-the-art spaces to meet your needs. The facility plays host to Fighting Illini Men's & Women's basketball, as well as the IHSA Boys State Basketball Tournament and the Individual State Wrestling Tournament.

AMENITIES

- Circular arena with 27,000 sq. ft.
- 15,500 padded seats
- 161 ADA seats
- Full-size basketball court
- Luxury suites & loge seating
- Media seating area and press room
- HD Video Display—23'x15'
- Special lighting capabilities
- Locker Rooms
- 7 concession stands + options for pop-up carts and stands

SPORT	AVAILABLE
Baseball	
Softball	
Soccer	
Football	
Basketball	▪
Lacrosse	
Rugby	
Tennis	
Swimming	
Wrestling	▪
Gymnastics	▪
Volleyball	▪
Track & Field	
Hockey	
Speedskating	



LEONHARD RECREATION CENTER

2307 Sangamon Dr., Champaign | champaignparks.com/leonhard-recreation-center/

This community recreation center, centrally located in Champaign, opened in 2014 with a variety of amenities. The facility can accommodate basketball, volleyball, pickleball, and gymnastics tournaments.

AMENITIES

- 2 Full-size basketball courts or 4 cross courts
- 4 Volleyball courts
 - Men's, women's and co-ed net height
- 6 pickleball courts
- Party room accommodating 48 people
- Locker room
- ADA accessible bathrooms and elevator

SPORT	AVAILABLE
Baseball	
Softball	
Soccer	
Football	
Basketball	▪
Lacrosse	
Rugby	
Tennis	
Swimming	
Wrestling	
Gymnastics	▪
Volleyball	▪
Track & Field	
Hockey	
Speedskating	
Pickleball	▪



DODDS COMPLEX

1501 N. Mattis Ave., Champaign | champaignparks.com

Sitting on over 110-acres, Dodds Park features seven exceptional baseball/softball lighted fields, a playground and permanent concessions and restrooms. Across the park, there are 12 soccer fields with permanent concessions and restrooms and a new 18-hole Disc Golf Course.

AMENITIES

- 7 Softball fields
 - 3-Plex (290' fence distance)
 - 4-Plex (300' fence distance)
- 4 full-size soccer fields (11v11)
- 2 U12 fields + 2 U12 fields across a full-size field
- 4 U10 fields
- 6-8 U8 fields
- Concessions
- Handicap accessible bathrooms

SPORT	AVAILABLE
Baseball	▪
Softball	▪
Soccer	▪
Football	
Basketball	
Lacrosse	▪
Rugby	
Tennis	
Swimming	
Wrestling	
Gymnastics	
Volleyball	
Track & Field	
Hockey	
Speedskating	



MARTENS CENTER AT HUMAN KINETICS PARK

1515 N Market St., Champaign | champaignparks.com/martenscenter/

This community recreation center, located in Champaign, opened in 2022 with a variety of amenities. The facility can accommodate small basketball, volleyball, pickleball, and gymnastics tournaments, or be used as a championship court, in conjunction with other courts used off-site.s.

AMENITIES

- 1 Full-size basketball court or 2 cross courts
- 1 Volleyball court
 - Men's, women's, and co-ed net height
- Party room
- Locker room with showers
- ADA accessible bathrooms and elevator

SPORT	AVAILABLE
Baseball	
Softball	
Soccer	
Football	
Basketball	▪
Lacrosse	
Rugby	
Tennis	
Swimming	
Wrestling	
Gymnastics	▪
Volleyball	▪
Track & Field	
Hockey	
Speedskating	
Pickleball	▪



DODDS TENNIS CENTER

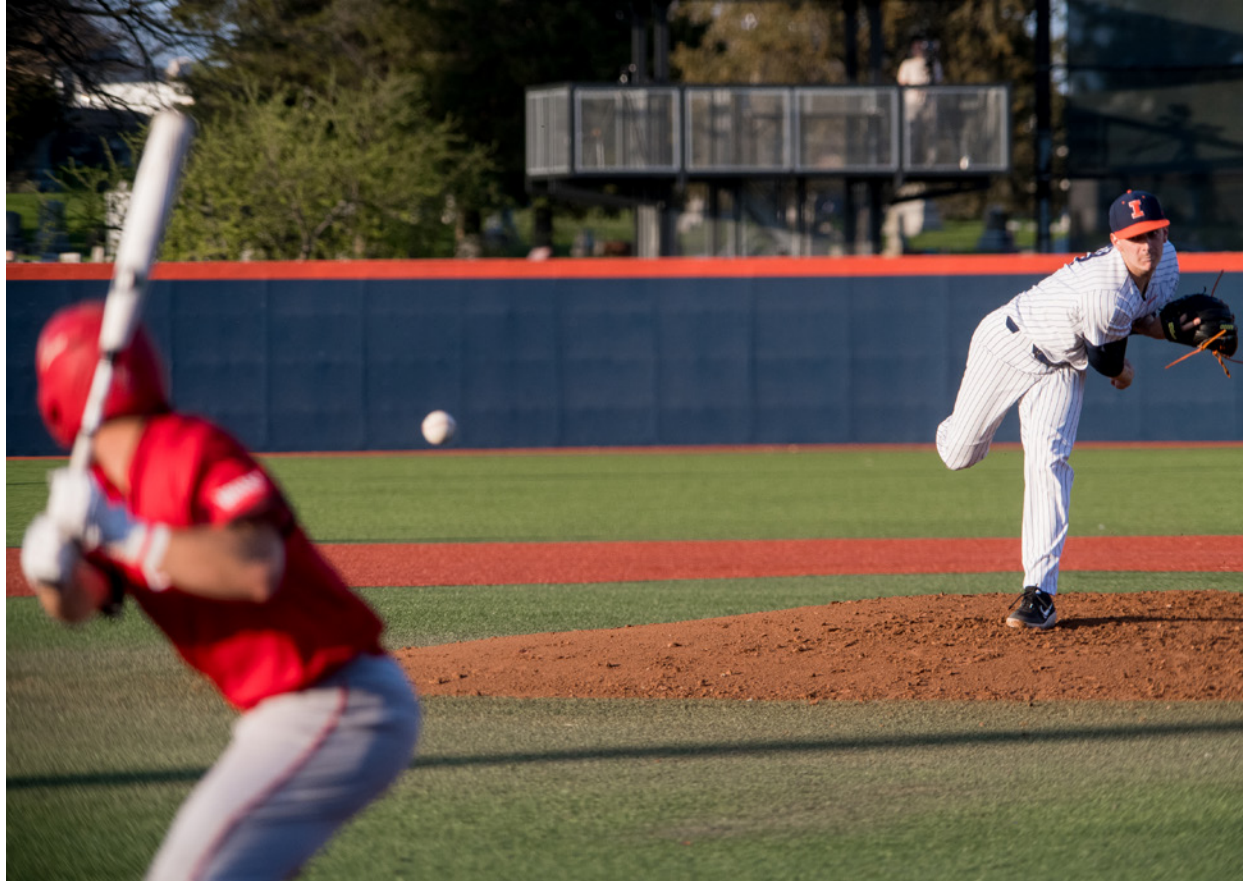
2802 Farber Dr., Champaign | champaignparks.com/facility/dodds-tennis-center/

The Dodds Tennis Center features six indoor courts, locker rooms with showers and towel service, a Wilson Pro Shop, great staff, and a vast array of programs including lessons, drill & plays, and workouts.

AMENITIES

- 6 indoor courts
- Locker rooms with showers
- Wilson Pro Shop

SPORT	AVAILABLE
Baseball	
Softball	
Soccer	
Football	
Basketball	
Lacrosse	
Rugby	
Tennis	▪
Swimming	
Wrestling	
Gymnastics	
Volleyball	
Track & Field	
Hockey	
Speedskating	



ILLINOIS FIELD

601 E. Kirby Ave., Champaign | fightingillini.com

Illinois Field, one of the finest collegiate facilities in the Midwest, serves as the home of Fighting Illini Baseball. Illinois Field's newest additions include a FieldTurf surface installed in 2008 and a new video scoreboard in 2015.

AMENITIES

- 330 feet down the lines, 370 feet to the alleys and 400 feet to center field
- Locker room
- 4 batting cages
- 2 bullpens
- 25-person press box
- 1,500 spectator seats
- Lawn seating for up to 3,000
- Parking in adjacent grassy area
- Restrooms
- Concessions

SPORT	AVAILABLE
Baseball	▪
Softball	
Soccer	
Football	
Basketball	
Lacrosse	
Rugby	
Tennis	
Swimming	
Wrestling	
Gymnastics	
Volleyball	
Track & Field	
Hockey	
Speedskating	



EICHELBERGER FIELD

1202 W. Florida Ave., Urbana | fightingillini.com

Eichelberger Field is one of the premier softball facilities in the country. Built into the side of a hill overlooking Florida Avenue in Urbana, the stadium provides great sight lines and seating for 1,500 fans. The fence measures 200 feet from home plate to the corner foul lines and is 210 feet from home to the center field fence.

AMENITIES

- 200' fence and 210' from home to center field
- 1,500 spectator seats
- Press box
- Concession stand
- Restrooms
- Parking in adjacent grassy lot

SPORT	AVAILABLE
Baseball	
Softball	▪
Soccer	
Football	
Basketball	
Lacrosse	
Rugby	
Tennis	
Swimming	
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ACTIVITIES & RECREATION CENTER

201 E. Peabody Dr., Champaign | campusrec.illinois.edu

The ARC, with an impressive 340,000 square feet, is one of the country's largest on-campus recreation centers. This on-campus facility is host to a variety of sports and recreational activities for students and outside events.

AMENITIES

- Three gymnasiums –10 basketball/13 volleyball courts
- 12 Raquetball courts
- 2 50-meter swimming pools
- 3 Squash courts
- 150-seat auditorium
- 9 multi-purpose areas

SPORT	AVAILABLE
Baseball	
Softball	
Soccer	
Football	
Basketball	▪
Lacrosse	
Rugby	
Tennis	
Swimming	▪
Wrestling	
Gymnastics	▪
Volleyball	▪
Track & Field	
Hockey	
Speedskating	



DEMIRJIAN PARK

606 Saint Marys Rd., Urbana | fightingillini.com

This state-of-the-art stadium is new to the University of Illinois campus. The soccer stadium, currently open features two soccer fields. In 2021, the track stadium will be open featuring 8,000 seats, a press box, lighting, separate throwing area, and a Kentucky Blue Grass field with a sand base. Other amenities include locker rooms, video and meeting rooms, lounge and study spaces.

AMENITIES

- 2 full size soccer fields
- Track & field complex
- Locker rooms
- Video and meeting rooms
- Lounge area
- Adjacent parking in grassy areas
- Concessions
- Restrooms

SPORT	AVAILABLE
Baseball	
Softball	
Soccer	▪
Football	
Basketball	
Lacrosse	
Rugby	
Tennis	
Swimming	
Wrestling	
Gymnastics	
Volleyball	
Track & Field	▪
Hockey	
Speedskating	



OUTDOOR CENTER PLAYFIELDS

First St. & Stadium Dr., Champaign | campusrec.illinois.edu

The Outdoor Center Playfields are located at First Street, adjacent to the ARC and Memorial Stadium, spanning either side of Stadium Drive. Used for Intramurals, Club Sports, and Open Rec, this area has seasonal use from March through November.

AMENITIES

- 4 lighted turf fields
- 3 lighted sand volleyball courts
- 6 lighted basketball courts
- 6 lighted tennis courts
- Drinking fountains
- Port-a-Potties

SPORT	AVAILABLE
Baseball	
Softball	
Soccer	▪
Football	
Basketball	▪
Lacrosse	▪
Rugby	▪
Tennis	▪
Swimming	
Wrestling	
Gymnastics	
Volleyball	▪
Track & Field	
Hockey	
Speedskating	



ATKINS TENNIS CENTER & KHAN OUTDOOR COMPLEX

1751 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana | fightingillini.com

Home to the Fighting Illini Men's and Women's Tennis team, this impressive complex hosted the 2013 and 2022 NCAA Division 1 Women's and Men's Championships.

AMENITIES

- 8 championship courts with built in bleachers and lights
- 6 indoor courts
- 12 lighted and newly refinished courts on-site
- Pro Shop
- Locker rooms
- Lounge area
- Adjacent parking in paved lot and grassy areas

SPORT	AVAILABLE
Baseball	
Softball	
Soccer	
Football	
Basketball	
Lacrosse	
Rugby	
Tennis	▪
Swimming	
Wrestling	
Gymnastics	
Volleyball	
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Contact us before your next RFP to find out how we provide a brilliant event in the Champaign-Urbana area!

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