

## The Land of Pleasant Living Offers Sports For All!

**T**EAM Maryland is a statewide initiative designed to collectively market Maryland to the entire sports industry by creating a synergistic approach to the way we market ALL of Maryland as a sports destination! Learn more about some of our partners:

### Baltimore County

Located in the heart of Maryland, Baltimore County offers a vibrant community that offers something for everyone. With 21,000 equine-related acres, over 200 miles of the beautiful Chesapeake Bay waterfront, endless recreational opportunities such as Lax Splash, one of the largest competitive lacrosse tournaments in the world as well as the home of US Lacrosse, one will never run out of things to do in Baltimore County.

### Harford County

Home to nationally recognized lacrosse tournaments at Cedar Lane Regional Park and Carsins Run; historic My Lady's Manor Steeplechase Races; the 2018 Bassmaster Elite at the Chesapeake Bay; Ripken Experience/Stadium and more, Harford is a hotspot for the sport tourism industry, offering a wide variety of sports for everyone. Harford is also home to Maryland's best public golf course by *Golf Magazine*, *Golf Digest* and several others, including Bulle Rock.

### Ocean City

Hosting events from cheerleading competitions and bike shows to sand soccer and lacrosse tournaments, Ocean City is the place to be for sun, sand and sports! Located on Maryland's eastern shore, Ocean City prides itself on ITS 214,000 square feet of convention space at the Roland Powell Convention Center, as well as 10 miles of free sand and surf, three miles of the world-famous boardwalk and marvelous parks hosting first-class events year-round.

### Howard County

Referred to as "the green in between", "HoCo" offers an abundance of parks, lakes and other outdoor tourist attractions, reeling in City residents to explore the land just 20 minutes west of downtown Baltimore. Participants from across the pond and U.S. come to HoCo to play on the soccer pitches at Covenant Park or achieve a new personal best at one of the many triathlons at Centennial Park.

### Annapolis & Anne Arundel County

Home of the State's Capital, Annapolis and the county offers 17 sprawling turf fields with lighting, a 38,000 seat Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, nationally recognized Chesapeake BMX track, and 100+ multi-use fields and parks. The biggest attraction however, is the US Naval Academy; followed by perennial favorites such as Across the Bay 10K, the Military Bowl and several HoganLax lacrosse tournaments.

### Baltimore City

Charm City boasts an atmosphere of sports culture deep in its roots. Home to world-champion professional sports teams; one of the longest running sports traditions in U.S. history, the Preakness Stakes; and one of the leading fitness-wear makers in the country, Under Armour. The City's true Charm is its' hidden toughness- the perennial powerhouse Baltimore Running Festival tests even the best marathoner over the grueling 26.2-mile course — one of the toughest marathons in the country.

### Wicomico County

Located perfectly between the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay, Wicomico County is an ideal destination when it comes to sporting venues, county amenities and more. With events such as the Governor's Challenge, the largest holiday basketball tournament in the country, as well as USSSA Eastern World Series at the newly renovated Henry S. Parker

Athletic Complex, Wicomico County is a force to be reckoned with.

### Cecil County

Situated on the Upper Chesapeake Bay and easily accessible to visitors from all over the region, Cecil County boasts a premier sports destination for fishing, field sports and equestrian successes! Located a stone's throw from each other are internationally recognized Fair Hill Training Center, Fair Hill International, both situated at Fair Hill Natural Resource Area, the U.S.'s newest world-class event location in the coming years, and Calvert Regional Park. Now expanded, Calvert Regional Park hosts several lacrosse and soccer tournaments and the numbers will continue to grow annually with each tournament's success.

### Worcester County

Nestled along the Eastern Shore, Worcester County boasts miles of gorgeous shoreline, but water sports are only one of many amenities the county has to offer. With pristine facilities such as the Worcester County Recreation Center and the Northern Worcester Athletic Complex, athletes can find their game to be a one-of-a-kind experience. ■

### Maryland's Sports Commission

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*"The TEAM Maryland initiative is now 16 members strong throughout the State of Maryland. These 16 counties have identified sport tourism as a significant factor to their counties economy and have the infrastructure to host high caliber events of any scope. Maryland Sports is proud to serve as the lead entity for TEAM MD as we continue to represent the entire State of Maryland through the attraction, promotion and retention of events at every level."*

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