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Since 1979, Indianapolis has hosted more than 500 national and international sporting events including Super Bowl XLVI in 2012, 19 U.S. Olympic Team Trials and NCAA Championship events in a variety of sports.

In addition, the NCAA has brought a number of high-profile events including the Men's and Women's Final Fours, Men's Basketball First & Second Rounds and Regionals, the NCAA Convention, and the entirety of the 2021 Men's Basketball Championship. Indiana Sports Corp and the city of Indianapolis will also host the Men's and Women's Big Ten Basketball Tournament in 2022, as well as the College Football Playoff National Championship the same year. NBA All-Star game returns to the Circle City in 2024 for the first time since 1985.

The following is a list of the events that have taken place in Indianapolis since 1979, including annual events and future sporting events awarded to the city.

NCAA National Events

- NCAA Woman of the Year Awards Dinner, annually since 1998
- NCAA Convention, 2002, 2006, 2012, 2018, 2020
- NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship - Final Four, 1980, 1991, 1997, 2000, 2006, 2010, 2015, 2021*, 2026
- NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship - Regional, 1979, 2009, 2013, 2014, 2021*, 2025
- NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship - First/Second Rounds, 1982, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1996, 1999, 2003, 2005, 2017, 2021*, 2024
- NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship - Final Four, 2005, 2011, 2016
- NCAA Division II Golf Championships, 2010
- NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Quarterfinals, 2013
- NCAA Rowing Championships (Division I, II and III), 2002, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2019
- NCAA Division I Men's Swimming & Diving Championships, 1983, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1999, 2013, 2017, 2020, 2024
- NCAA Division II Men's Swimming & Diving Championships, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2023, 2025
- NCAA Division III Men's Swimming & Diving Championships 2012, 2014, 2018, 2026
- NCAA Division I Women's Swimming & Diving Championships, 1984, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1994, 1997, 2000, 2013, 2017
- NCAA Division II Women's Swimming & Diving Championships, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2023, 2025
- NCAA Division III Women's Swimming & Diving Championships 2012, 2014, 2018, 2026
- NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Indoor Track & Field Championships, 1989-94; (Division I and II): 1995-99, 2025
- NCAA Division I Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championships, 1986
- NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championships, 1987
- National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship, 1989, 2017, 2025
- NCAA Men's and Women's Fencing Championship, 2017
- NCAA Division I Women's Golf Regional, 2023
- NCAA Division II Women's Lacrosse Championship, 2023
- NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships, 2025

**Entirety of 2021 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championships held in Indiana due to COVID-19*

International Events

- USA/USSR Track Meet, 1982
- FINA World Synchronized Swimming Cup, 1985
- IAAF World Indoor Track & Field Championships, 1987
- Pan American Games, 1987
- FINA World Diving Cup, 1989
- Pan Pacific Masters Aquatic Games, 1989
- FIG World Gymnastics Championships, 1991
- World Masters Aquatic Championships, 1992
- World Rowing Championships, 1994
- World Police and Fire Games, 2001
- FIBA World Basketball Championship for Men, 2002

- USA-Australia Swim Challenge – “Duel in the Pool,” 2003
- FINA World Swimming Championship, 2004
- The Solheim Cup, 2005

National and Olympic Events

- EDS National Cycling Championships, 1993, 1994, 1995
- EDS Masters Track Cycling Championships, 2000
- U.S. Cycling Federation Masters Road Championships, 2000
- U.S. Olympic Men’s & Women’s Basketball Team Exhibitions, 1996
- U.S. Olympic Team vs. NBA All-Star Basketball Game, 1984
- U.S. Canoe/Kayak Olympic Trials, 1988
- U.S. Olympic Congress, 1996
- U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Diving, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2008, 2016, 2020
- USA Diving National Diving Championships, 2006
- USA Diving Senior National Championships, 2019
- USA Diving Junior National Championships, 2021
- U.S. Diving Indoor National Championships, 1983, 1986, 1998
- U.S. Olympic Festival (National Sports Festival), 1982
- U.S. Figure Skating National Championships, 1982
- American Cup Gymnastics Invitational, 1985
- U.S. Olympic Gymnastics Exhibition, 1984, 1992, 1996
- USA Gymnastics National Championships (P&G Championships), 1986, 1998, 2005, 2015
- National Gymnastics Congress, 1984, 1991, 1998, 2005
- USA Gymnastics Group Gymnastics National Championships, 2006
- U.S. Senior National Judo Championships, 1993, 1995
- U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Rowing, 1988
- USRowing National Championships, 1986-96, 1998, 1999, 2005, 2006
- USRowing Masters National Championships, 2001
- U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Swimming, 1984, 1992, 1996, 2000
- U.S. Open Swimming Championships, 1988, 1990, 1997, 2012
- U.S. Swimming National Championships, 1982, 1984, 1994, 2003, 2005, 2009, 2013
- Speedo Junior National Swimming Championships, 2007, 2012

- USA Swimming Indy Grand Prix, 2011, 2012
- U.S. Masters Swimming Championships, 1983, 1998, 2000
- U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Synchronized Swimming, 1984, 1988, 1996
- U.S. Synchronized Swimming National Championships, 2007
- U.S. Indoor Water Polo Championships, 1984, 1986
- U.S. Table Tennis National Championships, 1993
- U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Track and Field, 1988
- USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships, 1983, 1985, 1997, 2006, 2007
- U.S. Olympic Wrestling Trials, 2004
- U.S. Wrestling World Team Trials, 2003
- U.S. Olympic Awards Dinner, 1998

Other Collegiate Events

- Big Ten Football Championship Game, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Big Ten Women’s Basketball Tournament, 1995-2000, 2002-12, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Big Ten Men’s Basketball Tournament, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008-12, 2014, 2016, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Big Ten Men’s Basketball Tip-Off Luncheon, 1993, 1994
- Big Ten Women’s Basketball Tip-Off Luncheon, 1992-96
- Big Ten Men’s and Women’s Outdoor Track & Field Championships, 1989
- Big Ten Men’s Swimming & Diving Championships, 1983-89, 1991, 1993
- Big Ten Women’s Swimming & Diving Championships, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1997, 2000
- College Football Playoff National Championship, 2022
- Horizon League (Midwestern Collegiate Conference) Baseball Championship, 1996, 2005
- Horizon League (Midwestern Collegiate Conference) Men’s Basketball Championship, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1993, 1994, 2004
- Horizon League (Midwestern Collegiate Conference) Women’s Basketball Championship, 1994, 1998
- Horizon League (Midwestern Collegiate Conference) Men’s & Women’s Cross Country Championships, 1979-87, 1998, 2006
- Horizon League (Midwestern Collegiate Conference) Men’s Golf Championship, 1983, 1988, 1991, 1993, 2006
- Horizon League (Midwestern Collegiate Conference) Women’s Golf Championship, 2006

- Horizon League (Midwestern Collegiate Conference) Men's Indoor Track & Field Championships, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1998
- Horizon League (Midwestern Collegiate Conference) Women's Indoor Track & Field Championships, 1998
- Horizon League (Midwestern Collegiate Conference) Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championships, 1998-2007
- Horizon League (Midwestern Collegiate Conference) Men's Soccer Championship, 1987, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1998, 1999
- Horizon League (Midwestern Collegiate Conference) Women's Soccer Championship, 1993, 1994, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2004
- Horizon League (Midwestern Collegiate Conference) Softball Championship, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991-94, 2000
- Horizon League (Midwestern Collegiate Conference) Men's Tennis Championship, 1997-2013
- Horizon League (Midwestern Collegiate Conference) Women's Tennis Championship, 1992, 1993, 1997-2013
- Horizon League (Midwestern Collegiate Conference) Volleyball Championship, 1987, 1991, 1996, 2003
- Mid-American Conference Men's Golf Championships, 2006
- NAIA Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Championships, 1985
- National Invitation Tournament (NIT) Season Tip-Off, 2006
- Purdue University Basketball Boilermaker Blockbuster, 1993-2005

Other Notable Sporting Events

- Super Bowl XLVI (2012)
- NBA All-Star Basketball Game, 1985, 2024
- NBA Draft, 1994
- BMW Championships (PGA Tour), 2012, 2016
- PGA Championship, 1991
- U.S. Senior Open, 2009
- U.S. Women's Golf Open, 1993
- U.S. Women's Amateur Championship, 2007
- Hoosier Basketball Celebration, 2007
- Indy Games, 1992, 1993
- AAU Sullivan Award Dinner, 1979-95
- Indy Women in Tech LPGA Championship, 2017, 2018, 2019

Annual Events

****denotes currently still held**

- Brickyard 400 – NASCAR**
- Circle City Classic**
- Indiana Sports Corp Corporate Challenge**
- Indy Ultimate**
- Crossroads Classic**
- Indiana/Kentucky High School All-Star Basketball Game**
- Indianapolis 500**
- Lilly Diabetes 250 – NASCAR**
- NFL Scouting Combine**
- NHRA U.S. Nationals Drag Racing**
- OneAmerica 500 Festival Mini-Marathon**
- Inspiring Sports Charity Golf Tournament**
- INDYCAR Grand Prix**
- Red Bull Air Race**
- Red Bull Indianapolis GP
- Indianapolis (formerly RCA) Tennis Championships – ATP Tour
- Hoosier Basketball Classic
- PeyBack Classic
- The John Wooden Tradition – College Basketball