



This alert contains information on the conventions and sporting events that will be arriving in June and July. We hope you find this information useful for scheduling and to help welcome attendees.

June Events

OHSAA Boys and Girls State Lacrosse Championships | June 5 & 8

The Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) is the governing body of athletic programs for junior and senior high schools in the state of Ohio. It conducts state championship competitions in all the OHSAA-sanctioned sports.

Attendance:	6,000
Location:	Historic Crew Stadium
Website:	ohsaa.org
Facebook:	facebook.com/ohsaa
Group Contact:	Kate Barnett
Sports Commission Contact:	Mason Zimmer

IPMI Parking & Mobility Conference & Expo | June 9–12

The IPMI Conference & Expo brings together more than 3,500 professionals from 30+ countries around the globe, representing every level of experience and segment of the parking, transportation, and mobility industry. The event delivers four days of exceptional education, the largest display of parking and mobility specific technology and innovations, dozens of diverse networking events, and the opportunity to connect with a global community, to advance the industry.

Attendance:	3,500
Meals:	Attendees are on their own for breakfast and dinner most days, but lunch is provided.

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website: parking-mobility.org
Facebook: facebook.com/IPMI
Twitter: twitter.com/IPMI
Group Contact: [Rita A. Pagan, DES](#)
Experience Columbus Contact: [Carrie Thiel](#)

Compete Sports Diversity Summer Conference | June 12–14

The conference aims to bring together Sports Diversity leaders to foster collaboration, share insights, and drive initiatives to further promote inclusivity in sports.

Attendance: 3,000
Location: Lower.com Field
Website: competenetwork.com
Group Contact: [Connor Shane](#)
Sports Commission Contact: [Ariana Tyler](#)

Origins Game Fair | June 19–23

Origins Game Fair is an annual tabletop gaming convention hosted by GAMA and held in Columbus. On top of the 5,000+ gaming events scheduled throughout the week for attendees, we also offer a wide variety of professional programming and benefits for our members.

Attendance: 20,000
Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals.
Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website: originsgamefair.com
Facebook: facebook.com/originsgamefair
Twitter: twitter.com/originsgames
Group Contact: [John Stacy](#)
Experience Columbus Contact: [Zach Warmouth](#)

American Society for Virology Annual Meeting | June 24–28

The American Society for Virology's annual meeting provides a forum to promote discussion and collaboration among scientists active in all aspects of virology. Attendees will have the chance to learn about virology, share their research, and network with other scientists.

Attendance: 1,500
Meals: Meals are provided for attendees.
Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website: asv.org
Facebook: facebook.com/AmerSocViroI
Twitter: twitter.com/AmerSocViroI
Group Contact: [Dr. Katherine Spindler](#)
Experience Columbus Contact: [Zach Warmouth](#)

National Association of College & University Attorneys Annual Conference | June 26–29

The NACUA Annual Conference is the most popular program offered by NACUA, attracting hundreds of higher education attorneys each year. Held in June, the Conference focuses on current issues and legal developments in the field of higher education law.

Attendance:	1,500
Meals:	Some meals are provided for attendees.
Location:	Hyatt Regency Columbus and the Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website:	nacua.org
Facebook:	N/A
Twitter:	twitter.com/nacua
Group Contact:	Meredith McMillan
Experience Columbus Contact:	Carrie Thiel

USA Fencing National Championships and July Challenge | June 29–July 8

The Fencing National Championships and the July Challenge represent the highest levels of domestic fencing competition.

Attendance:	6,000
Location:	Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website:	usafencing.org/nationals
Facebook:	facebook.com/fencing
Group Contact:	Glen Hollingsworth
Sports Commission Contact:	Ariana Tyler

July Events

Fastpitch Showdowns Buckeye Showdown Recruitfest | July 5–7

Join us at the biggest recruiting tournament east of the Mississippi at Berliner Park! With over 100 college coaches in attendance, Columbus is the place to be seen on July 5-7. All teams get a 5 game guarantee!

Attendance:	7,000
Location:	Lou Berliner Sports Complex
Website:	fastpitchshowdowns.com
Facebook:	facebook.com/FastpitchShowdowns
Group Contact:	Ash Beckham
Sports Commission Contact:	Jason Abady

Fastpitch Showdowns North American All-Sanctioned World Series 16+ | July 12–14

Founded on the mission to create the perfect tournament, Fastpitch Showdowns uses their decades of experience as athletes, coaches, and tournament directors in fastpitch. They believe those

essential components include lots of games, a competitive spirit, and most importantly a love for the game.

Attendance: 7,000
Location: Lou Berliner Sports Complex
Website: fastpitchshowdowns.com
Facebook: facebook.com/FastpitchShowdowns
Group Contact: [Ash Beckham](#)
Sports Commission Contact: [Jason Abady](#)

Cultivate – An AmericanHort Experience | July 13–16

AmericanHort, the leading national association for the green industry, will host Cultivate'24—the premier event for the entire green industry—at the Greater Columbus Convention Center July 13-16, 2024. From greenhouse and nursery growers, retailers, distributors, interior and exterior landscapers, florists, students, educators, researchers and manufacturers, Cultivate is known to attract thousands of industry professionals and visitors from all 50 states and over 40 countries.

Attendance: 10,000
Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals. Monday dining options are KEY for this group.
Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website: americanhort.org
Facebook: facebook.com/AmericanHort
Twitter: twitter.com/American_Hort
Group Contact: [Bill Behrens](#)
Experience Columbus Contact: [Zach Warmouth](#)

Thirty-One Gifts Annual Convention | July 18–22

Since 2003, Thirty-One Gifts has empowered thousands of women to build their own businesses—when, where and how they want. Thirty-One Gifts is one of America's fastest-growing direct-selling companies that is committed to helping women celebrate, encourage and reward themselves through running their own business as Thirty-One consultants and offering unique gift products to their customers.

Attendance: 3,000
Meals: Attendees are on their own for most meals.
Location: Hyatt Regency Columbus & Batelle Ballroom
Website: thirtyonegifts.com
Twitter: twitter.com/ThirtyOne
Group Contact: [Jessica Leadingham](#)
Experience Columbus Contact: [Carrie Thiel](#)

Animate! | July 19–21

It's an animation celebration as GalaxyCon Presents ANIMATE! COLUMBUS. Join us for three days of anime, animation, cosplay, and more! They feature entertainment, Q&As, video and tabletop gaming, panels, costume contests, cosplay wrestling, and so much more fandom for you to explore.

Attendance: 6,000

Meals: Attendees are on their own for meals. Please note the late hours for this event: Friday, 2:00pm–2:00am, Saturday, 10:00am–2:00am, Sunday, 10:00am–8:00pm.

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Website: galaxycon.com

Twitter: twitter.com/GalaxyConOnline

Group Contact: [Mike Broder](#)

Experience Columbus Contact: [Jeremy Tipton](#)

Fastpitch Showdowns North American All-Sanctioned World Series 14U | July 19–21

Founded on the mission to create the perfect tournament, Fastpitch Showdowns uses their decades of experience as athletes, coaches, and tournament directors in Fastpitch. They believe those essential components include lots of games, a competitive spirit, and most importantly a love for the game.

Attendance: 8,000

Location: Lou Berliner Sports Complex

Website: fastpitchshowdowns.com

Facebook: facebook.com/FastpitchShowdowns

Group Contact: [Ash Beckham](#)

Sports Commission Contact: [Jason Abady](#)

Major League Soccer All-Star Game | July 24

The MLS All-Stars take on the best from LIGA MX as the league's annual spectacle returns to Columbus for the third time in history and first at Lower.com Field. In addition to the match, the Crew and City of Columbus will host a week-long celebration of soccer and culture with concerts, fan events, community programming and additional soccer competitions, including the 2024 MLS All-Star Skills Challenge presented by AT&T 5G.

Attendance: 20,000

Location: Lower.com Field

Website: mlssoccer.com

Facebook: facebook.com/MLS

Group Contact: [Kristin Bernert](#)

Sports Commission Contact: [Ariana Tyler](#)

Fastpitch Showdowns North American All-Sanctioned World Series 8–12 | July 26–28

Founded on the mission to create the perfect tournament, Fastpitch Showdowns uses their decades of experience as athletes, coaches, and tournament directors in fastpitch. They believe those essential components include lots of games, a competitive spirit, and most importantly a love for the game.

Attendance: 10,000

Location: Lou Berliner Sports Complex

Website: fastpitchshowdowns.com

Facebook: [facebook.com/FastpitchShowdowns](https://www.facebook.com/FastpitchShowdowns)
Group Contact: [Ash Beckham](#)
Sports Commission Contact: [Jason Abady](#)

Color Street National Conference | July 26–28

Color Street—inspired by New York’s, “City That Never Sleeps” nonstop energy and wildly colorful fusion of cultures—offers a vast array of colors and nail art design, direct to Independent Stylists and ultimately to clients. We believe that every person can be their own boss, dreamer, and recognize the brilliance within.

Attendance: 5,000
Meals: Attendees are on their own for most meals.
Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website: colorstreet.com
Facebook: [facebook.com/becolorstreet](https://www.facebook.com/becolorstreet)
Twitter: twitter.com/colorstreet
Group Contact: [Val Panek](#)
Experience Columbus Contact: [Carrie Thiel](#)

Columbus Crew vs. Aston Villa | July 27

Wear Black & Gold to support the Columbus Crew in the Leagues Cup Showcase as they take on the Premier League's Ashton Villa at Lower.com Field.

Attendance: 20,000
Location: Lower.com Field
Website: columbuscrew.com
Facebook: [facebook.com/ColumbusCrew](https://www.facebook.com/ColumbusCrew)
Group Contact: [Mary Shepro](#)
Sports Commission Contact: [Ariana Tyler](#)

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