

PLAY

Maryland's Coast



Host Your Event on MARYLAND'S

Coast

WORCESTER COUNTY
Recreation & Parks

Your Partners in Planning

Choose Maryland's Coast and you can expect the full support of Team Worcester County. Captained by the Department of Recreation, Parks, Tourism and Economic Development, our staff of experienced professionals is ready to help plan and coordinate your next sports event. From site selection and scheduling to hotels and health care services, you'll benefit from our extensive network of partnerships throughout the region.

We've been welcoming vacationers and creating family memories for generations of visitors. Come see why your athletes should play on Maryland's Coast.

We're Close, Fun and Accessible

Host your tournament or event on Maryland's Coast where athletes can play at an entertaining year-round destination that is both easy to access and an exciting escape for the entire family. Bordering the Atlantic Ocean in the heart of the Delmarva Peninsula, we're just a 2.5-hour drive from Baltimore, Norfolk, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. and a half-day trip from New York City, Pittsburgh, Raleigh, Richmond and other major metro areas on the Eastern seaboard.

For those traveling longer distances, air service is available from nearby Salisbury Airport with connecting flights through Charlotte and Philadelphia.



“Working with Worcester County has been outstanding. Their staff is very supportive, facilities are very clean and the fields have been upgraded to meet all USA softball standards. Worcester County is a great place to do business!”

—Jack Hutcherson,
Commissioner, USA Softball MD, DC & DE

“I want to thank the Worcester County staff for helping us launch the inaugural Maryland Coast Bike Festival. They made every aspect of the process smooth and their communication was great. The mid-Atlantic bike community has really embraced our efforts to create the premier destination ride on Maryland's Coast.”

Don Abramson, Coastal Events LLC



Enjoy a 'Playcation' on Maryland's Coast

Maryland's Coast offers a complete package of hospitality and entertainment that's sure to boost individual or team participation for any tournament or event you host. It's why so many athletes and accompanying family members come to our shores for a "playcation" that combines competition with an extended stay.

Sand & Surf

It's the main attraction and we have plenty... 37 miles of pristine beach that includes the vibrant coastal resort town of Ocean City, Maryland (OC as we like to call it) and the magnificent Assateague Island National Seashore. Beach rentals make it easy for your athletes to pack light and enjoy time in the sand and surf. During the season, designated areas are life guard-protected.

Amusements & Entertainment

When the games are over, the action keeps on going at more than a dozen amusement and water parks on Maryland's Coast. From carousels, coasters and big wheels at the OC Inlet to go-karts, bumper cars, mini golf and water slides throughout north Worcester County, there are thrills for every family member.

OC Boardwalk

It's a short trip over the bridge to Ocean City. Once there, athletes and family members can ride the tram, rent

a bike or stroll the three-mile Boardwalk that is open year-round. Along the way, they'll celebrate a victory by indulging in classic boardwalk fare like caramel corn, hand-cut fries, frozen custard, fudge and saltwater taffy.

Shops & Small Towns

Berlin, Pocomoke City and Snow Hill – where many of our athletic complexes are located – are bursting with main street charm. A variety of galleries, boutiques, pubs, restaurants, surf shops and specialty stores are waiting to be explored. Outlets Ocean City offers bargains from more than 40 national brands.

Many Places to Stay

There's no shortage of accommodations on Maryland's Coast – more than 11,000 hotel rooms and 28,000+ vacation rentals throughout Worcester County. Mid-scale and budget chain hotels in West OC and Pocomoke City put athletes close to competition sites in north and south county. Other accommodations are

located near the beach in Ocean City where great rates are available off-season.

For outdoor enthusiasts, there are eight campgrounds offering thousands of campsites. They include waterside spaces at Assateague Island and Pocomoke River state parks, and cottage, RV and trailer sites at other locations.

Crabs & Fresh Catch

Our local seafood may be the only motivation your athletes need to visit Maryland's Coast. Late spring through early fall is crab season. Crab houses offer them steamed with spicy seasoning, while nearly every restaurant serves a classic crab cake entrée. Commercial boats bring their fresh catch to the OC Harbor where just hours later it's served at local dining spots.

For the Adults

Players seeking to toast a win or personal best migrate to bayside and riverfront favorites where live music is backed by panoramic views and stunning sunsets. Craft beverages and wines are made and served at eight breweries, distilleries and vineyards on Maryland's Coast.



Field Sports

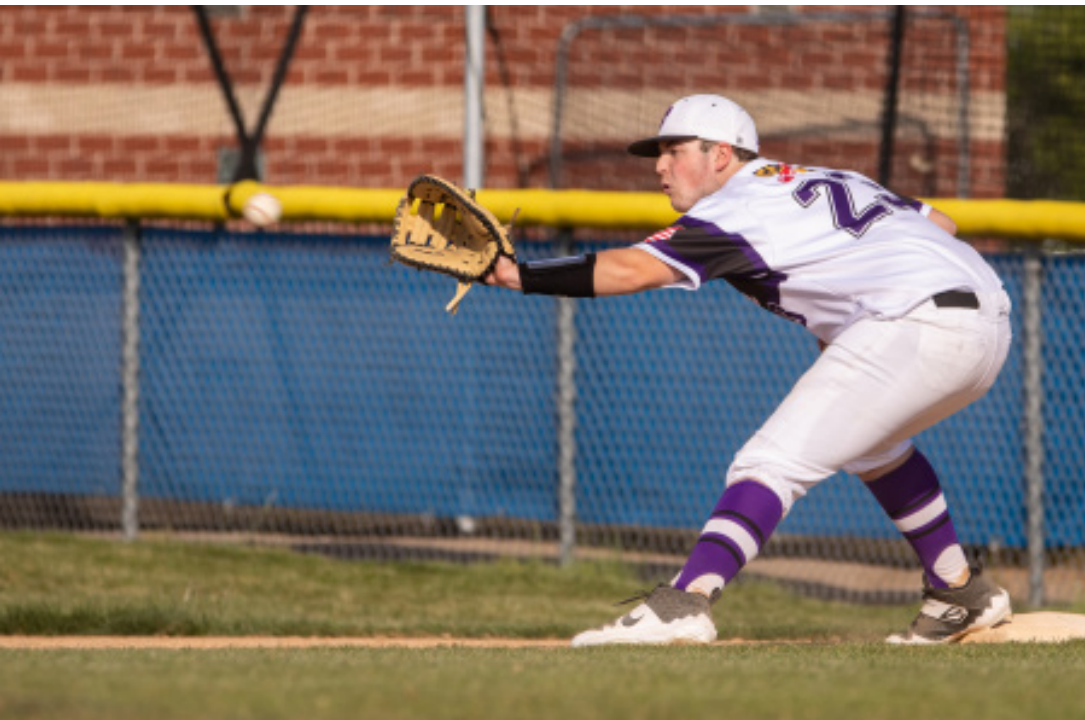
A myriad of field-sport tournaments find a home base on Maryland's Coast.

Our athletic complexes routinely host national and regional competitions for baseball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, rugby, softball and soccer. By choosing multiple facilities, you can maximize scheduling opportunities so teams play as many games as possible.

Recent tournaments include: Beach Lax Fest and OC Lax Fest, East Coast Super Cup youth soccer, Mid-Atlantic Wiffle Ball and USA Softball Eastern Nationals.

Every recreational park in Worcester County offers configurations for baseball and softball in addition to multipurpose fields to host a variety of sports. A large number of the fields are lit for nighttime play.

All public fields include ample parking, concession stands, pavilions, playgrounds, trails and other amenities for athletes and their families.



Our Facilities

John Walter Smith Park

6022 Public Landing Rd.
Snow Hill, MD 21863

Newtown Park

2001 Groton Rd.
Pocomoke City, MD 21851

Northern Worcester Athletic Complex

9906 Buckingham Ln.
Berlin, MD 21811

Showell Park

11281 Racetrack Rd.
Berlin, MD 21811

Additional Fields for Games

We can provide even more space to host your games by including Northside Park in OC, fields at three Worcester County high schools and select private facilities.

Indoor Sports

The Worcester County Recreation Center (WCRC) in Snow Hill is your hub for indoor sports on Maryland Coast.

Our 520-seat arena hosts tournaments for basketball, cheer/dance, gymnastics, indoor lacrosse, pickleball, soccer/futsal, tennis, indoor track & field, volleyball and wrestling.

Recent WCRC events include: Battle on the Beach basketball, Beach Fest volleyball, Jersey Shore Rhythmic Illusions, War on the Shore futsal and the USA National Umpire Clinic.

WCRC Court Configuration

The 47,000 square-foot, climate-controlled-space has two multipurpose courts. Additional courts can be added allowing for six volleyball or four basketball games to take place in one location.

The flooring throughout the WCRC – designed for increased return on energy – offers a shock-absorbing

cushion for players. The track circling the gym helps athletes warm up before competition.

Team Hospitality

Two locker rooms with showers accommodate participants, and a fitness center is used for pre and post-game lifting and stretching. Two rooms within the WCRC host team check-ins and meetings or hospitality areas for coaches, parents and referees. The rooms include TVs for relaxation or reviewing game footage. Large public restrooms are located in the lobby along with a concession stand serving drinks and hot foods.

Ample space for team parking and motorcoaches is available outside, and a covered pavilion is popular for team meetings and meals.

Even More Facilities

In addition to the WCRC, three public high school gyms in Worcester County, select private facilities and the 214,000 square-foot Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City provide Maryland's Coast with more options for hosting indoor events.



Endurance and Obstacle Competitions

With wooded trails, flat country roads, sandy beaches and miles of river, bay and ocean waters, Maryland's Coast offers all the natural components needed to host large-scale endurance and obstacle events.

From triathlons and marathons to cycling events and obstacle challenges, thousands of visitors come to our shores annually to test their agility and stamina.

Recent events staged on Maryland's Coast include the Back Bay, OCMD, and Pocomoke sprint triathlons; Maryland Coast Bike Festival; the Ocean Games swimming and kayak competition; and the Ocean City Spartan Sprint.



Water Events

Combining our Atlantic beaches with 227 square miles of bays and waterways, Maryland's Coast is ready to host a variety of events on the water. Fifteen no-fee, public boat ramps make it easy to launch, and our experienced charter captains, guides and outfitters can help with planning any event.

Paddling

Meandering through the county's center and the towns of Snow Hill and Pocomoke City, the moderately trafficked Pocomoke River is one of the mid-Atlantic's top choices for canoe, kayak and SUP flat-water paddling events.

Fishing

Maryland's Coast hosts 15 annual fishing tournaments, including the world famous White Marlin Open. Boats leave the OC Harbor for billfish and tuna in the Atlantic canyons. The Pocomoke River's brackish waters are influenced by gentle tides, which create unique conditions for bass fishing tournaments.

Surfing

Assateague Island and the OC beaches are home to some of the East Coast's best wave riding. With consistent breaks, they are popular spots for surfing tournaments.

Wind Sports

Catamaran sailors, kite boarders and windsurfers cut loose on Assawoman, Chincoteague, Isle of Wight and Sinepuxent bays. Multiple launches offer varying speeds and wind directions to suit all levels of competition.



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Golf Maryland's Coast

With championship courses offering sweeping vistas of coastal bays, pine forests and tidal marshes at every hole, Maryland's Coast is the ultimate destination for golf tournaments and getaway outings with friends.

Nine courses are available for tournaments, charitable events and driving competitions, including those designed by Pete & PB Dye, Michael Hurdzan, Robert Trent Jones and Gary Player. On-course condominiums, nearby hotels and vacation rentals make it easy for you to host multi-day tourneys and charitable events that attract players of every age and skill set.

Tournaments held on Maryland's Coast links include: International Junior Golf Tour, Tour UA National Championship, Under Armour Junior Tour and US Am Tour War on the Shore. The Ravens Roost Scholarship Golf Tournament and Shamrock Shootout are among the charity events that return year after year.



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