



VISIT KNOXVILLE SPORTS COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO HOST

2026 & 2027

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL TRACK
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



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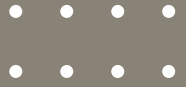
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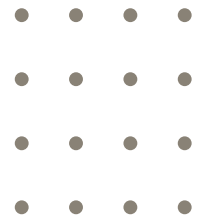
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KNOXVILLE

TENNESSEE



Knoxville is a top city for sports events, with venues like the Knoxville Convention Center (KCC) hosting numerous competitions, including youth basketball and volleyball tournaments. Located by the Tennessee River, Knoxville offers a great experience for athletes and fans, with many venues within walking distance of downtown and the University of Tennessee. The area also boasts an abundance of restaurants, attractions, and entertainment.



**LOCATED ON THE BANKS OF
THE TENNESSEE RIVER**

**WITHIN A DAY'S DRIVE OF HALF OF THE U.S.
POPULATION**

**OVER 90 RESTAURANTS WITHIN ONE
SQUARE MILE OF DOWNTOWN**

**HOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE,
KNOXVILLE, THE FLAGSHIP INSTITUTION OF
TENNESSEE**





The Basics

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Drive

Knoxville is within a day's drive of half the continental U.S. (located just off I-40 and I-75 and just minutes from I-81)



Fly

Knoxville boasts over 120 daily flights from more than 30 nonstop destinations from McGhee Tyson Airport (TYS), 12 miles from downtown



Stay

Knoxville offers nearly 9,600 guest rooms countywide, including over 1,800 rooms downtown.



EAT

Indulge in one of the 90+ restaurants located within one squared mile of downtown



DO

Attractions - fill this in



RECENT EVENTS

Knoxville, TN is known for its reputation as a classic sports town. Some notable past & upcoming sporting events include:



- 2023 Bassmaster Classic
- 2023 NCAA DI Swimming & Diving National Championships
- 2023 AAU Girls Basketball World Championships
- 2024 USA Diving Olympic Trials

We would love to add yours to our portfolio.

Visit Knox Sports Team

Knoxville, Tennessee, stands ready to be the premier host city for your upcoming sporting event. We're more than just a location – we're your dedicated partner, providing the coordination, planning, promotion, and fan experience support to achieve your goals. Our team brings a wealth of experience in managing diverse sporting events, coupled with the expertise to navigate every logistical challenge. Leveraging our extensive resources and deep local connections in Knoxville, we ensure your event runs smoothly and leaves a lasting positive impact.

Meet the team



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*Sports Commission &
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*Sports Sales
Director*



Heath Schatz
*Sports Sales
Manager*



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BASEBALL



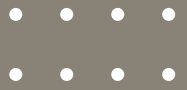
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

THE DETAILS

- Dates proposed to hosting:
 - 2026: May 19th - May 22nd
 - 2027: May 25th - May 28th
- Visit Knox Sports will work with Knox County Athletic Director Bryan Brown to secure 10 Knox County High Schools for preliminary games (will secure 11 fields if awarded both high school and middle school championships)
- Covenant Health Park could also potentially be utilized as a preliminary game site
- All venues will include the following:
 - Proper high school dimensions as contained in the NFHS Baseball Rules Book
 - Proper lighting for night games
 - Tarps
 - Field Maintenance Plan



BASEBALL



POTENTIAL CHAMPIONSHIP VENUES

PHOTOS



PROPOSED FACILITY

LINDSEY NELSON STADIUM



THE DETAILS

- Home of the 2024 Men's College World Series Champion Tennessee Volunteers
- Seating capacity of 6,298
- Field Turf with great drainage and traditional dirt mound
- Newly renovated for 2026 season

PROPOSED FACILITY

COVENANT HEALTH PARK



ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- Home of the Chicago Cubs AA Affiliate Knoxville Smokies
- Potential preliminary game site
- Opened in 2025
- Capacity: 6,412
- Located in the heart of the old city, just minutes walk from downtown
- 130' long Tennessee shaped scoreboard

TRACK & FIELD

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

THE DETAILS

- Dates proposed to hosting:
 - 2026: May 18th - May 21st
 - 2027: May 24th - May 27th
- Visit Knox Sports will work with the University of Tennessee to host the events at Tom Black Track
- Venue will include the following:
 - 8-lane, 42-inch wide track with proper markings as designated in the NFHS Track & Field and Cross Country Rules Book
 - Ability to run the following field events concurrently in accordance with NFHS Track & Field rules book (2 high jumps, 2 long jump, shot put, discus, triple jump, and pole vault)
 - Proper lighting for night competition

PROPOSED FACILITY

TOM BLACK TRACK



THE DETAILS

- 8 lane, all-weather running surface
- Seating capacity of 7,500
- Includes lighting for night events
- Located 0.6 miles (6 minute walk) from Baseball Stadium

Host Responsibilities



Visit Knox Sports is committed to providing:

- Extraordinary venues
- Concession options at venues
- Police and security (including crowd control plan)
- Medical coverage
- Facility maintenance
- Ticket sales area
- Adequate parking
- Hospitality capabilities
- Location for officials to dress and meet
- A working area for TSSAA staff, media, and other VIP's
- Internet capacity to livestream events
- Hotel options for participating teams/spectators



Financial

Visit Knox Sports will commit the following for all the events if awarded:

For Track & Field - \$20,000 cash

For Baseball - \$14,000 cash





END OF
PROPOSAL

THANK YOU