



President's Message

After 15 years the Utah Sports Commission with the support of many Team Utah partners, have helped host approximately 700 events in Utah. The national and international exposure that has been garnered since inception, has showcased Utah's sports venues and scenic beauty to the world playing a key role in shaping and promoting Utah, "The State of Sport" image worldwide. Significant economic impact to our state has also occurred from hosting these events.

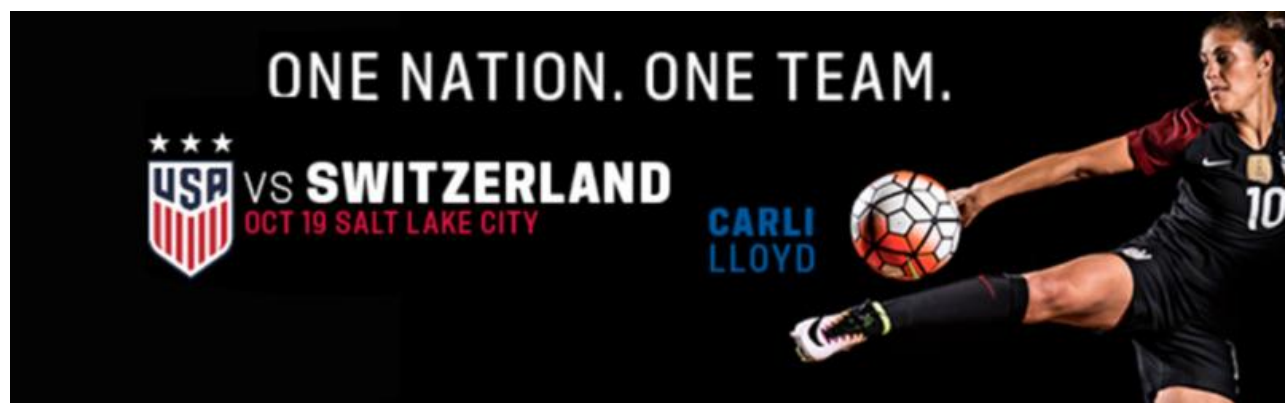
With upcoming events like Red Bull Rampage, Huntsman World Senior Games, U.S. Women's Soccer Team vs. Switzerland, FIL Luge World Cup, ISU Short Track Speed Skating, IBSF Para Bobsled & Skeleton World Cup, and test events, Grand Prix Ski Cross/FIS World Cup Snowboard Cross in preparation for the 2019 World Championships, we continue to be a leader nationally and internationally in attracting, retaining and leveraging these events and Utah's sports industry to grow Utah's economy and promote the Utah brand and Olympic Legacy.

I'd like to recognize the accomplishments from the past 15 years and the tremendous time and effort many have rendered to make Utah, the State of Sport, and help Utah remain ready, willing and able should an opportunity arise to welcome the world back to Utah. Thank you, and we look forward to the next 15 years.

Best Regards,

Jeff Robbins
President & CEO
Utah Sports Commission

In the News...



U.S. Women's National Team to Host Switzerland Oct. 19 at Rio Tinto Stadium

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Solitude Joins Venue Line Up for 2019 World Championships

The U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) announced that Solitude Mountain Resort will host the snowboardcross and ski cross events for the 2019 FIS Freestyle and Snowboard World Championships. In preparation for the World Championships, Solitude will host a test event, featuring a snowboardcross FIS World Cup and Grand Prix skicross event, Jan. 19-22, 2017. The test event will be the second stop on the U.S. Grand Prix tour for the 2016-17 season.

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Events Recap

XTERRA Pan American Championship

Josiah Middaugh out-stretched Braden Currie at the finish line to take the tape by 7/100th of a second and win the inaugural XTERRA Pan America Championship race on a beautiful day at Snowbasin Resort near Ogden, Utah this morning. It's the closest finish in XTERRA's 21-year-history, 2:20:23.57 to 2:20:23.64.

In the women's elite race Suzie Snyder came out of the water with Julie Baker, was first out of the swim-to-bike transition, took a five-minute lead onto the run and won the race in 2:51:51.

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via XTERRAplanet.com



via XTERRA Instagram

XTERRA Trail Run Nationals

Patrick Smyth of Santa Fe, New Mexico and Liz Stephen from Park City, Utah defended their Paul Mitchell XTERRA Trail Run National Championship half-marathon titles on a picture-perfect day for running up and around Snowbasin Resort.

Smyth clocked in at 1:14:48 (5:42 pace), nearly five minutes ahead of runner-up Anthony Costales of Salt Lake City. Stephen ran it in 1:31:08, more than eight minutes ahead of Ogden's Amber Schultz.

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Tour of Utah

PARK CITY, Utah - Australian Lachlan Morton of Jelly Belly presented by MAXXIS Cycling Team attacked on the Hors Catégorie climb of Empire Pass to win Stage 7 presented by Utah Sports Commission and clinched the overall general classification victory at the seven-day 2016 Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah. An inspired Morton, who lost the yellow Larry H. Miller Group of Companies Race Leader jersey on Stage 6, accelerated away from G.C. leader Andrew Talansky (USA) of Cannondale-Drpac Pro Cycling for the win in Historic Park City.

Morton covered the 78-mile course in three hours and eight minutes. For the overall title, Morton finished with a final time of 27 hours and 12 minutes for the week.



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Vivint Smart Home Arena

UFC Fight Night Salt Lake City

It lived up to the hype. Yair Rodriguez and Alex Caceres engaged in a ninja-like aerial assault and wowed fans in Salt Lake City and around the U.S. watching on FS1. "El Pantera" Rodriguez did enough after 25 minutes to earn the split decision win (46-49, 48-47, 48-47). While Court McGee delivered in front of his home city, taking a unanimous decision (30-27, 29-28, 29-28) against Dominique Steele.

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Nitro World Games

The greatest action sports competition of all time came to Salt Lake City and left a sea of broken records and stunned on-lookers in its wake. See the complete list of winners at link below.

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USA Swimming Western Zones Championship

USA Swimming's 2016 Western Zone Age Group Championships were held at Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center in Kearns, Utah hosted by Utah Swimming. The four day championship swim meet, with approximately 700 athletes ages 8-14 from 14 western states, had athletes compete on one of 17 "all-star" teams from their state or region. For a list of complete results please click below.

[Complete results...](#)

National Veterans Wheelchair Games

Nearly 600 Veterans from across the country participated in the 36th National Veterans Wheelchair Games June 27 - July 2 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Veterans competed in a variety of adaptive sports, including wheelchair basketball, quad rugby, archery, triathlon, track and field, swimming, softball, slalom, nine ball and boccia.

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Photo by: Ray Taggart

Web.com Tour Utah Championship

Every time Nicholas Lindheim's lead got shaky during the Final Round, the self-taught 31-year-old brought his best golf as an answer. When Lindheim's lead dropped to just two shots at the 15th tee after a J.J. Spaun birdie, Lindheim striped a 4-iron that nearly went in before stopping just 2 feet from the hole on the way to a birdie. That was the type of mettle Lindheim, a two-time winner on PGA TOUR Latinoamerica, showed throughout Sunday's final round, securing his first career Web.com Tour at the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank with a final-round, 2-under 69 at the Golf Club at Thanksgiving Point.

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USA Women's Rugby Super Series

The 2016 Women's Rugby Super Series concluded at Regional Athletic Complex Saturday with England securing a final, 39-13, victory over the Women's Eagles. The U.S. finishes the tournament winless following earlier defeats to France and Canada, with the border rival the only undefeated team, winning the tournament title. The Eagles were coached by Associate Head Coach Peter Baggetta in the build-up to and during Saturday's match as a warm-up to the upcoming Fall Tour, during which Head Coach Pete Steinberg will be away from the team due to personal commitments.

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Utah Jazz Summer League

Ben Simmons made his return after sitting out with calf cramps as the Huntsman Center hosted the third and final Utah Jazz Summer League game on Thursday night. The Philadelphia 76ers pulled away 86-75, leaving Salt Lake City with its only win.

[Read full article via Salt Lake Tribune...](#)

Real Salt Lake vs. Inter Milan

SANDY, Utah - It took a flash of world-class skill in the 92nd minute to decide Tuesday night's international friendly between Inter Milan and Real Salt Lake, as Inter's Stevan Jovetic pulled off a phenomenal backheel for the game-winner in a 2-1 stoppage-time win at Rio Tinto Stadium

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Photo via Real Salt Lake Facebook



Days of '47 Rodeo

In the final night of the event, Guthrie Murray went last out of 12 riders in the bull riding competition and scored 87 points, winning the event and earning \$4,791.66.

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USTA Intermountain Labor Day Master's Tournament

Junior Labor Day Sectional Champions:

- Boys 12s: Caden Hasler
- Boys 14s: Quinn Vandecasteele (with Isaac Smith from Utah placing 2nd)
- Boys 16s: Redd Owen
- Boys 18: Luke Vandecasteele
- Girls 14s: Emmie Moore
- Girls 16s: Jacque Dunnyon
- Girls 18s: Annalies County placed 2nd.

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2016 Native American World Series

The 21st Annual NISA Native American World Series played in Salt Lake City, Utah September 23-25 at the Valley Softball Complex. NISA has the largest Native American World Series in the United States and has an estimated \$1.5 million in economic impact to our state.

U.S. INTERNATIONAL CLASSIC AND CHALLENGE SKATE

Team USA won seven medals at the U.S. International Classic, including Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue earning the gold by a significant margin over the second-place duo, Japan's Chris Reed and Kana Muramoto, who scored a 90.08 for the free skate, giving them a combined score of 151.18. Canada's Alexandra Paul and Mitchell Islam earned bronze with a free skate score of 87.26 and an overall total of 141.20.

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via @usfigureskating Instagram

Upcoming Events



US Short Track Fall World Cup Qualifier

October 1-2, 2016
Utah Olympic Oval
utaholympiclegacy.org/oval

Ever see what it takes to qualify for a World Cup Speed Skating Short Track event? This October, the fast-paced action of Short Track Speed Skating descends on the Utah Olympic Oval! Come cheer on short track speed skaters from around the United States as they race to qualify for a spot to represent the US in the prestigious World Cup circuit.

Huntsman World Senior Games

Estimated Economic Impact: \$19.7 million

October 3-15, 2016
St. George
seniorgames.net

The Huntsman World Senior Games is the largest annual multi-sport event in the world for athletes 50 and over. In addition to athletic events, the Games promote health by providing life saving health screenings for cancer-breast and prostate. Screenings also detect other serious health threats--glaucoma, diabetes, high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, and decreased bone density. Volunteer medical and nursing students assist with the screenings and generous sponsors provide diagnostic equipment and services.



Red Bull Rampage

Estimated Economic Impact: \$4 million

October 14, 2016



Photo Courtesy Bartek Wolinski/Red Bull Content Pool

Virgin, Utah

www.redbull.com/us/en/bike

The uniquely demanding terrain of Virgin, Utah, once again beckons the best mountain bike riders to the desert to compete for glory in one of the biggest tests of skill and guts in the world. Judged by former competitors, the 21 invited athletes have found an all-new event zone with more natural terrain options than recent years - returning the 11th edition of Rampage to the roots of big mountain riding, raw and untamed. See it as part of the Red Bull Signature Series LIVE only on Red Bull TV Friday, October 14 and as a highlight program on NBC Saturday, November 12.

U.S. Women's Soccer vs. Switzerland

October 19, 2016

Rio Tinto Stadium

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International Skating Union World Cup Speed Skating Short Track

November 11-13, 2016

Utah Olympic Oval

utaholympiclegacy.org/oval-events

The International Skating Union's (ISU) four international events makes its second stop right here in Utah. Over 150 Short Track Speed Skaters from around the world representing 24 countries will compete in hopes of gaining valuable World Cup points.



IBSF Para Bobsled & Skeleton World Cup

November 15-19, 2016

Utah Olympic Park

<http://utaholympiclegacy.org>

With its high speed descent down a frozen twisting ice chute the sport of Bobsleigh and Skeleton tests an athlete's strength, finesse and courage. Elite athletes with an impairment will compete at the International Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation Para-bobsled and Para-skeleton World Cup November 15-19 at Utah Olympic Park in Park City, Utah.

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