

# Bid Bowl

## Sports Event & Franchise Bidding Highlights

EVENT	STATUS	HISTORY	INSIDE TRACK
<b>International Rugby Board</b> 2015 and 2019 World Cup	Host country will be announced July 2009	New Zealand, 2011; France, 2007; Australia, 2003; Wales, 1999; South Africa, 1995	The International Rugby Board met in July in Hong Kong and decided to announce the host countries for the 2015 and 2019 World Cup next July. The event is staged every four years and has become one of the biggest sports events in the world since its inception in 1987. The 2007 World Cup in France had a global TV audience of 4 billion with 2.2 million fans attending matches. For more information and updates on the International Rugby Board's selection of the 2015 host country, visit <a href="http://irb.com">irb.com</a> .
<b>USA Cycling</b> 2009 and 2010 Cyclo-cross National Championships	Open for bids through November 1, 2008	Kansas City, 2007-08; Providence, 2005-06; Portland (OR), 2003-04	USA Cycling's Cyclo-cross National Championships is an all-inclusive national championship event that caters to 1,500 competitors from across the United States. The event crowns national champions in all ages and categories including junior, under-23, collegiate, masters and professional men's and women's ranks. The event attracts 15,000 spectators over the course of five days. To align itself with the international calendar, the national championships for the 2009 season will occur in January 2010, while the championships for the 2010 season will occur in January 2011. For more information, contact Justin Rogers at (719) 866-3266 or <a href="mailto:jrogers@usacycling.org">jrogers@usacycling.org</a> .
<b>USA Judo</b> 2009 U.S. Open	Open for bids through September 30, 2008	Colorado Springs, 2008; Gwinnett (GA), 2007; Miami, 2006; Ft. Lauderdale (FL), 2005;	Since 1981, the U.S. Open has been the premier international event hosted by USA Judo. Elite athletes who are potential Olympic contenders from around the world attend this event. Typical attendance is 400-600 athletes and room nights generated range from 700-1,200. The U.S. Open is a three-day event consisting of senior elites, masters and kata competitors. The event is also paired with USA Judo's bi-annual meetings. Convention centers and arenas are excellent venues for this event as well as large universities. Proximity to a major airport also plays a key role in selection due to the international nature of the event. For more information, contact Sherrie Phillips at (719) 491-9682 or <a href="mailto:sportsconsult@aol.com">sportsconsult@aol.com</a> .
<b>USA Triathlon</b> 2011 and 2012 Collegiate National Championship	Open for bids through December 31, 2008	Tuscaloosa (AL), 2008-07; Reno, 2006; Lake Havasu (AZ), 2005-04	The event is a three-day multisport festival that takes place in April. USA Triathlon prefers that the event host be a local university or college that will participate in the planning of the event. The Collegiate National Championship is a competition that attracts more than 100 collegiate teams. The collegiate course consists of a 1.5K swim, 40K bike and a 10K run. For more information, contact Jeff Dyrek at (719) 955-2815 or <a href="mailto:jeff@usatriathlon.com">jeff@usatriathlon.com</a> .
<b>USA Water Polo</b> 2009 Women's 20 & Under National Championships	Open for bids through December 31, 2008	Moraga (CA), 2008; Bakersfield (CA), 2007; Mission Viejo (CA), 2006	The event requires two pools to accommodate 16 teams and 300 athletes. The event takes place each July with the 2009 national championships scheduled for the 14-16 or 21-23 of the month. Hosts may retain gate receipts, concession receipts, a portion of merchandise sales and local sponsorship revenue. For more information, contact Susan Warner Hopkins at (714) 500-5416 or <a href="mailto:swarner@usawaterpolo.org">swarner@usawaterpolo.org</a> .

## Recently Awarded

### CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

**USA Rugby Match**, August 9, 2008

**Venue:** Blackbaud Stadium

**Contact:** Charleston Metro Sports Council at (843) 805-3030

### CHARLOTTE HARBOR & THE GULF ISLANDS, FLORIDA

**Snowbird Baseball Classic**, February 21-March 28, 2009

**Venue:** Various Charlotte County and Sarasota County baseball fields

**Contact:** Charlotte Harbor Visitor's Bureau at (941) 743-1900

### FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA AND MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA

**2009 Intl. Ice Hockey Fed. World Men's Under-18 Championship**, April 9-19

**Venue:** Urban Plains Center and Moorhead Sports Center

**Contact:** Fargo-Moorhead Athletic Commission at (701) 282-3653

### FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

**NAIA Men's Soccer National Championships**, December 1-6, 2008

**Venue:** Ramirez Field at Fresno Pacific University

**Contact:** Fresno Sports Council at (559) 445-8164

### LAKE PLACID, NEW YORK

**41st World Luge Championships**, February 6-8, 2009

**Venue:** Olympic Sports Complex

**Contact:** Olympic Regional Development Authority at (518) 523-1655

### ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

**2012 Natl. Junior College Athletic Assn. National Wrestling Championships**

**Venue:** University Center Rochester Field House

**Contact:** Rochester Amateur Sports Commission at (507) 280-4701

### SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

**2011 World Masters Association Championships**, July 7-17

**Venue:** Sacramento State, Sacramento City College and Folsom High School

**Contact:** Sacramento Sports Commission at (916) 566-2400



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