



## Make your sports event the center of attention.

### **Every sport is major league in Grand Rapids.**

We can't get enough of sports here – and unlike larger cities, our enthusiasm extends far beyond the biggest and most popular. Our local media devote in-depth coverage to everything from high school and college games to hunting and fishing contests to our own hometown pro sports teams: the Griffins (hockey), the Rampage (arena football) and the Whitecaps (baseball).

Each May, we enjoy national attention for our 5/3 River Bank Run, the nation's largest 25K road race. We've also gained recognition for our fitness – *Men's Health* magazine ranked Grand Rapids the fifth healthiest city for men in 2002.

Yes, Grand Rapids loves sports. It's no wonder, then, that any tournament or sports event that comes to town is big news – and any athlete who makes the trip is a very big deal!

### **Crazy about sports.**

#### **Fanatic about service.**

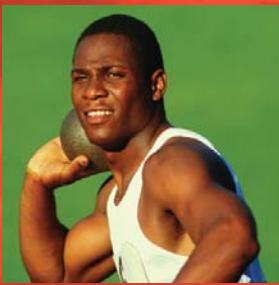
Not only will you be surprised by the level of media interest and spectator support – you'll be thrilled at the service and attention you receive from your chosen venue(s):

- Downtown, a 160,000-sq.-ft. exhibit hall and 12,000-seat sports arena can accommodate virtually any event
- Around town, dozens of college and community sports facilities are strategically located near lodging and meeting spaces of all shapes and sizes



Grand Rapids ...  
you'll get hooked!

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**We'll help you hit a home run.**

Our Grand Response™ team is dedicated to providing winning service for groups of any size. We can help you find the perfect venue and plan the perfect event.

*“When people keep coming back, (it) makes a statement about how they feel about a city. We were up against Akron, Louisville and Fort Wayne, but the voters voted to come back to Grand Rapids.”*

Ms. Dorothy Irvin, President  
Grand Rapids' Bowling Senate/Affiliate of the National Bowling Association

**Look who's already chosen Grand Rapids!**

- Hockey Booster Clubs
- MHSAA Competitive Cheer
- MHSAA Track State Finals
- Michigan Junior Volleyball
- Michigan Men's State Bowling
- Michigan Women's State Bowling
- Midwest Tandem Rally
- NCAA Division I Ice Hockey
- NCAA II Golf
- NCAA II Wrestling
- The National Bowling Association
- USA Gymnastics Trampoline & Tumbling
- US Figure Skating Association – National Synchronized Skating Competition



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