

## **FIND PLENTY OF OPPORUNITIES TO CHEER AT SPORTING EVENTS IN SARASOTA COUNTY**

If being a spectator at sporting events is more a visitor's speed than getting their heart rate up, then Sarasota County offers plenty of opportunities to cheer. The sidelines take many forms from stadium seats at the Baltimore Orioles spring training games to posh tailgating at polo matches and sinking their toes into cool, white sand for beach volleyball.

### **MLB Spring Training**

- The Baltimore Orioles' Florida spring training begins in late February or early March each year at Ed Smith Stadium. Catch home games three to four times each week throughout the month-long scrimmage training. Ticket and hotel packages are available.

### **Polo**

- Sarasota's rich culture, world-class dining and luxury hotels also have attracted polo enthusiasts from around the world. Matches are open to the public each Sunday throughout the winter season. Themed-tailgates, dress competitions, and exquisite food and beverages round out the full experience.

### **Rowing**

- With recent designation as host of the 2017 World Rowing Championships, Sarasota-Bradenton is quickly making its mark on the national map as a hub for rowing events of all kinds. Regattas typically take place February through April at Nathan Benderson Park and are open to the public.

### **Beach Volleyball**

- For various weekends throughout the year, beach volleyball enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels flock to Siesta Key Beach. From the annual Fiesta on Siesta college tournament to amateur youth events, pull up a beach chair and catch some sun during one of these exciting matches.

For more information on discovering Sarasota County, contact Visit Sarasota County at 800-522-9799 or visit [www.visitsarasota.org](http://www.visitsarasota.org).

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