

World Class Sports Venues for Competitions

- **Nathan Benderson Park:** This world-class aquatics and rowing facility features a premier 2,000-meter regatta course, the only International Rowing Federation-approved course in North America. The facility will host the **World Rowing Championships in 2017** – the first United States destination to host the event since 1994.
- **YMCA Selby Aquatic Center** This outdoor swimming and aquatics facility featuring a recently-renovated 50-meter pool was host to the Pan American Masters Swimming Championships in 2013. bleachers for up to 1,200 spectators and a scoreboard, public address system and scorekeeping system. A recreational waterpark and leisure area is also adjacent to the competition area for spectators to enjoy.
- **Ed Smith Stadium and Buck O’Neil Complex:** major league facility features an 8,000-seat stadium. Often referred to as “Birdland South,” Ed Smith Stadium hosts Major League Spring Training and the combined complex that includes the Buck O’Neil Baseball Complex at Twin Lakes Park features all of the ballpark amenities to make any athlete feel like they’re in the big leagues.
- **Sarasota BMX Track** Serving as the country’s oldest continuously running BMX track, the facility will be getting a complete facelift in the near future to include an eight-meter ramp and dual purpose amateur and supercross track. In addition to BMX, Strider has become a widely popular activity at the facility with its own specialized track.
- **Sarasota Polo Grounds:** Covering 130 acres, nine meticulously groomed and irrigated polo fields, two stick and ball fields and a regulation-sized arena make Sarasota Polo Club one of the largest clubs in the country. Additionally, an onsite clubhouse and pavilion provide convenient spectator viewing and event administration areas.

- **Fox Lea Farm** Located in Venice, Florida, Fox Lea Farm is one of the few privately-owned equestrian facilities in the state. Hunter jumper, quarter horse, appaloosa and dressage shows have all been held at this facility. In addition to bleachers and viewing pavilions, an onsite café is available for every event.
- **Beaches:** Ten permanent beach volleyball courts are located at Siesta Key Beach, with space for up to 30 additional courts. Lido Key, Longboat Key and Venice beaches are each ideal locations for triathlons and various kinds of races.
- **Tennis:** The Resort at Longboat Key Club is one of the nation's top ten tennis resorts offering 20 Har-Tru courts and stadium seating for up to 3,500 at its USTA award winning facility. In addition to 29 tennis courts, Sarasota Bath and Racquet Club features five racquetball and three squash courts. Payne Park Tennis Center, conveniently located in downtown Sarasota, features an additional 12 tennis courts.

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