



# UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

SPORT HOSTING GUIDE







WELCOME TO THE  
**UNIVERSITY OF  
BRITISH COLUMBIA**



# A PLACE LIKE NO OTHER



Imagine a location surrounded by some of the most **brehtaking views** in North America, with the ocean at your feet and the mountains on the horizon.

A location which offers **multiple world-class sport facilities**, all of them within 15 minutes walking distance to your comfortable and affordable on-site accommodation.

A location where sports heroes come to train, where world records are broken and international **sports history** has been written.

**If you think it's too good to be true, it's time to learn a little more about the opportunities that await you at University of British Columbia - your sport hosting destination, and a place like no other.**

**UBC has committed to becoming a destination of choice.** When the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games came to Vancouver, UBC was asked to welcome the world. We strive to continue that legacy of supporting Canada's athletes, giving them a stage and support services to compete at their very best.

UBC Athletics and Recreation, as leaders in the construction and management of our sport facilities, has partnered with our campus services to create a unique sport hosting office. The resources in this office allow events and partners to have a single point of contact, easing the coordination of accommodations, food services, parking and any sport-specific needs.

UBC now wants to welcome you.  
Don't miss out on discovering what our vision could mean for your future:

## ENGAGE EXCEL INSPIRE



**THE POINT**  
Aerial view of the  
University of  
British Columbia





# WHO WE'VE HOSTED

BRING THE SPIRIT

Hosting at UBC means your event will experience an environment like never before. The simplicity and convenience of an integrated, coordinated campus means your success defines us.

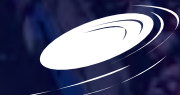
## PAST EVENT HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:



The **Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic** Ice and Sledge Hockey Events



**Davis Cup by BNP Paribas** International Men's Tennis Tournament 2012 and 2013



**WFDF 2008** World Ultimate Championships



**2014 Special Olympics** Canada Summer Games



**Biekse's NHLPA Buddies** Exhibition Game versus UBC Thunderbirds



**FIVB World Volleyball** Canada vs Belgium



**2007 CIS** Men's Soccer Championships



**2006-2008 CIS** Men's and Women's Swimming Championships



# BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

UBC is committed to fostering the development of Canada's athletes, from grassroots to professional teams. But success does not always come along overnight; our partners choose UBC because of the vision we inspire and the steps we build together to get there.

WE CONTINUE TO OPEN OUR DOORS TO LONG TERM PARTNERSHIPS, ADDING TO THESE ORGANIZATIONS WHO NOW CALL UBC THEIR HOME:

**Vancouver Whitecaps FC**  
**Field Hockey Canada**  
**British Columbia Rugby Union**  
**UBC Dolphins Swim Club**  
**Urban Rec Sport and Social Club**





# ONE LOCATION

## INFINITE POSSIBILITIES



## CONCERTS, CONFERENCES, AND MORE

Filming, acting, music, and innovation thrive all around UBC, where students and residents are constantly pushing boundaries and looking for inspiration. The flexibility of our facilities extends far beyond the realm of competition. The diversity of our venues, including academic as well as sport facilities, can transform our campus into a stage for leading industry researchers, talented artists, and unforgettable performances.

The ease of access to UBC via transit and by car, combined with the vibrant communities located right here on campus have meant that our concerts regularly enjoy sold-out audiences. A few of our past guests include:

SESAME STREET LIVE

ZZ TOP

INVASION FESTIVAL

THE KILLERS

FILMING AND TELEVISION

2010 INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR PHYSICS CONFERENCE

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# YOUR SUCCESS DEFINES OURS THE CAMPUS ADVANTAGE

The Campus Advantage has the potential to influence all elements of sport hosting. Our university is consistently ranked in the top 30 in the world, and we are always striving for better. The facilities, services and people that achieve such prestige can soon be welcoming your event and helping you to **achieve greatness with us**.



As the pressure to create more **sustainable** and compact events increases, so does our Campus Advantage.



Your clients will need no complex transportation to travel from their accommodation to the field of play. They have the freedom to choose between sushi, bagels, pizza, or pasta. They can take in a movie, museum, maybe even a patio beverage. All of this and more within **walking distance**.

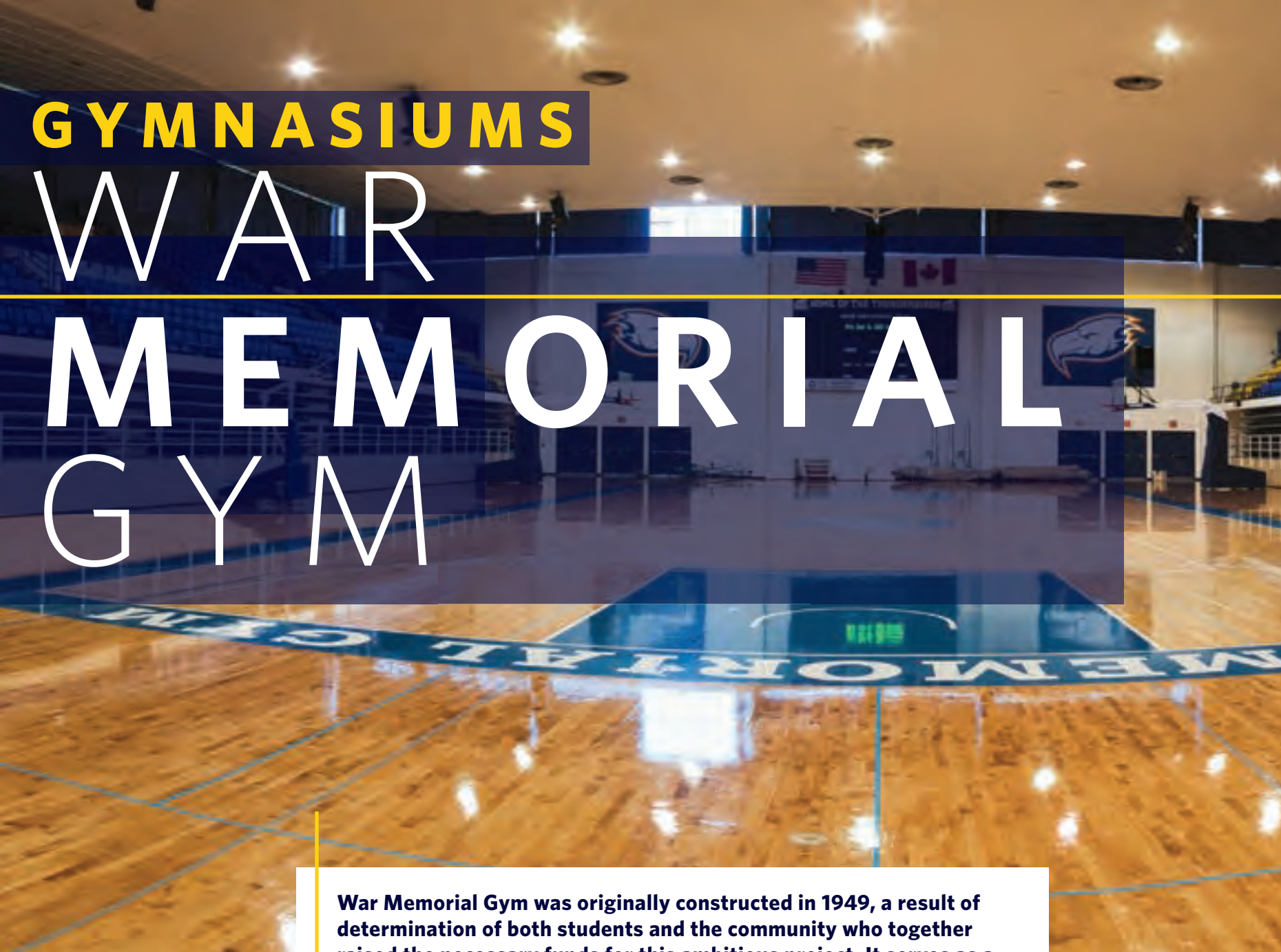


As an academic institution our campus advantage extends to cutting edge **knowledge and research**. Some of the world's leading sport medicine practitioners are here at UBC, alongside a world-renowned Centre for Sport and Sustainability.



The **community** of UBC is as expansive as the 57,000 students that it welcomes every year. Representing over 151 countries, our Campus Advantage can quickly become your audience.

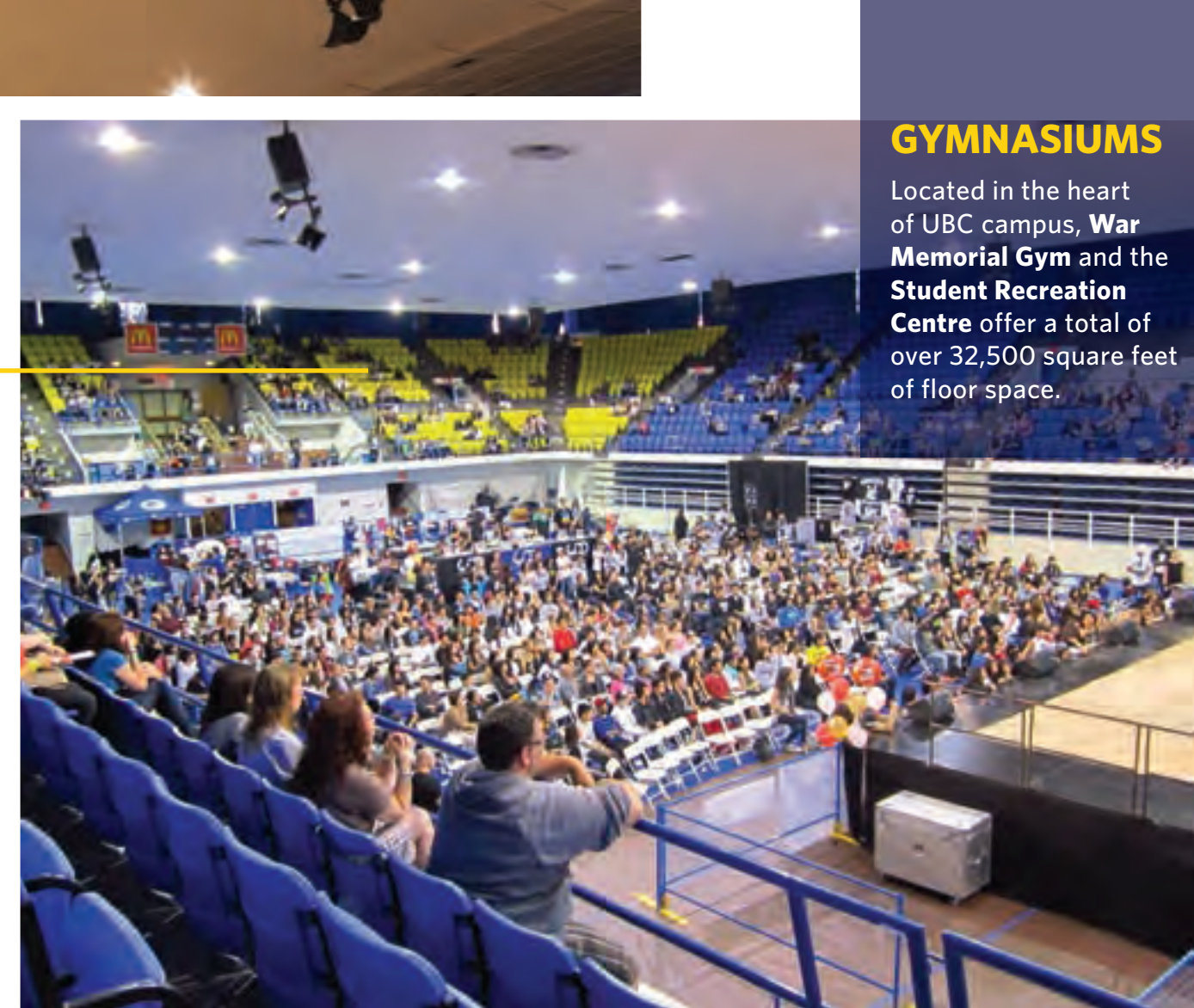




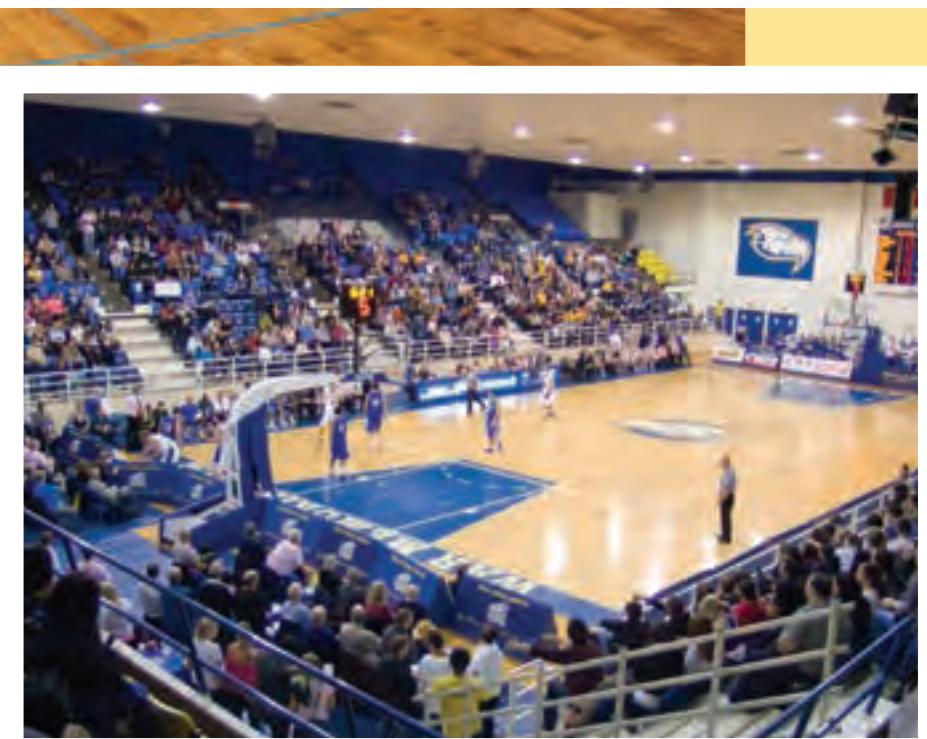
**War Memorial Gym was originally constructed in 1949, a result of determination of both students and the community who together raised the necessary funds for this ambitious project. It serves as a tribute to those who gave their lives serving Canada and an example of what community initiative and participation can produce.**

The gym, whose architects included former UBC Olympic medal-winning rower Ned Pratt, is still considered “a classic basketball gym” with seats above, the players below and an open space around the court. The gymnasium can also accommodate up to four volleyball courts, has full service dressing rooms and a lobby area over 3,200 square feet. Permanent seating reaches 2,222 and can expand to 2,862 with bleachers and floor seats.

War Memorial Gym remains as one of the premier university level basketball and volleyball facilities in Canada and hosts approximately 15 conferences and special events annually.



**GYMNASIUMS**  
Located in the heart of UBC campus, **War Memorial Gym** and the **Student Recreation Centre** offer a total of over 32,500 square feet of floor space.



**FLOOR SPACE (sq ft):**  
**15,000**

**SEATS UP TO:**  
**2,862**





# STUDENT RECREATION CENTRE



The Student Recreation Centre is the home of recreation and wellbeing on the UBC campus. Built in 1995, the triple court gymnasium can accommodate 3-6 volleyball courts (4 championship courts), three basketball courts, 12 badminton courts, or three indoor soccer courts. Additionally, the facility is an ideal venue for events looking for a multipurpose space, such as trade shows or retreats.

The main level also features a 2,300 square foot dance studio with stretching bars and a 1,600 square foot martial arts dojo with matted floor. The proximity to apartment-style accommodations, UBC's central bus loop and the Student Union Building which houses many of our on-campus food outlets makes the SRC one of our busiest sport facilities.

FLOOR  
SPACE  
(sq ft):  
**17,300**

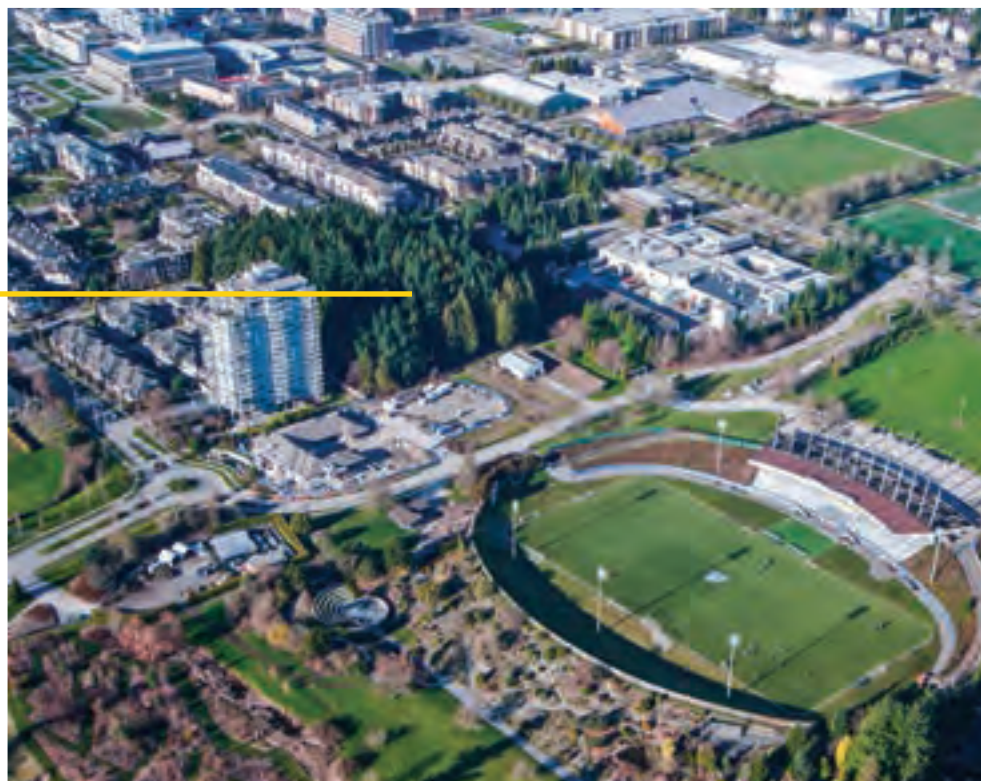
**TRIPLE  
COURT  
GYM**





FIELDS

THUNDERBIRD STADIUM



FIELDS

Since 1967, **Thunderbird Stadium** and **Thunderbird Park** have been brought to life not only by UBC football, rugby, and soccer games, but by international rugby, professional soccer, and world-class music festivals.



FOOD TRUCKS SERVICE CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SERVICE EVENTS & SPECTATORS AT ANY OUTDOOR LOCATION

**Thunderbird Stadium was formally opened in 1967 and the open air 3,200-seat stadium has stood the test of time. The stadium's roof, the most unique feature in the it's design, is suspended on cables supported by twelve concrete columns topped with large concrete Thunderbirds. It is also complete with a stunning view of the setting sun on a clear night that can take your breath away.**

The history of events and guests in Thunderbird Stadium is the most remarkable of all UBC's sport facilities. From 25,000 spectator music festivals to international rugby matches, this location has an incredibly colourful history. It can host up to 6,200 spectators on the grass embankment across from the stadium stands, creating an unforgettable atmosphere.

In 2010 the natural field was replaced by artificial PolyTan turf, attracting many new sports events and partners. A media booth, box office, and heritage room lounge are just a few features that make Thunderbird Stadium suitable for any event size. The upper plaza, adjacent to the stadium entrance, serves as an ideal area for tailgate parties, BBQ's or other ancillary activities.



SURFACE AREA (m):

150 x 74.5

SEATS UP TO:

3,200





# THUNDERBIRD PARK



**Thunderbird Park was completed in 2009 after a major overhaul that included the construction of two new FieldTurf soccer pitches, a FieldTurf Baseball Diamond, and a new Track and Field Facility, as well as upgrades to the existing grass and artificial fields. The entire park is located on the south side of campus and all facilities are within five minutes walking distance - making it an incredibly compact space, ideal to foster a festive atmosphere.**

Overlooked by the new Gerald McGavin Rugby Pavilion, Thunderbird Park hosts athletes of all levels from community softball leagues to Vancouver's professional soccer team training sessions. Larger events routinely take advantage of available spectator seating, as on a sunny afternoon, there is no better place to find yourself than at Thunderbird Park.

**COMPLETED  
IN  
2009**

**NUMBER  
OF FIELDS:  
11**





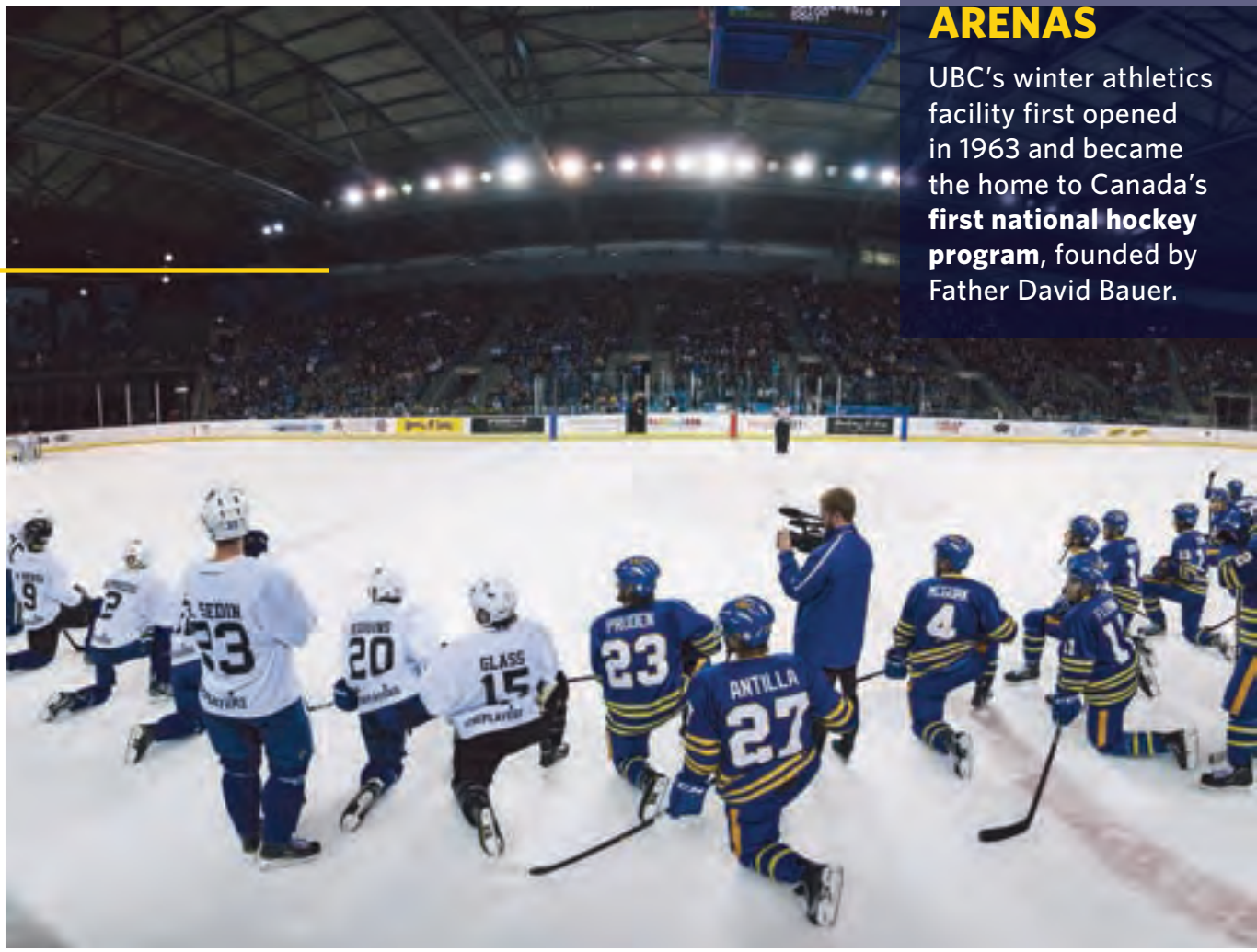
# ARENAS

# DOUG MITCHELL THUNDERBIRD SPORTS CENTRE

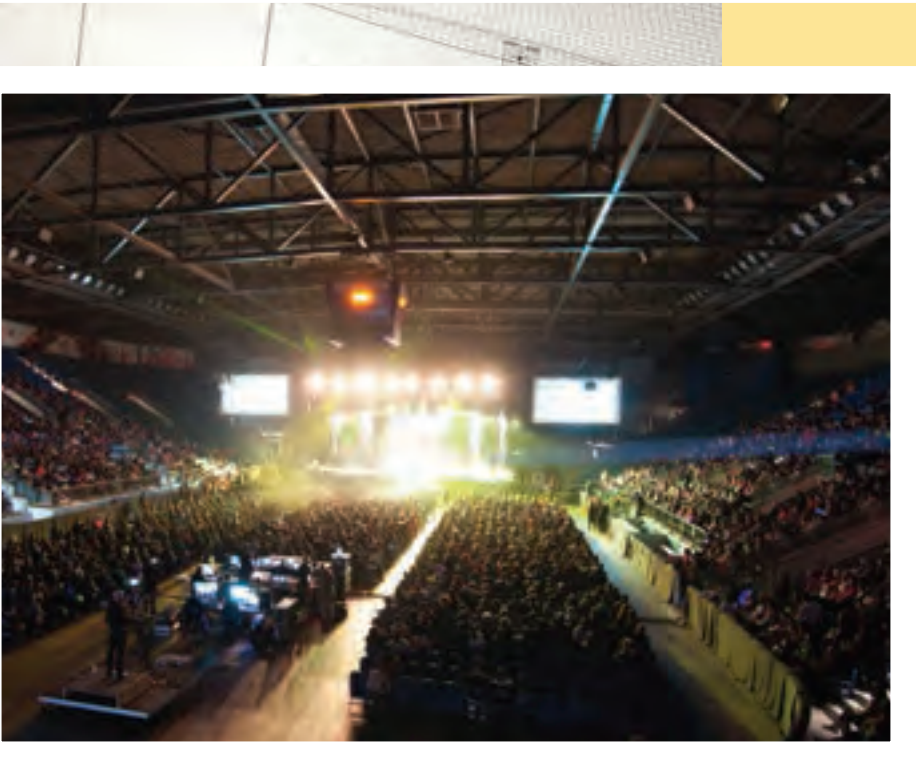
The Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre arena, named in honour of UBC alumnus Doug Mitchell, was constructed on the original site of UBC's Father Bauer arena and later named UBC Thunderbird arena. A host venue for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, the centre is now comprised of the 5,033-seat main arena, a practice arena and the refurbished 900-seat Father David Bauer arena.

An LEED-silver certified building, this centre has played host to some of the most impactful events on UBC campus. In recent years, Team Canada has defeated three rival countries in the Davis Cup international team tennis tournament and made sporting history by reaching the semi-finals for the first time.

The Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sport Centre also contains a 6,000 square foot multi-purpose room, a physiotherapy and fitness centre and is home of the UBC Sports Hall of Fame.



**ARENAS**  
UBC's winter athletics facility first opened in 1963 and became the home to Canada's **first national hockey program**, founded by Father David Bauer.



NUMBER  
OF  
RINKS:  
**3**

SEATS UP  
TO:  
**5,933**



TENNIS

Providing the facility, instruction and service required for people of **all ages** and **all levels** of playing ability to improve their skills and enjoy their tennis experience.



TENNIS  
UBC  
TENNIS  
CENTRE



**UBC Tennis Centre, built in 2011, offers comprehensive tennis programming and is becoming one of the leading facilities in the Lower Mainland public tennis community.**

This brand new, state of the art facility houses 8 indoor courts along with an outdoor court, change-rooms and a multipurpose space. The original UBC Tennis Bubble, contributing another 4 courts on a plexipave standard surface, lies adjacent to the new Tennis Centre.



1  
OUTDOOR  
COURT

12  
INDOOR  
COURTS





# AQUATICS

# UBC AQUATIC

# CENTRE

**The UBC Aquatic Centre is an indoor public facility located in the centre of campus, next to the War Memorial Gym and Student Recreation Centre.**

The complex was completed in 1978 and includes the main pool of unique design, which embodies eight 50-metre lanes, eight 25-metre lanes and six 25-yards lanes, a five-metre diving platform, as well as one-metre and three-metre diving boards. A distinctive feature of the pool is the raised spectator seating which overlooks the pool deck, which is regularly at capacity for the annual international swim competition hosted by the resident swim team, the UBC Dolphins.



**AQUATICS**

UBC will soon begin work on a new home for Aquatics on campus. A brand new Aquatic Centre to be completed in 2016 will replace the existing facilities and have the capacity to host larger swimming competitions.



**TOTAL LANES:**  
**14**

**SEATS UP TO:**  
**400**



MULTIPURPOSE

The Rugby Pavilion is a **multipurpose facility** for hosting meetings, receptions and field event operations.



RUGBY PAVILION

GERALD MCGAVIN  
RUGBY  
PAVILION



SQUARE  
FEET:  
**1800**

Gerald McGavin Rugby Sports Pavilion is UBC's latest addition to the list of sport hosting facilities. This 1800 square foot facility has change rooms, storage, office space and bleacher-style seating for 300 spectators, overlooking UBC Rugby's home field.

The Gerald McGavin Rugby Centre also offers guests a superior open space on the second floor that can be catered to any small to mid-sized event. Featuring a 30-foot wood topped bar, flat screen televisions, all natural lighting and capacity for up to 100 guests, this brand new facility is like no other on UBC's campus.

HOLDS  
UP TO:  
**100**







**BOATHOUSE**

JOHN M.S.

LECKY

UBC BOATHOUSE

John M.S. Lecky UBC Boathouse has been established by the University of British Columbia in partnership with St. George's School and the City of Richmond. It is a fully floating facility nestled along the banks of the historic Fraser River, with spectacular views of the North Shore Mountains, just minutes from the Vancouver International Airport and the heart of Richmond's Business and entertainment district. As well as providing UBC's renowned rowing program a permanent base, The John M.S. Lecky UBC Boathouse serves as a base for operations of the Richmond Rowing and Paddling Centre.

Boasting a spacious, modern design infused with natural light, and state-of-the-art multi-media capability, the John M.S. Lecky UBC Boathouse's exquisite event hall can accommodate all types of events from small meetings, corporate events, social gatherings and large formal events.

EVENT  
SPACE  
(sq ft):  
**2,640**

SEATS  
UP TO:  
**190**





# NEW FACILITIES

## NEW AQUATIC CENTRE



**The new UBC Aquatic Centre will contain a 50m competition pool, 25m recreational lap pool, leisure pool, and other amenities such as a hot tub, family change rooms, spectator seating and multi-purpose rooms to meet the needs of the UBC community.**

This new facility will provide numerous benefits to the University by providing state of the art swimming facilities for the varsity swim teams and the community. The total budget for this project is \$39,900,000 with funding to be raised through land development cost of sales as a community amenity expense (approx. 69%), donor fundraising (29%) and Infrastructure Impact Charges (2%). Construction is expected to take approximately two years and be complete by fall of 2016.



# BASEBALL

## TRAINING CENTRE



**UBC Athletics & Recreation have secured a \$3.5 million donation to construct a new baseball training facility in Thunderbird Park.**

The proposed 12,000 square foot facility will be developed in order to deliver a much improved training environment to support high performance baseball, as well as amateur baseball and other sport groups. The facility will house a batting cage, pitching training facility, functional training spaces, washrooms / change rooms, and coaches and staff offices.

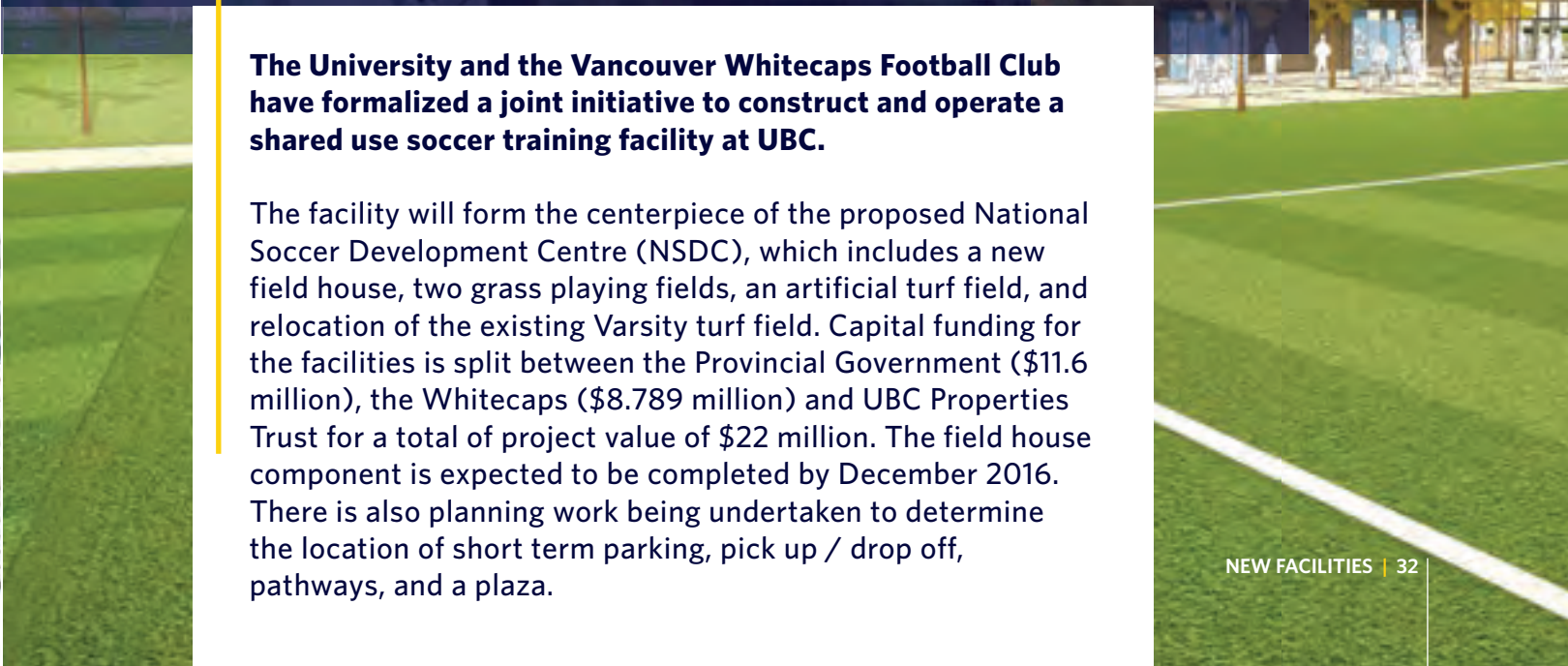


# NATIONAL SOCCER

## DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

**The University and the Vancouver Whitecaps Football Club have formalized a joint initiative to construct and operate a shared use soccer training facility at UBC.**

The facility will form the centerpiece of the proposed National Soccer Development Centre (NSDC), which includes a new field house, two grass playing fields, an artificial turf field, and relocation of the existing Varsity turf field. Capital funding for the facilities is split between the Provincial Government (\$11.6 million), the Whitecaps (\$8.789 million) and UBC Properties Trust for a total of project value of \$22 million. The field house component is expected to be completed by December 2016. There is also planning work being undertaken to determine the location of short term parking, pick up / drop off, pathways, and a plaza.





# ACCOMODATIONS

UBC CONFERENCES AND ACCOMMODATION COMBINE VANCOUVER'S MOST BEAUTIFUL VIEWS AND LOCATION WITH THE BEST VALUE AND VARIETY OF ROOMS POSSIBLE.



**From May through August, we offer a wide array of seasonal accommodation for visitors and groups of up to 2000; from private suites to single or shared apartments to dormitory-style rooms.**

Our residences are within 5-10 minutes of walking to sports facilities on campus. Holding your event on campus reduces the cost for transportation and makes it much easier on logistics planning. Let our professional and knowledgeable staff assist you in finding accommodations that best suit your budget and needs.

## WEST COAST SUITES

West Coast Suites is the only premium suite hotel on campus available year-round. Forty-five one-bedroom suites feature king beds, flat panel TVs, fully equipped kitchens, complimentary WiFi, balconies, and in-room safes. Two one-bedroom suites feature queen beds and are wheelchair accessible.



## WALTER GAGE RESIDENCE

Walter Gage Residence offers an amazing range of affordable accommodation for group attendees and visitors during our conference season (May-August). With private one-bedroom and studio suites in the low-rise, as well as six-bedroom tower apartments and shared apartment units in the high rises, there is a great fit for almost anyone on any budget. All of our private suites feature fully equipped kitchens, televisions, high speed Internet and phones; some offer spectacular views of the mountains and oceans.

## MARINE DRIVE RESIDENCE

Marine Drive Residence offers private studio suites and four-bedroom shared apartment units in a 17-storey apartment building on the southwest side of campus. All of our private suites feature fully equipped kitchens, televisions, high speed Internet and VOIP phones; some offer spectacular views of the mountains and oceans. Our shared apartment units offer a single bed in each private bedroom, a shared lounge with seating and dining area, an ideal set up for teams to connect or relax.

## TOTEM PARK AND PLACE VANIER RESIDENCES

Our most practical and economical accommodation for sport groups and teams, are Totem Park and Place Vanier, ideally located in close proximity to sports and recreational facilities. On each floor of the houses, there is a mixture of single and twin rooms, shared washrooms and a small lounge equipped with a TV and seating. Wired Internet in the rooms is available, along with complimentary WiFi in the lobby and on site Laundry facilities. Full meal plans are available for larger groups.

Guests staying at UBC can easily access campus amenities, free campus UBC Visitor WiFi, affordable food, pubs, shops, attractions and beaches nearby.

[www.ubcconferences.com](http://www.ubcconferences.com)



# FOOD SERVICES

## MANY PLACES TO EAT

Competition requires fuel. At UBC, there are dozens of places to eat, including coffee shops and cafés, food trucks, nationally branded chains, and modern sit-down restaurants. Whatever you're in the mood for, there's always a convenient, delicious and affordable dining location nearby to help keep you energized and healthy during your stay.

### FRESH, LOCAL, HEALTHY

62% of food products come to UBC from within 150 miles of campus.

Produce like fruits, vegetables and potatoes are sourced directly from our very own UBC Farm, when possible.

Fresh seafood is 100% Ocean Wise certified.

As Canada's first Fair Trade Campus, our coffees and teas are 100% Fair Trade and organic.

Fresh poultry is 100% free run, Halal certified, and sourced from Chilliwack, B.C.

### FEATURED FOOD

UBC's famous granola bar is the perfect way to prepare for a big game. Made fresh daily, it's available at most cafés and is especially popular among athletes & peanut butter lovers.

### FEATURED LOCATIONS

**Mercante** is the only place at UBC to enjoy a hand-tossed Italian-style pizza served hot from an authentic stone hearth oven.

UBC loves **food trucks**! Our unique selection of street food fare includes authentic Thai, healthy rice and noodle bowls, fish and chips, gourmet hot dogs, and hearty hot sandwiches like juicy pulled pork or creamy grilled cheese.

Quick bites are available from recognizable spots like **Triple O's**, **Starbucks** and **Tim Hortons**.

**The Point Grill** restaurant offers a variety of sandwiches, burgers, wings, and appetizers - perfect for recharging or watching the game on TV.

**Sage Bistro** serves fresh, modern, West Coast lunches in a relaxed, mature atmosphere. Views of the mountains and ocean from here are spectacular.

### WE CATER

**Wescadia Catering** provides food and beverage service for private meetings, working lunches, award ceremonies and other gatherings during your stay. A variety of menu options are available to suit all needs from full-service fine dining receptions, to buffet-style dinners, to casual coffee and dessert service.

[www.catering.ubc.ca](http://www.catering.ubc.ca)

### FLEXIBLE MEAL PLANS

We arrange custom pre-paid group meal plans during the summer months. Meal plan packages can be tailored to include breakfast service only or three square meals per day at one of our residence dining halls. Food Services managers work closely with organizers to create a menu that fits within budget and accommodates special dietary needs and nutritional requirements for active guests.

**FOOD SERVICES HOURS OF OPERATION VARY BY SEASON.**

[www.food.ubc.ca](http://www.food.ubc.ca)



# ALONG THE SIDELINES

## SERVICING YOUR EVENT

### MARKETING & PROMOTION

Filling up the seats for your event has never been made easier. At UBC, the success of your event and experience on campus is our priority, and our communities are just waiting for the chance to check out what you have to offer.

The communication platforms for promoting your event to residents on campus and the general public can include: Print newspaper ads, digital signage on over 150 televisions across UBC, customized websites, features on the UBC Events Calendar, a spot in our weekly event highlights production and much more.

### TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Our sport facilities have built up an impressive catalogue of technology services, with the help and support of UBC's Department of Information Technology. Our previous sport hosting experiences have allowed us to invest in permanent on-site IT solutions, and to learn from broadcasting and technology partners to ensure a seamless delivery of services.

### TRANSPORTATION & PARKING

The City of Vancouver offers multiple routes for reaching UBC on public transportation. Stemming from our rapid transit Canada Line skytrain, which brings visitors to and from the airport, a number of buses will connect to UBC through the historic Kitsilano, Kerrisdale and Point Grey neighbourhoods.

Reaching us by car takes just 20 minutes from downtown Vancouver and 25 minutes from Canada's second busiest airport, Vancouver International. When arriving on campus there are six parkades with over 6,500 spaces in addition to metered street parking and surface lots.

#### UBC CAMPUS MAP

The UBC campus is home to 8 athletic facilities.





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a place of mind  
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Athletics & Recreation**