



LONG ISLAND, NY

This first-class location on the Eastern Seaboard is perfect for your next tournament.

High-Quality Venues Impress Event Planners

1. Nassau County Aquatic Center

Sports: Swimming, diving

The 80,000-square-foot **Nassau County Aquatic Center** in East Meadow on the west side of the island was built in 1998 for the **International Goodwill Games** and has hosted local high school tournaments. The pool is 68 meters long with a 50-meter stretch and three moveable bulkheads. Divers compete on the 10-meter diving tower or the three- and one-meter high diving boards.

2. Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum & Exhibition Center

Sports: Basketball, volleyball, hockey, wrestling, gymnastics, cheer and dance

Veterans Memorial Coliseum and Exhibition Center is undergoing a major renovation, to be completed in 2016, that will include a **416,000-square-foot arena** seating 15,000 spectators. Located in **Uniondale** on the west side of **Long Island**, the center is home to the **NHL's New York Islanders**. The facility features three levels of seating, locker rooms, coaches offices and meeting space for a perfect tournament headquarters.

3. St. Joseph College Outdoor Sports Complex

Sports: Soccer, tennis, track and field, lacrosse, softball, baseball

Danzi Stadium includes a **400-meter track** and space for field events like long and high jump. The synthetic turf field can host soccer and lacrosse with bleacher seating for 1,500. The **Gregg Alfano baseball field** features a synthetic turf infield, grass outfield stretching to 403 feet in center field and bleachers seating 300. The softball stadium offers seating for 400, measuring 210 feet to center field, 200 feet to right and left. Six new tennis courts with **Deco Turf surfaces** make up the tennis complex.

4. Mitchel Athletic Complex

Sports: Football, soccer, lacrosse, track and field, baseball, softball

Located on the western side of Long Island in East Garden City, the **Mitchel Athletic Complex** spans **49 acres**, offering several playing fields. Softball tournaments can play on four fields, with two for baseball, and all the fields are equipped with lighting for play after dark. **Bleacher seating is available at all of the fields.** A nine-lane track surrounds a synthetic playing field for soccer, lacrosse and football.

5. Stony Brook University Arena

Sports: Basketball, volleyball

Renovated in 2014, the **Island Federal Credit Union Arena** is home of the Stony Brook University **SeaWolves** men's and women's basketball teams. The 4,000-seat arena, with video boards on either end of the court, has played host to Division I basketball. There are practice courts as well.

6. Bethpage State Park

Sports: Golf, biking, cross country, cross country skiing

A site of the U.S. Open, Bethpage Park in the heart of Long Island features **15, 18-hole championship golf courses**, with amenities to host tournaments of any size and players of all abilities. The famous **Bethpage Black golf course** has hosted America's premier major tournament twice, in 2009 and 2002, and other professional events. The park includes a full-service pro shop and a clubhouse that can handle banquets and large gatherings. Bethpage comprises 1,300 acres and has miles of trails for biking and cross country in the warmer months and cross country skiing in the winter.

What Can My Team Do With Extra Time?

Museum Row, located near Eisenhower Park, includes the **Long Island Children's Museum**, the **Cradle of Aviation**, **Nassau County Firefighters Museum and Education Center**, and **Long Island Museum for Science and Technology**. For fun in the water, visit one of several famous beaches. Try your hand at fishing, scuba diving and surfing. **Fire Island National Seashore**, with its high dunes, maritime forests and historic lighthouses, stretches 26 miles along the shore of the Great South Bay.

Getting to Long Island

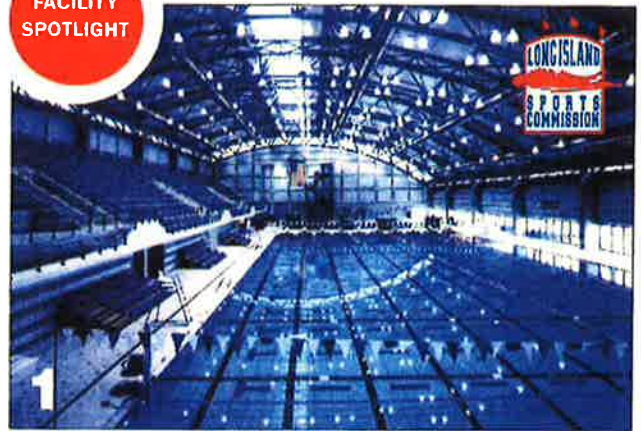
A major network of interstates makes Long Island accessible by car from the west, north and south. Interstate 495 goes from **New York City** all the way through the heart of the island to the eastern side. Travelers coming from **New England** and along the **Eastern Seaboard** from the south can take I-95 into the city and make their way to Long Island from there. From the west several other interstates come into the area, including I-80, I-78 and I-84. **MacArthur Airport** in the center of Long Island is served by Southwest Airlines. It's a short drive east or west to the major cities of Long Island. Travelers can also fly into both major New York City airports, **LaGuardia** and **Kennedy**.

Planner Perspective

"This year we celebrate the fifth year of the Divas Half Marathon & 5K on Long Island. This event is very special to us, not just because of all the relationships we have established there and the great county and CVB that we have had the pleasure of working with. The residents, the county and the CVB have been a true pleasure to work with and have always been there supporting us."

— **Robert Pozo, Divas Half Marathon**

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