



## President's Message

On April 13th, the Utah Sports Commission was proud to host the Sixth Annual Governor's State of Sport Awards Dinner. The event honored Utah's most accomplished athletes and coaches, paid special tribute to an icon in the world of rodeo-Lewis Fields, posthumously honored LaVell Edwards with the Legends Award, and presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to Hall of Fame coach Jerry Sloan.

This year fans cast a record of 140,000+ votes from 106 countries to select the winners in the 11 voting categories. The record setting votes reflect Utah's great sports community.

An event like this does not happen without a tremendous amount of time, support, and help from our many partners, sponsors, and volunteers. I would like to express my thanks to those who helped make this year's event possible. Support from Governor Herbert, the Legislature, our public and private sector partners, and many others were all instrumental in the success of this year's event. Utah is known as the State of Sport thanks to "Team Utah," a collection of Utah's sports venues, sports organizations, National Governing Bodies of Sport, stakeholders, and public officials that have all been a key part of the Utah Sports Commission's success over the last 17 years, allowing us to host nearly 600 key events that have contributed well over \$1 billion to our state's economy and generated hundreds of millions of dollars in image building assets to our great state.

Vivint Smart Home Arena was once again the venue for the awards ceremony and we would like to thank the Larry H. Miller Family and family of companies for allowing us to host this event during its major renovation that will improve this world class venue. The Arena's renovation is another example of how sports can also provide significant economic benefit to our communities and State. Along with Vivint Smart Home Arena's renovation, just down the road a major rodeo facility is being built for the Days of '47 Rodeo at Utah State Fairpark, and Dell Loy Hansen and Real Salt Lake are making a significant investment in a world class soccer academy that will be a model for excellence in soccer. The academy and RSL will help to entrench Utah globally in the domestic and international soccer communities.

Be sure to check out our 2017 Category Winners at [stateofsportawards.com/winners](http://stateofsportawards.com/winners).

Best Regards,

Jeff Robbins  
President & CEO  
Utah Sports Commission

## In the News...



### Governor's State of Sport Awards honored Jerry Sloan with Lifetime Achievement Award

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### Utah Up Next for 2019 World Championships

With the conclusion of the 2017 FIS World Championships in Sierra Nevada, Spain, the United States is taking center stage as the host nation for the bi-annual event. Utah ski destinations Deer Valley Resort, Park City Mountain and Solitude Mountain Resort will host skiing and snowboarding events during the 2019 FIS Freestyle, Snowboarding and Freeski World Championships, scheduled for Feb. 1-10, 2019.

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## Events Recap

## Supercross

Eli Tomac charged from the back to win the Salt Lake City Supercross at Rice-Eccles Stadium on Saturday night. The Kawasaki rider got a terrible start and completed the first lap in 15th place. Meanwhile, championship rival Ryan Dungey - who was tied with Tomac for the points lead entering the night - had had a much better start and soon took the lead from Justin Bogle, who had taken the holeshot.

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Governor Herbert and nominee David Blair Photo by: Melissa Majchrzak

## 6th Annual Governor's State of Sport Awards

Forty-nine of Utah's most accomplished athletes and coaches for the 2016 calendar year were honored at the 2017 Governor's State of Sport Awards, hosted by the Utah Sports Commission and presented by Zions Bank. The event also paid tribute to two of the most respected coaches in history. Jerry Sloan received the event's Lifetime Achievement Award, and LaVell Edwards was posthumously honored with a Legends Award.

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## Triple Crown Volleyball NIT

Just because you ask your team to finish strong in a championship match doesn't always mean you get your wish. But Munciana coach Mike Lingenfelter had to believe his 18 Open team was prepared to meet his expectations, albeit in a tough moment against A4 Monday at the Triple Crown Volleyball NIT. Deep into Game 3, with Munciana clinging to a 9-7 lead, he called a timeout to set the table and then watched his players feast under pressure.

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via Triple Crown Volleyball Facebook



## FIS Freestyle Ski World Cup

The atmosphere at the first night of the Visa Freestyle International was electric, with the best moguls athletes in the world battling it out for the Putnam Investments Freestyle Challenge title. In the end, it was American Morgan Schild (Rochester, NY) who landed on top of the podium, adding another victory to her World Cup resume.

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## USANA 2017 FIS Nordic Jr. & U23 World Cross Country Ski Championships

A dream forged nearly two years ago came true for the USA women Sunday, as they won bronze in the 4x3.3k relay at the 2017 USANA FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships at Soldier Hollow. Russia took gold with France winning silver.

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Photo courtesy/USSA Tom Kelly



## USA Climbing Bouldering Nationals

Alex Puccio and Nathaniel Coleman asserted their dominance once again at the 2017 U.S.A. Climbing Bouldering Open National Championship in Salt Lake City, Utah this weekend. Coleman, who snuck into the final round in last place, defended his title in style by flashing all four of the men's finals problems. Puccio reclaimed the top spot from last year's winner, Megan Mascarenas, for a record 10th national title.

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## Toyota U.S. Grand Prix/FIS Snowboard World Cup/FIS NorAm Cup Skicross

American snowboardcross athletes continued their successful run on home soil Sunday at the Toyota U.S. Grand Prix at Solitude Mountain Resort. In Sunday's team event, Rosie Mancari (Anchorage, AK) and Lindsey Jacobellis (Stowe, VT) took the win for the ladies, while Alex Deibold (Boulder, CO) and Nate Holland (Squaw Valley, CA) combined to take third place for the men.



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## NCAA March Madness First & Second Rounds

Nigel Williams-Goss scored 19 points and No. 5 Gonzaga beat archrival No. 21 Saint Mary's 79-56 on Saturday night to remain the only undefeated team in Division I college basketball.

Jordan Mathews added 16 points, and Johnathan Williams had 14 for Gonzaga (17-0, 5-0 West Coast), whose 17-game winning streak is the longest in the nation.

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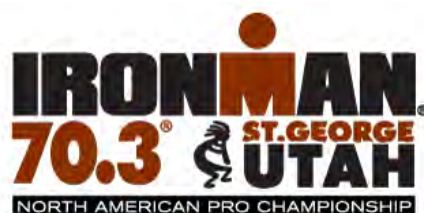
## Upcoming Events

### USA Judo Senior National Championships

April 29-30, 2017  
Salt Palace Convention Center  
<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo>



The Judo Senior National Championships will be held in Utah in April 2017 and it will coincide with the 50th anniversary of the only World Judo Championships ever held in the USA.



### IRONMAN 70.3 St. George North American Pro Championship

May 7, 2017  
St. George  
<http://www.ironman.com/triathlon/>

IRONMAN 70.3 is staged in and around the heart of St. George, with Zion National Park only 45 minutes away by car. The swim is held a few miles away in pristine Sand Hollow Reservoir. The bike and run courses are two of the most challenging on the IRONMAN 70.3 circuit, but what goes up must come down, which means epic descends. Both courses present spectacular views of downtown St. George, Snow Canyon, and the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve. The Snow Canyon climb is lined with motivational posters from the local tri clubs, helping to ease the difficulty of the physical task at hand.

### WCLA National Championships

May 10-13, 2017  
Regional Athletic Complex  
<http://www.uslacrosse.org/events>

The US Lacrosse Women's Collegiate Lacrosse Associates (WCLA) Division I and Division II National Championships showcase the nation's premier non-varsity collegiate teams. The Division I field features 16 teams, while the Division II tournament consists of 12 teams.



### USA BMX Pro Series National

June 9-11, 2017  
Rad Canyon BMX  
<https://www.usabmx.com>

Stop No. 15 on the 2017 National circuit returns to Rad Canyon BMX in So. Jordan, UT ...and this year, the Great Salt Lakes will be a 3-DAY national! Again, this weekend will be a PRO Series event. Spectating is FREE, but there is a daily parking fee to support the local BMX program. Racing is for kids and adults, boys and girls of all ages and skill levels.

### US Youth Soccer Region IV Presidents Cup

June 12-18, 2017  
Regional Athletic Complex  
<http://regioniv.usyouthsoccer.org/presidentscup/>

The US Youth Soccer Region IV Presidents Cup takes place June 12-18 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The event will feature Boys and Girls teams in the 13-U through 17/18-U\* age groups who will compete for a regional championship and a spot at the 2017 US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup, July 12-16 in Auburndale, Fla.





## Hyundai Archery World Cup

June 20-25, 2017  
Easton Salt Lake Archery Center  
<http://archeryworldcupsaltlake.org/>

Hyundai Archery World Cup Salt Lake will take place at the Easton Salt Lake Archery Center on June 20-25th. The Easton Foundations is looking forward to inviting the world's most elite archers to compete at this prestigious event and is excited to have already seen many countries register their athletes.

## Nitro World Games

June 24, 2017  
Rice-Eccles Stadium  
<http://www.nitroworldgames.com/>

The 2017 Nitro World Games will go off on June 24 at Rice-Eccles Stadium in Salt Lake City, with tickets to the second-annual revolutionary action sports competition on sale now. The Games are again partnering with NBC to broadcast the event live across the country. Get your tickets while they last.



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