



## OTHER FOOTBALL LEAGUES

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### ARENA FOOTBALL LEAGUE (AFL)

**LEAGUE UPDATE:** Arena Football is the highest-level professional indoor football league and the second longest running professional football league, after the National Football League, in the United States.

After the 2016 season, the AFL lost three teams and added one expansion team. The KISS, Steel, and Predators have ceased operations. The Arizona Rattlers moved to the Indoor Football League. The Baltimore Brigade were added as an expansion team.

#### **Team: Baltimore Brigade**

**Principal Owner:** Ted Leonsis

**Year Established:** 2017

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

[Team Website](#)

Twitter: [@BMOREBRIGADE](#)

**Arena:** Royal Farms Arena

**Date Built:** 1962

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$14

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

Twitter: [@RoFoArena](#)

**UPDATE:** In November 2016, Monumental Sports and Entertainment, owned by Ted Leonsis, announced the acquisition of an AFL team. The team's first season was the 2017 season.

In May 2017, the Maryland Stadium Authority began comprehensive studies focused on three Baltimore landmarks, including the Royal Farms Arena. The study will focus on the feasibility,

economic viability, and functions of the three sites. This study will help determine the future of the arena.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In 2014, Royal Farms purchased the naming rights and the deal calls for Royal Farms to pay \$250,000 annually for five years. The deal also gives Royal Farms the rights of first refusal at the end of the contract term.

## **Team: Cleveland Gladiators**

**Principal Owner:** Dan Gilbert

**Year Established:** 1997

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

[Team Website](#)

Twitter: [@CLEGladiators](#)

**Arena:** Quicken Loans Arena

**Date Built:** 1994

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$152

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** 48%

**Facility Financing:** Tax-exempt bonds issued by Cuyahoga County, liquor and cigarette taxes, and the sale of naming rights financed the Quicken Loans Arena.

[Facility Website](#)

Twitter: [@QuickenLoans](#)

**UPDATE:** It was announced in December 2016 that the Quicken Loans Arena will receive a \$140 million upgrade. The Cleveland Cavaliers and taxpayers would split the cost of the upgrades without any increase in taxes. The existing taxes on hotels and Quicken Loans Arena tickets would pay most of the public share in financing. The construction should be finished by 2020 and the arena will remain open during construction.

After the renovations were approved, Cleveland city leaders asked the Ohio Supreme Court to decide if the city leaders must take action on referendum petitions seeking to repeal the City Council's approval of the upgrades. No further update is available at this time.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In 2005, after purchasing the Cleveland Cavaliers, Dan Gilbert paid an unspecified amount to remodel the arena and change its name from Gund Arena to Quicken Loans Arena (AKA the Q Arena).

## Team: Los Angeles KISS

**Principal Owner:** Gene Simmons, Paul Stanley, Doc McGhee, and Brett Bouchy

**Year Established:** 2014

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@LAKISS\\_AFL](#)

**Arena:** Honda Center

**Date Built:** 1993

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** 123

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: [@HondaCenter](#)

**UPDATE:** In October 2016, the LA KISS ceased operations.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Honda purchased the naming rights to the old Anaheim Arena on October 3, 2006, for \$60 million for fifteen years.

## Team: Portland Steel

**Principal Owner:** AFL (2016)

**Year Established:** 2014

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website: N/A

Twitter: [@pdxsteel](#)

**Arena:** Moda Center

**Date Built:** 1993

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** 262

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** 17%

**Facility Financing:** Majority of the costs came from Portland Trail Blazers owner Paul Allen or Allen-owned companies. Paul Allen contributed \$46 million, the City of Portland contributed \$34.5 million, and \$10 million came from a bond backed by box office and parking revenues. The rest of the funding came from a loan from a consortium of lenders.

Facility Website

Twitter: [@ModaCenter](#)

**UPDATE:** In October 2016, the AFL ceased Portland Steel's operations effective immediately.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In August 2013, the Portland Trail Blazers signed a naming-rights deal with Moda Health for ten years. The financial terms of the deal were undisclosed.

## **Team: Orlando Predators**

**Principal Owner:** David Siegal

**Year Established:** 1991

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website: N/A

Twitter: [@ORLPredators](#)

**Arena:** Amway Center

**Date Built:** 2010

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$480

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** 87.5%

**Facility Financing:** The NBA's Orlando Magic, which also calls the Amway Center home, contributed \$50 million. Richard Devos, owner of the Orlando Magic, contributed another \$10 million. The rest was publicly financed.

Facility Website

Twitter: [@AmwayCenter](#)

**UPDATE:** In October 2016, the Predators announced that the team ceased operations.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Amway—as part of its naming rights agreement with Amway Arena—had right of first refusal for the naming rights of the new facility. Amway exercised its option and signed a ten-year, \$40 million agreement to become the sponsor of the new Amway Center.

## **Team: Philadelphia Soul**

**Principal Owner:** Craig A. Spencer and Ron Jaworski

**Year Established:** 2004

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@soulfootball](#)

**Arena:** Wells Fargo Center

**Date Built:** 1996

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$206

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** 11%

**Facility Financing:** A private bank financed \$140 million, providing the majority of the funding. The rest of the funding came from the State of Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia for

infrastructure improvements and state capital redevelopment assistance funding for general site improvements.

Facility Website

Twitter: [@WellsFargoCtr](#)

**UPDATE:** Over the last year the Wells Fargo Center has been updating its luxury suites. Phase one of the renovations has been completed. Phase one included renovations to make the suites more spacious, new flooring and seating, new lighting, and entrance and corridor improvements.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Wells Fargo is paying \$1.4 million per year for the arena naming rights until 2023.

## **Team: Tampa Bay Storm**

**Principal Owner:** Jeff Vinik

**Year Established:** 1987

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@TampaBayStorm](#)

**Arena:** Amalie Arena

**Date Built:** 1996

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$139

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** 62%

**Facility Financing:** Construction of Amalie Arena was financed by \$66.8 million in revenue bonds from the stadium authority, \$28.8 million in revenue bonds from the State, and additional funding by private sources.

Facility Website

Twitter: [@AmalieArena](#)

**UPDATE:** Towards the end of 2016, it was announced that Tampa Bay Lightning planned an overhaul of the Amalie Arena. The renovations could reach \$150 million over the next five years.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Amalie Oil Company assumed naming rights to the arena in September 2014. The specifics of the deal were undisclosed. The previous naming-rights sponsor, the *Tampa Bay Times*, shifted to being the exclusive print sponsor of the arena.

## **Team: Washington Valor**

**Principal Owner:** Ted Leonsis

**Year Established:** 2016

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@WashingtonValor](#)

**Arena:** Verizon Center

**Date Built:** 1997

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$260

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** 23%

**Facility Financing:** Private loans financed the building. The District of Columbia provided \$60 million in infrastructure costs.

Facility Website

Twitter: [@verizoncenterpr](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2017, Monumental Sports & Entertainment, owned by Ted Leonsis, announced a new partnership with Virginia-based WGL Energy Services that will enable the Verizon Center to operate using twenty-five percent solar energy.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** It was reported that Verizon Wireless would choose not to renew its naming rights deal with the Washington Wizards and Washington Capitals home arena. Verizon has since stated they have not yet made a decision. The current, \$44 million, twenty-year deal is set to expire in 2018. No further information is available at this time.

## **ARENA PRO FOOTBALL (APF)**

**LEAGUE UPDATE:** The league launched after the dissolution of the American Indoor Football League. It's first season was the 2017 season. The league has five teams right now, the Outlawz, Tarpons, Rough Riders, Raiders, and the Coastal Outlaws. The league has an expansion team set for the 2018 season, the Riptides.

The league has also formed an alliance with the Can-Am Indoor Football League to further advance each league's goals and to promote the arena/indoor football industry. Both leagues plan to share a similar concept and business plan and will continue to run independently of each other. Both leagues will participate in the Arena Football Challenge Cup at the completion of the season. The Arena Football Challenge Cup is open to all professional arena/indoor football leagues, with each league champion playing against each other.

### **Team: Alabama Outlawz**

**Principle Owner:** David Warren

**Year Established:** 2013

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: N/A

**Arena:** Shelby County Exhibition Center  
**Date Built:** 1998  
**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A  
**Facility Financing:** N/A  
Facility Website  
Twitter: N/A

**UPDATE:** The Outlawz were one of the first teams to join the Arena Pro Football league for its inaugural season in 2017. However, the Outlawz canceled all remaining home games for the season in mid-April. It is still undetermined if the Outlawz will be coming back for the 2018 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** N/A

## **Team: Coastal Outlaws**

**Principle Owner:** Anthony Bryan  
**Year Established:** 2011  
**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A  
Team Website  
Twitter: N/A

**Arena:** Savannah Civic Center  
**Date Built:** 1974  
**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$8  
**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A  
**Facility Financing:** N/A  
Facility Website  
Twitter: [@SavCivicCenter](#)

**UPDATE:** The Outlaws are a part of the APF. During the summer months the Outlaws run a developmental league called the United States Indoor Football. Teams play double headers at the Savannah Civic Center, allowing teams to be scouted and evaluated by APF teams and coaches.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** There is currently not a naming rights deal for the Savannah Civic Center.

## **Team: Florida Tarpons**

**Principle Owner:** Michael Taylor

**Year Established:** 2011

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@FloridaTarpons](#)

**Arena:** Germain Arena

**Date Built:** 1998

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: [@GermainArena](#)

**UPDATE:** The Tarpons announced at the end of 2016 that the team was joining APF after the AIF ceased operations.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In 1998, Germain Motor Company bought the naming rights to the arena for twenty years for \$7 million.

## **Team: Hampton Road Riptides**

**Principle Owner:** Frank Vaerewijck

**Year Established:** 2017

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: N/A

**UPDATE:** At the end of the 2017 season, it was announced that the Riptides would be joining the league for the 2018 season.

There is no information about where the Riptides will be playing home games for the 2018 season, but the team is looking at potentially securing a lease agreement with either the Hampton Coliseum or the Norfolk Scope Arena.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** N/A



## **Team: Richmond Rough Riders**

**Principle Owner:** Gregg Fornario

**Year Established:** 2011

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@RichRoughRiders](#)

**Arena:** Richmond Coliseum

**Date Built:** 1971

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$24

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: [@RVAColiseum](#)

**UPDATE:** The Rough Riders were created when APF began in 2017.

As of July 2017, Dominion Energy is planning to redevelop and transform the Richmond Coliseum. There are no further updates about the redevelopment at this time.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** There are currently no naming rights deal for the Richmond Coliseum.

## **Team: River City Raiders**

**Principle Owner:** Kenny Nowling

**Year Established:** 2014

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@indoorraiders](#)

**Arena:** Family Arena

**Date Built:** 1999

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$27

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: [@TheFamilyArena](#)

**UPDATE:** After the AIF ceased operations, the Raiders announced in December 2016 that the team would be moving to the APF league for the 2017 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** There are currently no naming-rights deals for Family Arena.

## **CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (CFL)**

**LEAGUE UPDATE:** The CFL is the highest level of professional football in Canada.

### **Team: B.C. Lions**

**Principal Owner:** David Braley

**Year Established:** 1954

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** C\$27

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@BCLions](#)

**Stadium:** B.C. Place

**Date Built:** 1983

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** C\$126

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: N/A

**UPDATE:** B.C. Place will host Canada's 2018 World Cup qualifying match against El Salvador.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** There is currently no naming-rights deal for B.C. Place.

### **Team: Calgary Stampeders**

**Principal Owner:** Calgary Flames Limited Partnership

**Year Established:** 1935

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@calgarystampede](#)

**Stadium:** McMahon Stadium

**Date Built:** 1960

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** C\$1.05

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: N/A

**UPDATE:** The Calgary Flames announced plans for a combined NHL-CFL stadium. The stadium would cost approximately \$900 million. The plan calls for the stadium to be funded through a \$250 million ticket tax, a \$240 million community revitalization levy, \$200 million from Calgary Flames, and \$200 million from city taxpayers. A study conducted by the city expects actual costs to reach \$1.8 billion.

The Flames plan for a new arena was approved, however the deal leaves out a new stadium for the Stampeders. Calgary City Council voted in favor of a new arena in Victoria Park. If Calgary Flames Entertainment moves forward with the development of a new arena, the Flames will likely go back to city council to get a plan approved to replace McMahon Stadium. As of now there are no further updates about a new stadium for the Stampeders.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium was constructed on the University of Alberta (Calgary) campus. It is named after Calgary residents Frank McMahon and his brother, George McMahon. They donated C\$300,000 to the school and guaranteed the balance of the money for the stadium's original construction.

## **Team: Edmonton Eskimos**

**Principal Owner:** Publicly owned

**Year Established:** 1949

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@EdmontonEsks](#)

**Stadium:** The Brick Field at Commonwealth Stadium

**Date Built:** 1978

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** C\$20.9 (C\$22.2 renovation in 2001)

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: N/A

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In 2016, a new five-year naming rights deal was struck. Now, during all Eskimo games, the Commonwealth Stadium will have the name "The Brick Field at Commonwealth Stadium." For other events the stadium will still be called Commonwealth Stadium. Terms of the deal were not released.

## **Team: Hamilton Tiger-Cats**

**Principal Owner:** Robert F. Young

**Year Established:** 1950

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@Ticats](#)

**Stadium:** Tim Hortons Field

**Date Built:** 2014

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$C145.7

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: [@TimHortonsField](#)

**UPDATE:** A local former Olympic soccer player, John McGrane, has proposed turning Tim Hortons Field into a “bubble” dome. It would cost approximately \$3 million to bubble wrap Tim Hortons Field; however, McGrane stated it would not cost the City anything.

In 2017, the Vanier Cup championship will be played at Tim Hortons Field.

In 2016, the city issued a notice of action in court about the stadium project. The Tiger-Cats filed a similar action. The city’s notice named Ontario Sports Solutions, Kenaidan Contraction Ltd., Bouygues Building Canada, the 2015 Pan Am organizing committee, Infrastructure Ontario, and the Tiger-Cats. The claim asked for C\$35 million in damages. Of the monetary damages, C\$14 million would be referred to the Tiger-Cats.

The stadium was ten months behind in construction and, since it’s opening in 2015, there are still deficiencies. The cost of fixes and safety repairs in the last year have cost about C\$2.5 million. An investigation has been ongoing to determine why a tower speaker fell into the stands last year. The court action is still ongoing, however, with an apology from the president of Kenaidan Contracting Ltd., a possible settlement could be in the works.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Tim Hortons agreed to a twenty-year partnership for the naming rights to the stadium in 2014. The City of Hamilton will make C\$15 million over the duration of the deal.

## **Team: Montreal Alouettes**

**Principal Owner:** Robert Wetenhall

**Year Established:** 1946

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@MTLAlouettes](#)

**Stadium:** Percival-Molson Memorial Stadium

**Date Built:** 1915

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** C\$100,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website: N/A

Twitter: N/A

**NAMING RIGHTS:** There is currently no naming-rights deal for Percival-Molson Memorial Stadium.

## **Team: Ottawa REDBLACKS**

**Principal Owner:** Jeff Hunt

**Year Established:** 2014

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@REDBLACKS](#)

**Stadium:** TD Place Stadium

**Date Built:** 1908 (In 2014, major renovations were completed)

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: N/A

**UPDATE:** The 2017 Grey Cup will be held at TD Place Stadium.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group reached an agreement with TD Bank Group in 2014. The specific details of the deal were not released, but the chair of the OSEG indicated it was a seven-figure per year deal spanning over more than ten years. Along with the naming rights deal, TD Bank Group will open a retail branch and install ATMs in the stadium.

## **Team: Saskatchewan Roughriders**

**Principal Owner:** Community owned

**Year Established:** 1910

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@ssroughriders](#)

**Stadium:** Mosaic Stadium

**Date Built:** 2017

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** C\$278

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: [@NewMosaic2017](#)

**UPDATE:** The Mosaic Stadium was completed in 2017 for a total cost of C\$278 million. The forecasted operational costs per year are expected to be around C\$4 million and C\$5 million.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In May of 2014, the Mosaic Company purchased an extension for the naming rights to Mosaic Stadium. The new agreement will last until 2037. No financial details have been released.

In July 2016, Virterra Inc. announced it had become a Founding Partner of the Mosaic Stadium. Included in the partnership is a provision that Virterra will receive recognition through various promotions and channels.

## **Team: Toronto Argonauts**

**Principal Owner:** Bell Canada and Kilmer Group

**Year Established:** 1873

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@TorontoArgos](#)

**Stadium:** BMO Field

**Date Built:** 2007

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** C\$62.9

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 71.5%

**Facility Financing:** The stadium was funded with C\$45 million public funds, including C\$10 million in cash from the City of Toronto. The City of Toronto also donated the land which was worth approximately C\$10 million.

Facility Website

Twitter: [@BMOField](#)

**UPDATE:** BMO Field held the NHL Centennial Classic on January 1, 2017. The Classic saw the Toronto Maple Leafs take on the Detroit Redwings. The Maple Leafs beat the Redwings by a score of 5-4.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In February 2016, BMO announced they extended the agreement with Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment to retain naming rights to BMO Field for the next ten years. Terms of the deal have not been announced. Under the previous deal, BMO paid approximately \$4 million per year.

## **Team: Winnipeg Blue Bombers**

**Principal Owner:** Community owned

**Year Established:** 1930

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@Wpg\\_BlueBombers](#)

**Stadium:** Investors Group Field

**Date Built:** 2013

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** C\$200

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 57.5%

**Facility Financing:** The Winnipeg Blue Bombers will pay back C\$85 million of the cost over a forty-year period.

Facility Website

Twitter: [@InvestorsGrpfld](#)

**UPDATE:** The final cost of Investors Group Field continues to rise. Due to payments on construction loans lagging behind and the mounting interest, the final cost is expected to rise to C\$384 million when the last principal and interest payments are made in 2058.

Investors Group Field held the 2016 Heritage Classic in which the Winnipeg Jets hosted the Edmonton Oilers. The Oilers shut out the Jets by a score of 3-0.

Repairs to concrete and drainage at the field will take two more years to complete, but the owner promised that this construction will not interfere with any events.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Investors Group structured a twelve-year deal for the naming rights. No financial information has been released.

## **CHAMPION INDOOR FOOTBALL (CIF)**

**LEAGUE UPDATE:** At the end of the 2016 season, the Mesquite Marshals changed their name to the Dallas Marshals while the Chicago Eagles and San Angelo Bandits ceased operations. CIF announced a new team for the 2017 season, the Bucks. After the AIF ceased operations, the West Michigan Ironmen became members of the CIF. The league also added an expansion team, the Centex Calvary. After the 2017 season the Dodge City Law decided to withdraw from the league.

## **Team: Amarillo Venom**

**Principal Owner:** Stephanie and Toby Tucker

**Year Established:** 2003

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@AmarilloVenom](#)

**Arena:** Amarillo Civic Center

**Date Built:** 1964

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: N/A

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The City of Amarillo owns the naming rights to the facility.

## **Team: Bismarck Bucks**

**Principal Owner:** Richard Davis

**Year Established:** 2016

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@bismarckbucks](#)

**Arena:** Bismarck Event Center

**Date Built:** N/A

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: [@BisEventCenter](#)

**UPDATE:** The Bismarck Bucks were created after the 2016 season and played their first season with the CIF in 2017.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The Bismarck Event Center is owned by the city.



## **Team: Bloomington Edge**

**Principal Owner:** Omar and Nargis Khokhar

**Year Established:** 2005

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@BloomingtonEdge](#)

**Arena:** Grossinger Motors Arena

**Date Built:** 2006

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$37

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** Funded by the City of Bloomington.

Facility Website

Twitter: [@grossingerarena](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In March 2016, U.S. Cellular decided not to renew its contract for naming rights and the contract expired. In June 2017 Gossinger Motors secured the naming rights to the Bloomington Arena. The deal is for the next five years, until 2022, and was effective immediately. The company will pay \$175,000 a year under the new naming rights deal.

## **Team: Centex Calvary**

**Principal Owner:** Randy and Sue Sanders

**Year Established:** 2016

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website: N/A

Twitter: N/A

**Arena:** Bell County Exposition Center

**Date Built:** 1987

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: [@BellCountyExpo](#)

**UPDATE:** After the 2016 season, it was announced that Fort Hood/Central Texas area would be receiving a professional team. The Centex Cavalry played their first season in the CIF in 2017.

In 2016, a proposal for a new \$24.6 million livestock and equestrian facility at the Expo Center was approved by the Commissioners Court. Ground was broken for the renovation in early 2017 and both phases of construction are expected to be completed in 2018.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The county owns the Bell County Exposition Center.

## **Team: Chicago Eagles**

**Principal Owner:** Brian Brundage

**Year Established:** 2014

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website: N/A

Twitter: [@Chicagoeagle](https://twitter.com/Chicagoeagle)

**Arena:** UIC Pavilion

**Date Built:** 1982

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: [@uicPAVILION](https://twitter.com/uicPAVILION)

**UPDATE:** The Eagles suspended operations for the 2017 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The University of Illinois at Chicago owns the naming rights to UIC Paviollion.

## **Team: Dallas Marshals**

**Principal Owner:** Doug Bland

**Year Established:** 2015

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@DallasMarshals](https://twitter.com/DallasMarshals)

**Arena:** Mesquite Arena

**Date Built:** 1985

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: [@MesquiteArena](#)

**UPDATE:** After the 2016 season, the Mesquite Marshals changed their name to the Dallas Marshals.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Mesquite Arena is privately owned by Doug Bland.

## **Team: Dodge City Law**

**Principal Owner:** Sean and Joi Ponder

**Year Established:** 2013

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@DodgeCityLaw](#)

**Arena:** United Wireless Arena

**Date Built:** 2011

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** Owned by Dodge City and Ford County

Facility Website

Twitter: [@UWADodge](#)

**UPDATE:** After the 2017 season, the Law withdrew from the CIF league effective immediately. Ownership states the team is still exploring options to join other leagues. As of now the team is not affiliated with any other league.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** United Wireless won the naming rights to the arena when the arena opened in 2011. The terms of the agreement are undisclosed.

## **Team: Duke City Gladiators**

**Principal Owner:** Duke City Gladiators, Inc. and Matt Caward

**Year Established:** 2015

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@DCGladiators](#)

**Arena:** Tingley Coliseum

**Date Built:** 1957

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$0.5

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** The coliseum is part of the New Mexico State Fairgrounds. The project was funded by the Works Progress Administration funds allocated by President Franklin Roosevelt.

Facility Website

Twitter: N/A

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The coliseum is named after former New Mexico Governor Clyde Tingley.

## **Team: Kansas City Phantoms**

**Principal Owner:** Dr. Ken Vehec

**Year Established:** 2016

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@KC\\_Phantoms](#)

**Arena:** Silverstein Eye Centers Arena

**Date Built:** 2009

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$60

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: [@SECArenaKC](#)

**UPDATE:** The Kansas City Phantoms were established in 2016 with their inaugural season in 2017.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In 2015, the Independence Event Center became the Silverstein Eye Centers Arena. The Silverstein organization will pay \$2.75 million over 10 years.

## **Team: Omaha Beef**

**Principal Owner:** Rich and Jim Tokheim

**Year Established:** 1999

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@TheOmahaBeef](#)

**Arena:** Ralston Arena

**Date Built:** 2012

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$36.8

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** Owned by the City of Ralston  
Facility Website  
Twitter: [@ralston\\_arena](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** There is currently no naming rights deal for Ralston Arena.

## **Team: Salina Liberty**

**Principal Owner:** Salina Sports, LLC.  
**Year Established:** 2015  
**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A  
Team Website  
Twitter: [@salina\\_liberty](#)

**Arena:** Tony's Pizza Event Center  
**Date Built:** 1979  
**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A  
**Facility Financing:** N/A  
Facility Website  
Twitter: N/A

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In 2017, Tony's Pizza entered into a naming rights deal for the Salina Bicentennial Center. The deal is for fifteen years worth around \$1.2 million. The \$1.2 million will be added to the city's general fund.

## **Team: San Angelo Bandits**

**Principal Owner:** Randy Sanders  
**Year Established:** 2013  
**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A  
Team Website: N/A  
Twitter: N/A

**Arena:** Foster Communications Coliseum  
**Date Built:** 1958  
**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):**  
**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A  
**Facility Financing:** Owned by City of San Angelo  
Facility Website  
Twitter: N/A

**UPDATE:** The San Angelo Bandits ceased operations after the 2016 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In March 2011, the City of San Angelo sold the naming rights to Foster Communications. Foster Communications will pay \$200,000 over the next ten years. Included in the agreement, the City of San Angelo agreed to spend at least \$7,000 per year in advertising with Foster. If the City fails to spend at least \$7,000, the difference will be deducted from the following year's payment to the City.

## **Team: Sioux City Bandits**

**Principal Owner:** Bob Scott

**Year Established:** 2000

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@scbanditfans](#)

**Arena:** Gateway Arena at the Tyson Events Center

**Date Built:** 2003

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$52

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: [@TysonEventsCent](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In 2003, Tyson Foods paid \$4 million for a lifetime deal. Additionally, Gateway and Long Lines Telecommunications each agreed to a \$750,000, ten-year deal for naming rights to the arena and auditorium, respectively.

## **Team: Texas Revolution**

**Principal Owner:** Championship Sports Group

**Year Established:** 2013

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@TexasRevs](#)

**Arena:** Allen Event Center

**Date Built:** 2009

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$70

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: [@AllenEventCntr](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** There is currently no naming rights deals for the Allen Event Center.

## **Team: West Michigan Ironmen**

**Principle Owner:** Terrance Williams

**Year Established:** 2015

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@WM\\_Ironmen](#)

**Arena:** L.C. Walker Arena

**Date Built:** 1960

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: [@LCWalkerArena](#)

**UPDATE:** Following the AIF ceasing its operations, the Ironmen joined the CIF league.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** There is currently no naming rights deal for the L.C. Walker Arena.

## **Team: Wichita Force**

**Principal Owner:** Marvin Fisher

**Year Established:** 2015

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@wichitaforce](#)

**Arena:** Intrust Bank Arena

**Date Built:** 2010

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$222

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: [@INTRUSTarena](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In 2008, Sedgwick County and Intrust Bank reached a naming rights deal of \$8.75 million paid over twenty-five years. Cessna Aircraft Company named the adjacent outdoor plaza for \$3 million paid over twenty years. A ten-year agreement was reached with House of Schwan for naming rights to the public lounge in Intrust Bank Arena. Deals are also in place with Spirit AeroSystems for the concourse, Cessna Aircraft for the plaza, and Pepsi Co. to provide non-alcoholic beverages for ten years. In total, the County expects to receive \$17.114 million between all agreements.

## **ELITE INDOOR FOOTBALL (EIF)**

**LEAGUE UPDATE:** After the American Indoor Football League (AIF) folded, the Southern Steam created the Elite Indoor Football league. The league currently has four teams, Furious, Cowboys, Jaguars, and the Steam. EIF recently announced two expansion teams for the upcoming 2018 season, Alpha Pack Florida and Central Florida Hurricanes. In November 2016, the Supreme Indoor Football league announced that it was partnering with the Elite Indoor Football league to play a cross-league schedule for the 2017 season.

### **Team: Atlanta Furious**

**Principle Owner:** Michael Figgers Sr.

**Year Established:** 2017

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: @atlantafurious

**Arena:** Adamsville Recreation Center

**Date Built:** 2003

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$13.1

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website: N/A

Twitter: N/A

**UPDATE:** A few months before the beginning of the 2017 season, EIF announced that Atlanta Furious would be joining the league.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** There are no naming rights for the recreation center.

### **Team: Carolina Cowboys**

**Principle Owner:** Trell Heyward

**Year Established:** 2016



**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: @EifCowboys

**UPDATE:** The Cowboys joined the EIF after the 2016 season. The Cowboys were a traveling team for the 2017 season. As of now, there is no information as to if the Cowboys will continue to be a traveling team or if they will have a home arena for the 2018 season.

## **Team: Florida Marine Raiders/Central Florida Jaguars**

**Principle Owner:** Mike Mink and Robert Tannenbaum

**Year Established:** 2011

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website: N/A

Twitter: @CentralFLJags

**Arena:** Lakeland Center

**Date Built:** 1974

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: N/A

**UPDATE:** The Raiders moved to the AIF following the close of the X-League. The team was renamed the Central Florida Jaguars shortly thereafter.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** There are currently no naming-rights deals for the Lakeland Center.

## **Team: Southern Steam**

**Principle Owner:** Bobby Dammarell

**Year Established:** 2013

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: N/A

**UPDATE:** After the American Indoor Football league ceased operations the Steam created the Elite Indoor Football league. However, the city of Savannah would not let the Steam return to the Savannah Civic Center for home games, unless the Dammarrells paid all money owed to the city.

Before beginning the 2017 season, the team rebranded as the Southern Steam and were listed as playing outdoors in Statesboro. Later in the 2017 season, the team moved home games into a converted warehouse in Statesboro.

## **INDOOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE (IFL)**

**LEAGUE UPDATE:** The IFL is a professional indoor football league that formed when the Intense Football League and the United Indoor Football League merged. The league is comprised of players with a variety of backgrounds, including former NFL players.

After the 2016, season the Arizona Rattlers joined the IFL from the Arena Football League. The league also added the Salt Lake Screaming Eagles, a fan-run professional sports franchise. Both teams debuted in the 2017 season. The Wolves and the Fever ceased operations after the 2016 season.

In the beginning of 2017 IFL announced a new partnership with YouTube which will provide a free live stream of all IFL games during the 2017 season. The IFL was the first indoor football league to stream a complete season on the media platform.

### **Team: Arizona Rattlers**

**Principal Owner:** Ron Shurts

**Year Established:** 1992

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@ArizonaRattlers](https://twitter.com/ArizonaRattlers)

**Arena:** Talking Stick Resort Arena

**Date Built:** 1992

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$90

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** 39%

**Facility Financing:** The City of Phoenix contributed \$35 million, \$28 million of which went toward arena construction and \$7 million toward the land. The Phoenix Suns, who also use the arena, contributed \$55 million. The City has a thirty-year commitment from the Suns to repay a portion of the contribution at \$500,000 per year, with an annual three percent increase. The City will also receive forty percent of revenue from luxury boxes and advertising.

Facility Website

Twitter: N/A

**UPDATE:** The Rattlers left the Arena Football League for the IFL after the 2016 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The arena was renamed Talking Stick Resort Arena at the start of the Phoenix Suns (NBA) 2015 season. The terms of the multi-year deal were not released.

## **Team: Billings Wolves**

**Principal Owner:** Ron Benzel

**Year Established:** 2014

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

**Team Website:** N/A

**Twitter:** [@billingswolves](#)

**Arena:** Rimrock Auto Arena at MetraPark

**Date Built:** 1975 (Renovated in 2010 and 2011)

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$11 (Renovation cost \$27 million)

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

**Facility Website**

Twitter: N/A

**UPDATE:** The Wolves ceased operations after the 2016 season, but the team's general manager said he expects the team to return to the field under new ownership for the 2018 season. During the 2016 off-season Ron Benzel gave up ownership due to Montana regulations that require the team to pay fees on sponsorship donations and player incentives.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The "Metra" in MetraPark is an acronym for Montana Entertainment Trade and Recreation Arena. The naming rights were sold to Rimrock Auto Group in 2007 for \$1 million over ten years.

## **Team: Cedar Rapids Titans**

**Principal Owner:** Chris Kokalis

**Year Established:** 2011

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

**Team Website**

**Twitter:** [@CRTitans](#)

**Arena:** U.S. Cellular Center

**Date Built:** 1979

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** 8

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** Owned by the City of Cedar Rapids.

Facility Website

Twitter: [@USCellCenter](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In 2014, U.S. Cellular renewed its agreement for the naming rights to the U.S. Cellular Center. The previous agreement paid \$150,000 annually. Under the new agreement, the company is paying \$3.8 million for ten years.

## **Team: Colorado Crush**

**Principal Owner:** Project FANchise

**Year Established:** 2006

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website: N/A

Twitter: [@COCrushFootball](#)

**Arena:** Budweiser Events Center

**Date Built:** 2003

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$28

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** Owned by Larimer County

Facility Website

Twitter: [@BudEventsCenter](#)

**UPDATE:** In October 2016 it was announced that Project FANchise acquired the ownership for the Colorado Crush. Project FANchise also owns the Salt Lake Screaming Eagles. Project FANchise allows fans to run the team, from hiring coaches, choosing players, and even calling plays in real time.

During the 2017 season, FANchise stated it was planning its own league in 2018, called the Interactive Football League, and would not be operating any teams in the IFL. After the 2017 season ended the Crush website was shutdown, however no official announcement has been made regarding the future of the Crush or the potential new league.

In April 2017, FANchise announced REFchise. This league will consist of ten teams of refs, all selected from the most flag-happy crews from every football league. The referees are brought together with the purpose of calling as many penalties as possible. REFchise is tentatively schedule to start February 2018.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In 2002, a local Anheuser-Busch distributor purchased the naming rights to the arena for \$1.5 million over twenty years.

## Team: Green Bay Blizzard

**Principal Owner:** Larry and Kathy Treankler

**Year Established:** 2003

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: @BlizzardIFL

**Arena:** Resch Center

**Date Built:** 2002

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$49

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** An eight percent room rental tax at the Resch Center and KI Convention Center primarily financed the arena. Another \$5 million came from various naming-rights opportunities throughout the Center, and an additional \$1 million came from the State of Wisconsin and the Village of Ashwaubenon. Final funding came from the sale of bricks to fill the plaza in front of the Resch Center.

Facility Website

Twitter: @reschcenter

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The Resch Center is named after Dick Resch, President of KI Industries. Resch and KI donated \$5 million in cash and furnishings for the Resch Center and KI Convention Center, which is located next door to the Resch Center. The actual field played on by the Blizzard is sponsored by U.S Cellular, and details of the deal are undisclosed.

## Team: Iowa Barnstormers

**Principal Owner:** Jeff Lamberti

**Year Established:** 1995

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: @iabarnstormers

**Arena:** Wells Fargo Arena

**Date Built:** 2005

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$99

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: N/A

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The facility is named after Wells Fargo Financial Services, which has been the corporate sponsor of the multi-purpose arena since it opened. For this sponsorship, Wells Fargo will pay \$11.5 million over twenty years, expiring in 2025.

## **Team: Nebraska Danger**

**Principal Owner:** Charlie Bosselman  
**Year Established:** 2010  
**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A  
Team Website  
[Twitter: @DangerFootball](#)

**Arena:** Eihusen Arena at the Heartland Events Center  
**Date Built:** 2006  
**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A  
**Facility Financing:** N/A  
Facility Website  
Twitter: [@HeartlndEvents](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Eihusen Arena is named after Virgil Eihusen of Chief Industries who donated \$1.6 million to the facilities.

## **Team: Salt Lake Screaming Eagles**

**Principal Owner:** Project FANchise  
**Year Established:** 2016  
**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A  
Team Website  
Twitter: [@SLScreamEagles](#)

**Arena:** Maverik Center  
**Date Built:** 1997  
**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$54.1  
**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A  
**Facility Financing:** West Valley City built a new ice hockey facility after winning the 2002 Winter Olympic bid. The Salt Lake City Organizing Committee loaned the city \$7 million to the city for construction costs and would rent the arena from the city during the Olympic Games.  
Facility Website  
Twitter: [@Maverik\\_Center](#)

**UPDATE:** The Screaming Eagles were announced as a new team before the beginning of the 2017 season. The team is run entirely by the fans. The team has a virtual front office which allows fans all access to the teams front office. Most of FANchise teams allow fans to chose coaches and even plays during games. FANchise allows members bi-weekly video conference calls with current and former NFL, college, and IFL coaches and front office members.

In April 2017, FANchise announced REFchise. This league will consist of ten teams of refs, all selected from the most flag-happy crews from every football league. The referees are brought together with the purpose of calling as many penalties as possible. REFchise is tentatively schedule to start February 2018.

During the 2017 season, FANchise stated it was planning its own league in 2018, called the Interactive Football League, and would not be operating any teams in the IFL. However, no official announcement has been been made regarding the potential new league.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In 2010, it was announced that a naming rights deal had been met with Maverik, Inc. The deal included exclusive sponsorship and advertising rights and prominent signage on the exterior and interior of the building. The arena now features Maverik’s proprietary “adventure theme,” a Maverik concession outlet and exclusively sells a number of Maverik proprietary products. The deal is a multi-million dollar deal and a multi-year deal, however specific details of the deal were not disclosed.

## **Team: Sioux Falls Storm**

**Principal Owner:** Todd Tryon

**Year Established:** 2000

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: @siouxfallsstorm

**Arena:** Denny Sanford PREMIER Center

**Date Built:** 2014

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$117

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** 98%

**Facility Financing:** The sources of financing are tax-exempt bonds, taxable bonds, sales tax fund cash from the City, and a donation from Sanford Health.

Facility Website

Twitter: N/A

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Sanford Health, First Premier Bank, and Premier Bankcard are paying nearly \$21 million for the naming rights to the Denny Sanford Premier Center for the next twenty-five years.

## Team: Spokane Empire

**Principal Owner:** IFL Partners, LLC

**Year Established:** 2014

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@SpokaneShock](#)

**Arena:** Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena

**Date Built:** 1994

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$44.8

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** Three main public funding initiatives led to the stadium's construction. The first was a property tax bond issued at \$38 million. Then, a two percent hotel tax was imposed to further fund the construction. Finally, the voters approved a 0.1% increase in sales tax to finance the rest of the arena.

Facility Website

Twitter: [@SpokaneArena](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** There are currently no naming rights deals for the Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena. In 2005, corporate sponsors were sought out, but no deals were developed.

## Team: Wichita Falls Nighthawks

**Principal Owner:** Drew Carnes

**Year Established:** 2012

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: N/A

**Arena:** Kay Yeager Coliseum

**Date Built:** 2003

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** 10

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: N/A

**NAMING RIGHTS:** There is currently no naming rights deal for the Kay Yeager Coliseum.



## MID-ATLANTIC INDOOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE (MAIFL)

**LEAGUE UPDATE:** The Mid-Atlantic Indoor Football League (MAIFL) is a developmental semi-pro indoor football league to help players and coaches learn the indoor game. The 2017 season was MAIFL's inaugural season. The league currently has three teams, Big Red, Reapers, and Eagles.

### **Team: Arbutus Big Red**

**Principle Owner:** George Kendrick

**Year Established:** 1946

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@ArbutusBigRed1](#)

**Arena:** Arbutus Middle School

**Date Built:** N/A

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: N/A

**NAMING RIGHTS:** There is no naming rights deal for Arbutus Middle School.

### **Team: Capital City Reapers**

**Principle Owner:** Reggie Shipp

**Year Established:** 2017

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@CapCityReapers](#)

**Arena:** XL Sports World

**Date Built:** N/A

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: [@XLSportsWorldVA](#)

**UPDATE:** The Reapers played their inaugural season for MAIFL in 2017.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** XL Sports World acquired this facility from Richmond Indoor Sports Experience in 2013.

## **Team: Maryland Eagles**

**Principle Owner:** Darryl Overton and Matthew Steeple

**Year Established:** 2013

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

[Team Website](#)

Twitter: N/A

**Arena:** Wheaton Sports Pavilion

**Date Built:** 2013

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

Twitter: [@Wheaton\\_Sports](#)

**UPDATE:** After the American Indoor Football league ceased operations in 2016, the Eagles joined the MAIFL for the 2017 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** There is no naming rights deal at this time for the Wheaton Sports Pavilion.

## **NATIONAL ARENA LEAGUE (NAL)**

**LEAGUE UPDATE:** The NAL is a professional indoor football league that began play in 2017. The league originally began in June 2016 as the Arena Developmental League. In March 2017, the league changed its name to the National Arena League. The league was started in the wake of several small indoor leagues folding and teams switching to other leagues.

The league currently consists of nine teams, the Columbus Lions, the Corpus Christi Rage, the Dayton Wolfpack, the Georgia Firebirds, the High Country Grizzlies, the Jacksonville Sharks, the Jersey Flight, the Lehigh Valley Steelhawks, and the Monterrey Steel.

## **Team: Columbus Lions**

**Principle Owner:** John Hargrove

**Year Established:** 2006

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

[Team Website](#)

Twitter: [@columbuslions](#)

**Arena:** Columbus Civic Center

**Date Built:** 1996

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$45

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

Twitter: [@ColCivicCenter](#)

**UPDATE:** After leaving the AIF at the conclusion of the 2016 season, the Lions joined the NAL for the 2017 season and plan to stay with the NAL for the 2018 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The Columbus Civic Center is currently seeking naming-rights deals, but no deal has been reached as of 2017.

## **Team: Corpus Christi Rage**

**Principle Owner:** Eric Smith

**Year Established:** 2016

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website: N/A

Twitter: N/A

**Arena:** American Bank Center Arena

**Date Built:** 2004

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$49

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** Financed through a 1/8 cent sales tax approved in 2000.

[Facility Website](#)

Twitter: N/A

**UPDATE:** Before the end of the NAL's inaugural season, the Rage ceased operations.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** American Bank owns the naming rights to the arena. American Bank has owned the naming rights since 2003, however no other details about the deal were released.

## **Team: Dayton Wolfpack**

**Principle Owner:** Jerome and Jesse Clark

**Year Established:** 2016

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website: N/A

Twitter: [@DaytonWolfpack](#)

**UPDATE:** The Dayton Wolfpack was named as one of the charter teams for the NAL in 2016. The team originally announced that they would play at the Nutter Center and were scheduled for five home games for the 2017 season. However, the Wolfpack and the Nutter Center could not come to a lease agreement and the NAL removed all home games which left the Wolfpack as a traveling team.

After becoming a traveling team, Marcus Ray took over operations and announced he would operate the traveling Wolfpack team out of Atlanta for the season.

After the NAL 2017 summer meetings, the Wolfpack were no longer listed as members of the league.

## **Team: Georgia Firebirds**

**Principle Owner:** Darrien Teals

**Year Established:** 2009

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website: N/A

Twitter: [@GA\\_Firebirds](#)

**Arena:** Albany Civic Center

**Date Built:** 1976

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: [@albanycivicctr](#)

**UPDATE:** After the American Indoor Football league ceased operations in 2016, the Firebirds joined the NAL for its inaugural season.

During the 2017 season, the league took over operations for the team. It is unknown if the team will return for the 2018 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** There is no naming rights deal for the Albany Civic Center at this time.

## **Team: High Country Grizzlies**

**Principle Owner:** Donald Thompson

**Year Established:** 2016

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

[Team Website](#)

Twitter: N/A

**Arena:** George M. Holmes Convocation Center

**Date Built:** 2000

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$29

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

Twitter: N/A

**UPDATE:** The American Indoor Football league (AIF) announced the Grizzlies as an expansion team for the 2017 season. However, a few days after this announcement, the AIF ceased operations. The team then immediately joined the NAL.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The center is named after a 2954 graduate of Appalachian State University.

## **Team: Jacksonville Sharks**

**Principal Owner:** Jacksonville Sports Group

**Year Established:** 2010

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

[Team Website](#)

Twitter: [@jaxsharks](#)

**Arena:** Sea Best Field at Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena

**Date Built:** 2003

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$130

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

Twitter: N/A

**UPDATES:** The Sharks were a member of the Arena Football League through the 2016 season. The Sharks then joined the NAL for the 2017 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In honor of the Beaver Street Fisheries' flagship brand, Sea Best, the Jacksonville Sharks will play all of their home games on Sea Best Field at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena.

## **Team: Jersey Flight**

**Principle Owner:** Kyna Felder-Ruiz and Samuel Davis Jr.

**Year Established:** 2017

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

[Team Website](#)

Twitter: [@JerseyFlightFB](#)

**Arena:** Sun National Bank Center

**Date Built:** 1999

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$53

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

Twitter: [@SunNBCenter](#)

**UPDATES:** The NAL announced that the Flight will be the league's new expansion team for the 2018 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Sun National Bank acquired the naming rights in 2009. The deal called for Sun National Bank to pay Mercer County about \$2.1 million over seven years. The deal expired in 2016 but it had an option to extend the contract for an additional three years. Sun National Bank exercised that option.

## **Team: Lehigh Valley Steelhawks**

**Principle Owner:** Glenn W. Clark

**Year Established:** 2010

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

[Team Website](#)

Twitter: [@SteelhawksLV](#)

**Arena:** PPL Center

**Date Built:** 2014

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$177

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: [@PPLCenter](#)

**UPDATE:** In July 2016, the Steelhawks announced they had joined the Arena development League, now the NAL. The Steelhawks plan to stay in the NAL for the 2018 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** PPL Corporation owns the naming rights to the sports arena until 2024. The financial details were not disclosed.

## **Team: Monterrey Steel**

**Principle Owner:** Fernando Von Rossum

**Year Established:** 2016

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: [@monterreysteel](#)

**Arena:** Arena Monterrey

**Date Built:** 2003

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$55

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: [@ArenaMtyOficial](#)

**UPDATES:** The Steel are the first team from Mexico to play in an American arena/indoor football league. At the end of 2016, NAL announced that the team would be joining the league for the 2017 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** There are no naming rights for the arena at the time.

## **SUPREME INDOOR FOOTBALL (SIF)**

**LEAGUE UPDATE:** The Supreme Indoor Football league (SIF) is the creation of the Cape Fear Heroes and was initially supposed to launch in 2015. The SIF was going to be apart of the Indoor Football Alliance with the revived Continental Indoor Football League (CIFL). The SIF planned to begin play in 2016, however the revival of the CIFL never materialized and the league had trouble finding teams to join. The league then relaunched in 2017.

The league currently has seven teams, Gladiators, Bulls, Heroes, M.O.B., Dragons, Ravens, and Torch.

## Anderson Gladiators

**Principle Owner:** David Kross, Rod Gardner, and Frank Walker

**Year Established:** 2017

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website: N/A

Twitter: N/A

**UPDATE:** The Gladiators officially joined the SIF for its inaugural season in 2017. There is no information on where the Gladiators played home games for the 2017 season, or if the team will be back for the 2018 season.

## Team: Cap City Bulls

**Year Established:** 2017

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: N/A

**Arena:** J.S. Dorton Arena

**Date Built:** 1952

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

Facility Website

Twitter: N/A

**UPDATE:** The Bulls were one of the charter members of the SIF and played in its inaugural season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** There is currently not a naming rights deal for the J.S. Dorton Arena.

## Team: Cape Fear Heroes

**Principle Owner:** Barbara Spigner and Crystal Williams

**Year Established:** 2012

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A

**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A

Team Website

Twitter: @CFherosOFFICIAL



**Arena:** Crown Complex  
**Date Built:** 1997  
**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$55  
**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A  
**Facility Financing:** N/A  
Facility Website  
Twitter: [@CrownComplexNC](#)

**UPDATE:** The Heroes ceased operations after the 2015 season. After the 2016 season the owners decided to relaunch the SIF and resume operations for the 2017 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** There is not a naming rights deal at this time.

## **Team: Georgia M.O.B.**

**Principle Owner:** Samuel Spencer  
**Year Established:** 2017  
**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A  
Team Website: N/A  
Twitter: [@GeorgiaMOB1](#)

**Arena:** One Touch Soccer  
**Date Built:** N/A  
**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A  
**Facility Financing:** N/A  
Facility Website  
Twitter: N/A

**UPDATE:** The M.O.B. were announced as one of the SIF charter teams for its inaugural 2017 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** There is currently not a naming rights deal for One Touch Soccer.

## **Team: Greenville Dragons**

**Principle Owner:** Kent Meredith  
**Year Established:** 2017  
**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A  
Team Website  
Twitter: N/A

**UPDATE:** The Dragons were a traveling team for the SIF's inaugural 2017 season. The Dragons are set to secure a facility for the 2018 season, but no update is available at this time.

## **Team: South Carolina Ravens**

**Principle Owner:** Andre Duncan  
**Year Established:** 2016  
**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A  
Team Website: N/A  
Twitter: N/A

**UPDATE:** The Ravens joined the SIF for the 2017 season. There is no information on where the Ravens played home games for the 2017 season or if the team will return for the 2018 season.

## **Team: Triangle Torch**

**Principle Owner:** Harold Turner, Chris McKinney, and David Foster  
**Year Established:** 2015  
**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Current Value (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Percent Change from Last Year:** N/A  
Team Website  
Twitter: @triangletorch

**Arena:** J.S. Dorton Arena  
**Date Built:** 1951  
**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A  
**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** N/A  
**Facility Financing:** N/A  
Facility Website  
Twitter: N/A

**UPDATE:** The Torch was a member of the SIF for its inaugural 2017 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** N/A