

**Florida Recreation and Park Association, Inc.**

**Florida Sports Foundation**

Overview

The Florida Sports Foundation (FSF), in partnership with the Florida Recreation and Park Association (FRPA), is proud to present the **Excellence in Sports Tourism Award** for FRPA Departments. In its ninth year, this award recognizes the outstanding efforts of departments that positively contribute to the success of sports tourism events in their respective communities.

Eligibility

To be considered for this award, a department *must* be nominated by an FSF Industry Partner (a Regional Sports Commission).

Guidelines/Criteria

Regional Sports Commissions must submit nominations to the Florida Sports Foundation by **May 31, 2024**. An FSF Committee will review the nominations and select winners in two categories: *Small Market*and*Mid-Large Market*(see chart below). The awards will be presented at the FRPA Annual Awards Banquet on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, in Orlando, FL. Regional Sports Commissions that nominate award-winning departments will have the opportunity to present the award with the Florida Sports Foundation.

Nominations may be in any legible format but must contain the following information:

1. Name of Parks and Recreation Department
2. Include names of any outstanding individuals the Nominator would like to recognize.
3. Explain how this department has gone above and beyond to support Sport Tourism in the area.
4. Regional Sports Commission events hosted at facilities owned/managed by the department for events that occurred between **April 2023 – April 2024**.
5. Total Economic Impact of events hosted at facilities owned/managed by the department between **April 2023 – April 2024.**
6. Include other programs or activities conducted in partnership with the department that have contributed to sports tourism efforts in the area and the economic impact (if measurable).
7. Organization logo(s) and digital photos, videos, or other media that showcase the department’s involvement in sport tourism-related event. *A 30-second promotional video is preferred*. **Note**: The video may be included in the Awards Banquet video production.

Regional Sports Commissions market designations are currently as follows:

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| **Small Market**  **Bradenton Area Sports Commission**  *Manatee County*  **Citrus County Sports Development**  *Citrus County*  **Clay County Board of County Commissioners**  *Clay County*  **Columbia County Sports Commission**  *Columbia County*  **Daytona Beach Area Convention & Visitors Bureau**  *Volusia County*  **Destin-Fort Walton Beach**  *Okaloosa County*  **Experience Florida’s Sports Coast**  *Pasco County*  **Florida Citrus Sports & Events, Inc\***  **Florida’s Space Coast Office of Tourism**  *Brevard County*  **Gainesville Sports Commission**  *Alachua County*  **Naples, Marco Island, Everglades**  *Collier County*  **Ocala/Marion County Visitors & Convention Bureau**  *Ocala and Marion Counties*  **Palm Coast and the Flagler Beaches**  *Flagler County*  **Pensacola Sports**  *Escambia County*  **Punta Gorda / Englewood Beach Visitor & Convention Bureau**  *Charlotte County*  **Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners**  *Santa Rosa County*  **St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra and the Beaches CVB**  *St Johns County*  **Tallahassee** **Sports Council**  *Leon County*  **Treasure Coast Sports Commission**  *Indian River, Martin, and St. Lucie Counties*  **Visit Sebring**  *Highlands County* | **Mid-Large Markets**  **Experience Kissimmee Sports Commission**  *Osceola County*  **Greater Fort Lauderdale Sports**  *Broward County*  **Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau**  *Miami Dade County*  **Greater Orlando Sports Commission**  *Orange. Lake, Seminole, and Osceola Counties*  **Jacksonville Sports Council**  *Duval County*  **Lee County Sports Development**  *Lee County*  **Orlando North Seminole County Sports**  *Seminole County*  **Palm Beach County Sports Commission**  *Palm Beach County*  **Panama City Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau**  *Bay County*  **Polk County Sports Marketing**  *Polk County*  **Sarasota County Sports Commission**  *Sarasota County*  **St. Pete Clearwater Sports & Events/Visit St. Pete Clearwater (VSPC)**  *Pinellas County*  **Tampa Bay Sports Commission**  *Hillsborough County*  **Visit Orlando Sports**  *Orange County* |

**How to Apply**

Florida Sports Foundation Industry Partners (Regional Sports Commissions) must submit nominations by **May 31, 2024,** to:

**Florida Sports Foundation**

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