

Many top college lacrosse, soccer and field hockey players across the nation have one thing in common: They played in Chesterfield County.

In December, the county acquired [River City Sportsplex](#), enabling it to host about 1,700 more teams on Mondays through Thursdays, and have more control over weekend tournaments. The complex has 12 synthetic turf fields, and is one of the largest collections of synthetic turf fields in the U.S. for soccer, lacrosse, field hockey and many other sports, with nine fields lighted for evening play. In March, the county hosted the Jefferson Cup, which is rated as one of the top youth soccer tournaments in the country, and expanded it to four weekends and 1,300 teams this year. The county's [Department of Parks and Recreation manages](#) River City Sportsplex, and revenue from rental fees and tournament charges will be used to pay for operating costs.

Recently, [Corrigan Sports Enterprises](#) contracted with Chesterfield to host major events here through 2020, including the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Associations Champions Cup and the Capital Cup. These two events are the largest tournaments held in the Richmond Region, each attracting more than 14,000 visitors from across the U.S. and Canada, and using over 10,000 hotel rooms for just one event. The county is the only location in the U.S. to host two Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association National College recruiting events.

