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**MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS IN CONNECTICUT THIS WEEKEND
WILL GENERATE EXCITEMENT FOR FANS AND \$\$\$ FOR BUSINESSES**

MIDDLETOWN, CONN., May 28, 2021 – As Connecticut gears up for **Memorial Day Weekend** and the start of the summer season, the **Connecticut Convention & Sports Bureau (CTCSB)**, the state's official meetings and sports event sales and marketing organization, welcomes the following major sports events that will excite fans and bring new dollars into the state:

NCAA DI, DII, DIII Men's Lacrosse National Championships: May 29-31, 2021

At Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field (East Hartford)

www.rentschlerfield.com/events/detail/2021-ncaa-mens-lacrosse-championships

NCAA DIII Men's Baseball Regional Championships: May 27-29, 2021 (*rain dates: May 30 & 31*)

At Trinity College (Hartford)

www.ncaa.com/news/baseball/article/2021-05-23/2021-ncaa-division-iii-baseball-championship-selections

Oakwood Premier Soccer Memorial Day Tournament: May 29-31, 2021

At Multiple locations: Oakwood Soccer Park (Portland); Addison Park (Glastonbury); Nayaug School (Glastonbury); Hebron Avenue School (Glastonbury); Glastonbury High School (Glastonbury); Smith Middle School (Glastonbury); Middletown Turf Sporting CT (Middletown); and Veterans Memorial Park (Manchester)

www.oakwoodsoccer.com/opi-tournament

Fast Pitch Nation Memorial Day Salute the Troops: May 29-30, 2021

At Fast Pitch Nation Park (Windsor)

<https://playfpn.com/events/salute-th-troops-on-memorial-day>

2021 New England AAU Volleyball Fun at the Sun: May 29-31, 2021

At Mohegan Sun Casino (Uncasville)

www.neaauvolleyball.org/memorial-day-weekend

Boys Future Champions Lacrosse Tournament: May 30-31, 2021

At Newington High School (Newington)

www.cselax.com/futures/

"We are thrilled about this holiday weekend, as Connecticut hosts multiple major sports events for the first time in over a year," explains Robert Murdock, President of the Connecticut Convention & Sports Bureau (CTCSB). "These tournaments will bring athletes, officials, families and fans, and are projected to generate a combined total of \$7 Million in revenue for local hotels, restaurants and attractions, with the NCAA DI, DII, DIII Men's Lacrosse National Championships in East Hartford alone projected to bring in \$4.36 Million. In total, these six events will support more than 2,400-tourism-related jobs in Connecticut, and will produce over \$261,000 in Connecticut sales tax," says Murdock. "Our Bureau has been working with these promoters to help bring them to our state, and we look forward to a big summer season with many more."

The Connecticut Convention & Sports Bureau (CTCSB) is the state's official meetings and sports event sales and marketing organization. Working in partnership with businesses, institutions, nonprofit organizations and their surrounding communities, the CTCSB markets all of the state – convention and meeting venues, hotels and attractions, and sporting venues – as a premier destination for international, national, regional and statewide conferences, conventions, and major sports events. The CTCSB is funded by private sector partnership support and through the DECD/CT Office of Tourism.

For more info, visit www.CTmeetings.org or call 860-728-6789.

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