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Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau



## **RACVB wins bid to host Upper Midwest Lacrosse Conference tournament for the first time** *2023 qualifying tournament set for April at Mercyhealth Sportscore Two*

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**ROCKFORD, IL** — The Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau announced today that the Upper Midwest Lacrosse Conference (UMLC) is heading to the Mercyhealth Sportscore facility in Loves Park, Ill., for the 2023 tournament.

The top six collegiate level teams in each division, I and II, will participate in the tournament, which runs from April 28-30. The winning squads earn an automatic qualifying bid to the 2023 MCLA National Championships presented by New Balance, which will be held in Round Rock, TX May 8-13.

“We are very excited about our partnership with Mercyhealth and look forward to a centralized location for our conference tournament,” said UMLC president Derek Daehn.

The public may attend. Information on ticket prices and streaming will be released as the tournament draws closer.

“The Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau is thrilled to partner with UMLC and the Rockford Park District to host this collegiate lacrosse tournament in the region for the first time. We are, of course, ecstatic to help deliver a memorable experience for thousands of visitors to the Mercyhealth Sportscore Two,” said **Lindsay Arellano**, RACVB vice president of sales and service.

“We are thrilled to welcome these athletes to the facility for the first time and provide an outstanding experience to each one and their family,” said **Louis Mateus**, General Manager of Mercyhealth Sportscore Complexes. “The Indoor Sports Center at Mercyhealth Sportscore Two is a versatile venue, and a perfect location for such a prestigious sporting event.”

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