

# U.S. Olympic Training Center – Chula Vista, Calif.

## Fact Sheet

The U.S Olympic Training Center (OTC) in Chula Vista, Calif., is the first USOC training facility to be master-planned and built from the ground up, designated for the development of America's Olympic and Paralympic athletes.

The year-round, warm-weather facility in Chula Vista, Calif., was a gift to the United States Olympic Committee from the San Diego National Sports Training Foundation, a group of dedicated business and community leaders, and volunteers who raised the funds to build the Center.

### Training Center Overview

The Center rests on a 150-acre complex adjacent to Lower Otay Lake in southwestern San Diego County. The center has sport venues and support facilities for eight Olympic sports: archery, canoe/kayak, cycling, field hockey, rowing, soccer, softball and track & field.

Through programs developed by the National Governing Bodies of each sport, an estimated 4,000 athletes each year will receive the coaching, support and facilities necessary to be their best.

The Center, which officially opened in June 1995, not only benefits thousands of Olympic and Paralympic hopefuls, but serves local youth and citizens nationwide. It has been designed to accommodate thousands of daily visitors with escorted tours of the facility at no charge.

Thousands of student athletes and coaches also gain access to the Center for clinics and competitions when venues are not being utilized by athletes in training.

### Facilities

#### Copley Visitor Center

Visitors start their experience at the Copley Visitor Center, complete with a theater and an Olympic Spirit Store, featuring an extensive line of official U.S. Olympic Team and Olympic merchandise and memorabilia. On the tour they can view athletes training from an elevated visitor promenade known as the Conrad N. Hilton Olympic Path. Free tours are available daily. For more information call the Copley Center at (619) 482-6148.



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### **Athlete Center**

When athletes arrive at the OTC, they register at the Athlete Check-In building, which also houses the Center's administrative offices. Located in the Athlete Center is the Sharp Health Care Sport Performance facility, where athletes receive medical care and partake in sport science evaluation. Meals are provided in the architecturally distinctive dining hall, where the USOC staff is capable of serving 1,000 meals a day. At the end of a long day of training, athletes reside in one of 34 two-bedroom suites, which are equipped with balconies, telephones, cable television and wireless Internet. On-site laundry is also available for the athletes living at the Olympic Training Center.

### **The Easton Aluminum Archery Range**

The 50-lane archery complex has movable targets allowing for training at distances up to 90 meters. The largest outdoor archery range in North America, the field includes a support building which, like all of the Center's venue support structures, houses a coaching office, apparatus storage and athlete restrooms.

### **Emily Hunt Black Athletics Complex**

With the Otay Mountains as its backdrop, and under the watchful eye of "The Winged Runner" statue, sits the 400-meter, eight-lane polyurethane running track with a 12-lane, 100-meter straight-away and a separate six-acre throwing area for field events. The site includes a large support building and an observation tower.

### **Alex G. Spanos Field Hockey Complex**

Field hockey athletes train on an artificial surface (pitch) complete with watering system to meet world standards. A support building and observation tower put the finishing touches on this venue.

### **The Kyocera Soccer Complex**

Soccer teams train on four natural-grass soccer fields measuring 115 x 75 meters. In addition to providing training for elite athletes, the soccer fields have also been the site of action-packed competition and clinics for community youth. Two support buildings complete with meeting space and athlete locker rooms are available at the venue.



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### **Douglas F. Manchester Family Cycling Criterium**

Cyclists must meet the challenge of a criterium course nine-tenths of a mile in distance. The course features views of the soccer fields, archery range, Lower Otay Lake and softball field. The course provides cyclists with a training venue for speed work, which opens onto the country roadways adjacent to the Center for scenic and demanding distance training.

### **Boathouse**

Featuring an award-winning design, the boathouse was one of the first projects completed at the Center. A 3,000-meter rowing course with submersible lane markers is laid out on the Lower Otay Lake to accommodate USA Canoe/Kayak and U.S. Rowing athletes. The athletes utilize 13 shoreline miles of the lake for on-water training. The boathouse includes locker rooms and showers for rowing and canoe/kayak athletes.

### **Softball**

The softball complex includes a main playing field, practice infield, batting and pitching cages and equipment storage unit. The facility was designed to accommodate both the Women's and Men's U.S. National Softball Teams.

### **Strength and Conditioning Pavilion**

A 5,400-square foot structure houses and supports strength and conditioning (weight room) programs for athletes. The strength and conditioning pavilion features state-of-the art exercise equipment, all of which was donated by U.S. Olympic Team sponsor, 24-Hour Fitness.

### **AT&T Athlete Connections Center**

A 3,000-square foot covered structure provides a multi-purpose space to support various recreational activities. The AT&T Athlete Connections Center, built in 2007, offers athletes an area for technology, games, communication and recreation.

### **Chula Vista U.S. Olympic Training Center by the Numbers**

<b>69</b>	Dorm rooms
<b>70.5</b>	Average annual temperature (in degrees Fahrenheit) in Chula Vista
<b>369</b>	Olympic medals won by athletes who have trained at the OTC (1996-2006)
<b>\$15 million</b>	Donation from ARCO (Atlantic-Richfield Corporation) for the initial construction of the OTC

