

THE RING OF GOLD

Venue Plan

The *Ring of Gold* is the heart of San Francisco's plan to deliver the most outstanding Olympic Games in history. The *Ring of Gold* is a venue plan based on experience gathered in Olympic Games from Los Angeles to Sydney, combining the best characteristics of each of these benchmark events in Olympic history.

Using existing venues wherever possible mirrors the brilliant strategy of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. However, unlike LA84, *The Ring of Gold* venues are arrayed in clusters to create an Olympic scale that echoes Sydney's wonderful sense of pageantry, drama, magnitude and celebration. In contrast to Sydney, *The Ring of Gold* features four distinct clusters, rather than one massive cluster, to establish the right scale—large enough to create special Olympic excitement, but distributed geographically and therefore safer and more manageable for operations, security, and transportation. In this way, *The Ring of Gold* is a technical plan that anticipates the new directions of the IOC's Olympic Games Study Commission.

San Francisco 2012's *Ring of Gold* is composed of outstanding, existing venues, both collegiate and professional, selected by local Olympians and sports experts to provide the best competitive conditions for the athletes and capitalizing upon the region's proven record of staging world-class sports events. Detailed venue plans for each venue can be viewed at www.basoc2012.org.



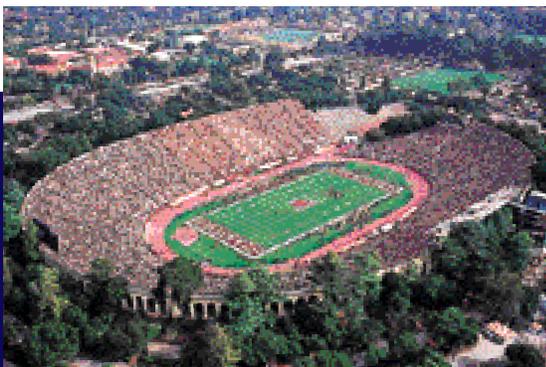
The four Venue Clusters in *The Ring of Gold* are the San Francisco Cluster, the Oakland-U.C. Berkeley Cluster, the San Jose-Santa Clara Cluster, and the Stanford Olympic Park Cluster.

VENUE SITES



Moscone Center North, San Francisco

Edwards Stadium, U.C. Berkeley



Stanford Stadium

Aquatic Park San Francisco

***The Ring of Gold* is based on several key principles:**

- Establish world-class venues to provide the "best possible conditions for athletes."
- Hold capital spending on venues to a minimum.
- Create an Olympic Park at Stanford that combines several outstanding sports and sports facilities in a world-class natural setting that will enhance the performances of athletes and the enjoyment of spectators.
- Create more excitement, magnitude, and pageantry by developing multiple Venue Clusters rather than a single, massive cluster.
- Integrate the beauty of the natural environment into *The Ring of Gold* wherever possible, to heighten the experience for participants, Olympic Family and spectators, as well as the worldwide television audience. Thus, *The Ring of Gold* will offer the most telegenic Olympic Games in history.
- Create a greater focus on each individual sport by creating multiple Venue Clusters, each within a major metropolitan area that will focus on and support the special group of sports in each cluster.
- Maximize spectator capacity for all sports so that great crowds support the athletes and so that more spectators are able to attend the Olympic Games (almost ten million seats available for spectators.)
- Minimize and disperse impacts of the Olympic Games by using distributed, multiple Venue Clusters to improve operations.
- Select venues that meet IOC requirements for proximity to the Olympic Village.
- Select venues so that the Paralympic Venue Plan is also crafted out of *The Ring of Gold*, utilizing the same Olympic Venues in every parallel situation, a principle of great importance to our Paralympians (with more than 40% of the venues within 10km of the Paralympic Village).
- Select venues that are adjacent to public transportation— all but two of the venues in *The Ring of Gold* are within easy walking distance of a mass transit station or light rail station (less than one-half mile). On any given day Olympic Family and spectators can attend multiple events within walking distance of one another.
- Follow California's leading environmental practices in developing all venues, particularly by using highly functional but relatively inexpensive temporary structures wherever appropriate.
- SF 2012 has secured Memoranda of Understanding for all venues presented in this plan. This agreement with licensing authority of each venue includes requirements for clean venues, use of Olympic sponsor products, and many other key considerations.
- Existing training sites meet or exceed the requirements for each of the sports on the Olympic Programme, located close to the Olympic Village, so that athletes can spend their time training rather than traveling.
 - More than 33% percent of the Training sites are within 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) of the Olympic Village (or sub-Village) and an additional 63% of the training sites are situated within 30 kilometers (18.6 miles) of the Olympic Village (or sub-Village).
- Official programme: As directed by the IOC, San Francisco 2012 has selected the last week of July and the first week of August for the 2012 Olympic Games, specifically July 27 through August 12, 2012. The period is ideal for hosting the Olympic Games in the San Francisco Bay Area. The weather conditions are excellent in late July and early August, with moderate temperature during the day, an abundance of sunshine, cooling breezes in the evening and virtually no chance of rain. See www.basoc2012.org for detailed daily schedules by sport.

The San Francisco Cluster

San Francisco, the world's favorite American city and one of the most spectacular natural settings in the world, will host 10 sports. Four sports (Fencing, Taekwondo, Table Tennis and Handball) will be staged at the Moscone



Convention Center, directly across the street from both the proposed IOC Hotel and the Main Press Center (MPC). Baseball, Football and Boxing are set in outstanding professional facilities, while Triathlon, Sailing, and Road Cycling will be staged against the backdrop of the San Francisco Bay. *The Olympic Way* along San Francisco's waterfront cements the experience for everyone, providing an Olympic celebration of unprecedented scope and appeal.

■ REPRESENTS EXISTING VENUES

	SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
	Cycling-Road	San Francisco-Marina Green	10,000	Existing
<p>A course whose majestic beauty and renowned landmarks will dazzle the world while the terrain will challenge the competitors and heighten the drama of the race—this is the promise of the road course for the SF 2012 Olympic Games. Designed by race management experts, the course begins with the beautiful and spacious Marina Green on the Bay, continues out to the Golden Gate Bridge, weaves its way through the gorgeous San Francisco Presidio and back</p>		<p>through the hills of the City by the Bay, winding its way up the incredible Lombard Street, over Nob Hill with its views of Alcatraz, and then roars back down to the Bay for the next loop. This course offers variety and fair challenges while creating opportunities for riders to test their mettle and make their breakaway attempts. Road Cycling races are already drawing hundreds of thousands of cheering enthusiasts along the streets of San Francisco.</p>		
<p>"I love the way this course challenges riders. The hills are great for attacking. It's grueling, which is why I'll keep coming back." <i>-Lance Armstrong, Olympian and 4-time Tour de France winner</i></p>				
	Triathlon	Aquatic Park, San Francisco	10,000	Existing
<p>SF 2012 has developed an extraordinary Triathlon course under the guidance of the creator of the Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon, beginning with the swim in the waters of San Francisco's Aquatic Park. An existing amphitheater provides for thousands of spectators to enjoy the competition with the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz Island in the background. San Francisco's famed Maritime Museum offers a unique opportunity for the Olympic Family to gather and enjoy the competition as well. The start/finish line for the bike course and the running course is set in front of the world-famous Ghirardelli Square. The bike course leads</p>		<p>through the Marina Green toward the Golden Gate Bridge to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the San Francisco Presidio before turning back through San Francisco's famed hills. The running course moves in the opposite direction past the renowned Fisherman's Wharf and Pier 39, along the Embarcadero. Hundreds of thousands of spectators can gather along this spectacular course, while the venue itself will hold 10,000 spectators. For broadcast, the course offers some of the most extraordinary scenery in the world.</p>		
<p>"The Triathlon Venue at San Francisco will be the most spectacular event in the short history of the sport in the Olympics. Swimming in the San Francisco Bay, biking in the Marina District with its views of the Golden Gate Bridge and the hills, and running along the Embarcadero and through Fisherman's Wharf will be breathtaking for both the triathletes and the thousands of spectators that will be able to view the event." <i>-Terry Davis, President of Tri-California Events, Inc. Race Director of the Wildflower Triathlons and Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon</i></p>				



SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
Sailing	Treasure Island Sailing Center, San Francisco	3,000	Existing
<p>Just as USA Sailing selected the San Francisco Bay to host the 2000 Olympic Trials, SF 2012 is proud to designate this outstanding sailing area as the site for Sailing in the 2012 Olympic Games. The Treasure Island Sailing Center is famous for its facilities and youth training program,utilizing the existing infrastructure very effectively.</p> <p>The most important factor is the San Francisco Bay itself, with world-class sailing conditions and opportunities</p>		<p>abounding for spectators (given the vast fleet of tour boats operating on the Bay and the parkland viewing areas along the shores of the island).With incomparable scenic beauty from the Golden Gate to the Bay Bridge and Alcatraz and Angel Island in between, the San Francisco Bay can provide in 2012 for the most spectacular Sailing competition ever staged for the Olympic Games.</p>	
<p>"Summer in San Francisco is unique and the sailing from Treasure Island gets you to the race course in a very short period of time - no one else can offer that.The history of sailors from San Francisco and the support it gets is second to none. All in all,sailing in San Francisco is the best in the world, because wind conditions are ideal everyday during the summer!!!"</p> <p><i>-Russ Silvestri, 1988 & 2000 Olympian,Sailing</i></p>			



SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
Fencing	Moscone Convention Center–North	7,000	Existing
<p>Fencing for the 2012 Olympic Games will be staged in the award-winning Moscone Convention Center. Situated in the heart of San Francisco and one block from the proposed IOC Hotel,this venue will provide superior facilities for the athletes and a spectacular amphitheater-style seating plan developed to serve 6,000 spectators for the final competi-</p>		<p>tion.By staging both the preliminaries and finals in Moscone Center, the athlete areas can easily traverse between the venues, which are set in separate halls. Spectators will be able to move easily from sessions in the preliminary venue to the finals.</p>	
<p>"The international fencing community will love to come to the heart of San Francisco in Moscone Center. The San Francisco 2012 commitment to a high-tech fencing production featuring instant super slow-motion replay will showcase this super high-speed sport and set the standard for the future. The fencing production at the San Francisco 2012 Olympic Games will allow the crowds to watch, understand and appreciate the action and tactics of this sport that will inspire the athletes to peak performance. As a three-time Olympian,I can clearly say there is no better place on this earth than the San Francisco Bay Area to host the 2012 Olympic Games."</p> <p><i>Greg Massialas, 1980,1984 & 1988 Olympian, Fencing</i></p>			



SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
Handball-Primary	Moscone Convention Center–West	8,000	Existing
Handball-Secondary	Oakland Coliseum Arena	20,000	Existing
<p>Handball semi-finals and finals will be staged in the newly renovated,Oakland Coliseum Arena,featuring 20,000 seats. This professional arena will showcase the speed and excitement of handball,while providing full facilities and amenities for athletes, Olympic Family and media.</p> <p>The preliminaries for the Handball competition will take</p>		<p>place at the new Moscone West Convention Center in San Francisco, one block from the IOC Hotel.A dramatic yet intimate venue has been especially designed for this competition,including seating for 8,000 in a customized bowl configuration.Ample space is also provided in Moscone West for warm-up and training facilities, as well as for media and Olympic Family.</p>	
<p>"The atmosphere in the San Francisco Bay Area is perfect for this sport that is gaining recognition in the U.S. The San Francisco Bay Area is the best place to host the 2012 Olympic Games because it has a wonderful European feel to it. San Francisco has been known to be a fun city for Europeans due to its sights, diversity and the abundance of activities."</p> <p><i>-Tugomir Busco, Olympian and International Handball Official</i></p>			



SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
Taekwondo	Moscone Convention Center–West	8,000	Existing
<p>An intimate yet high-capacity venue will showcase the drama and excitement of Taekwondo. SF 2012 has selected the new Moscone West Convention Center and designed a "bowl" arena with outstanding seating capacity to create atmosphere for the competition. SF 2012 has also custom-</p> <p>designed individual cabins for the athletes' use, approximately 150 square feet each, which surround training mats and adjoin the saunas, physiotherapy and lounge facilities. With these specially prepared facilities, the athletes will have ideal conditions to concentrate, train or relax.</p> <p>"Moscone Center is the perfect location for Taekwondo because it is built with state of the art technology. The location of the venue provides easy access to downtown attractions, within walking distance and public transportation. From the beginning, SF 2012 has shown the attention to our sport to ensure that this venue would have unprecedented facilities for our athletes."</p> <p><i>-Jerome Reitenbach, Vice President/Delegate, 1988,1992,2000, U.S. Taekwondo Union</i></p>			



SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
Table Tennis	Moscone Convention Center–West	8,000	Existing
<p>SF 2012 has developed an innovative "stadium-court" concept to enhance the Table Tennis competition for the 2012 Olympic Games. In addition to the customary four competition courts, an 8,000-seat enclosed seating bowl will show-</p> <p>case a single center court. This outstanding venue, which includes full support facilities for athletes, media, and Olympic Family, is located in the heart of the Host City, one block from the IOC Hotel and the Main Press Center.</p> <p>"The new wing of the Moscone Center is an excellent venue for the Table Tennis competition. The venue will be a first of its kind for Olympic Table Tennis. It puts the spectators as close to the athletes as the guidelines allow as well as creating a "stadium" surround effect that motivates the athletes because of the close proximity of the fans on all four sides of the court. The mild weather in San Francisco will keep the air conditioning units at a low level - this is ideal since strong breezes from air conditioning units affect the play of the ball. I have met many of the top players and coaches in the world and there is no doubt that the Bay Area is the top place in the United States they would want to compete in and visit."</p> <p><i>-Dennis Davis, Former USATT National Coaching Chairman</i></p>			



SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
Baseball-Primary	Pacific Bell Park	41,000	Existing
<p>The opening of Pacific Bell Park in San Francisco took the baseball world by storm, dazzling spectators and drawing superlatives from writers around the country. Playing to sold-out crowds for every game, the home of the San Francisco Giants offers perhaps the most stunning, breath-taking views in all of professional sports—the Bay Bridge and San Francisco Bay—in a stadium that combines ultra-</p> <p>modern amenities with a nostalgic design and atmosphere. To capture the thrills and excitement of Olympic Baseball preliminaries and finals, while providing the athletes with a world-class venue in which to compete, Pacific Bell Park offers the ideal setting. Pacific Bell Park is located five minutes from the IOC Hotel near the heart of downtown San Francisco.</p> <p>"I cannot think of a better place to host an Olympic Games than San Francisco."</p> <p><i>-Willie Mays, San Francisco Giants Hall of Fame Outfielder</i></p>			



SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
Boxing	Cow Palace	14,200	Existing
<p>San Francisco's Cow Palace has played host to generations of boxing events. It still possesses an allure and a boxing history that only the classic venues can offer, attracting fans from around the globe to enjoy Olympic Boxing. Of equal importance, the Cow Palace provides vast support facilities in which to create an ideal environment for the</p>		<p>Olympic boxers. With ample training facilities and custom-designed individual athlete cabins surrounding the saunas and weigh-in area, each athlete will have a private space in which to prepare for their match. It is fitting that a venue so rich in history should play a role in setting new standards for Olympic Boxing competition.</p>	
<p>"The Cow Palace is the ideal boxing venue. It has great sight lines, large facilities with plenty of space for equipment, and it is a boxing hot bed."</p> <p>-Candelario Lopez, United States Boxing Assistant Coach, 2000</p>			

The Oakland - U.C. Berkeley Venue Cluster

The East Bay is a dynamic and diverse community, nestled between the Bay and the coastal foothills. Oakland, an emerging urban center and world-class arts and entertainment center, is drawing more and more leading



corporations to headquarter there. With two state-of-the-art professional facilities, Oakland will host both Basketball and Football competitions. The magnificent University of California at Berkeley campus will play host to both the Indoor Volleyball and the Beach Volleyball competitions, as well as preliminary Football competitions.



SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
Volleyball-Beach	Edwards Stadium-U.C. Berkeley	15,000	Existing
<p>Beach Volleyball will be featured at the renowned Edwards Stadium, site of many great competitions, including the 1952 Olympic Trials. The field will be transformed into a beach site with two competition courts and training courts. Using existing grandstands with added temporary seating,</p>		<p>SF 2012 has created a unique, intimate and exciting venue that will be ideal for the athletes, the Olympic Family and spectators. Volleyball enthusiasts and spectators will be able to enjoy both disciplines in venues only a short, five-minute walk apart.</p>	
<p>"The selection of Haas Pavilion and Edwards Stadium to host the 2012 Olympic Volleyball and Beach Volleyball competitions will provide a central location for spectators to enjoy the world's best athletes performing against the historical backdrop of the University of California at Berkeley. The strength of the volleyball community in the San Francisco Bay Area will provide a very solid fan base. The tradition of the venues, their presence on the campus and the Bay Area connection to superb Olympic volleyball talent will provide a unique setting for the Olympics."</p> <p>-Christopher St. John "Sinjin" Smith, 1980 Olympian, Indoor Volleyball; 1996 Olympian, Beach Volleyball, President FIVB Beach Volleyball World Council</p>			



SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
Volleyball-Primary	Haas Pavilion U.C. Berkeley	12,200	Existing
Volleyball-Secondary	Recreation Center, U.C. Berkeley	8,000	Existing

Haas Pavilion, the site of Indoor Volleyball, has just completed an extensive renovation that expanded its capacity to 12,200 seats and provided for new team facilities, new club facilities that will offer the Olympic Family an outstanding lounge, and many other amenities for the media and spectators. However, despite its increased capacity, Haas Pavilion

remains an intimate-feeling facility that engenders a brilliant atmosphere for athletes and spectators. The Haas Pavilion is supported by the adjacent Student Recreation Center, which will serve as the secondary venue for indoor Volleyball with a temporary seating capacity of 8,000 seats, and will provide warm-up courts for the competition.

"When I was first asked where the best venue would be for the volleyball competition, my immediate reply was 'Haas Pavilion.' The size is ideal, the proximity of the fans to the competition court is great and the support facilities (practice area, medical and dressing facilities) are capable of handling an event of this nature. I was a volunteer at the '84 Games in L.A. and I truly believe San Francisco would be a great choice by the IOC."

Don Shaw, Stanford Women's Volleyball Head Coach, 1980 - 2000



SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
Football-Main Stadium	Network Associates Coliseum	70,000	Existing

The explosion in attendance at Football matches in the United States began at Stanford Stadium in 1984 when a then-record crowd of over 86,000 spectators attended the USA vs. Costa Rica match to open the 1984 Olympic Games. California is a hotbed of Football, and SF 2012 has designated six facilities, all within the state, for the tournament in 2012.

The Network Associates Coliseum in Oakland home to the Oakland Raiders and Oakland Athletics, will host both the Finals and several preliminary matches.

In addition to the Coliseum, Football matches will be played in Candlestick Park in San Francisco, Memorial Stadium at the University of California, Berkeley, the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Qualcomm Park in San Diego, and the Los Angeles Coliseum. With six stadiums, all proven successful in staging Football matches, the Football Tournament for the 2012 Olympic Games will establish new standards for the event.

SF 2012 would also welcome the opportunity to include venues in the finalist cities in the U.S. Candidate City competition.

SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
Football-Regional 1	Candlestick Park	65,000	Existing
Football-Regional 2	Memorial Stadium, U.C. Berkeley	75,000	Existing
Football-Regional 3	Rose Bowl, Pasadena	90,000	Existing
Football-Regional 4	Los Angeles Coliseum	80,000	Existing
Football Regional 5	Qualcomm Stadium	70,500	Existing

"I can still remember the incredible excitement of the 1984 Olympic Games soccer competition at Stanford Stadium. Little did I know then that only fifteen years later I would be returning as an Olympic gold-medallist with my U.S. teammates to play in the groundbreaking 1999 World Cup Competition. At both competitions, as well as for the 1994 men's World Cup, the Bay Area embraced the soccer competition with sell-out crowds and frenzied fans. The vast mix of cultures and ethnic groups that make up the Bay Area, with so many residents growing up worshipping soccer as their national sport, and its sports-minded culture make huge crowds customary for both amateur and professional athletic events."

-Brandi Chastain, 1996 & 2000 Olympian, Football



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Weightlifting	Kaiser Auditorium	6,000	Existing
<p>The theater-like shape of Oakland's Kaiser Auditorium provides ideal seating for 6,000 spectators for the Weightlifting competition in the 2012 Olympic Games. While Kaiser has been extensively renovated and modernized, it still possesses the style of a bygone era in public assembly architecture. Bounded on one side by the beauty of Lake Merritt and on the other by the Oakland Museum, Kaiser</p>		<p>Auditorium will provide a setting equal to the energy and excitement of Olympic Weightlifting. Custom designed, individual cabins will surround the training facilities to create an ideal environment as the athletes prepare to lift. The Olympic Family and the media will enjoy the use of ball-rooms built in a time when beauty was as important as functionality.</p>	
<p>"Kaiser Auditorium is a perfect place for weightlifting competition. The facilities are great for the athletes and the crowd will really be able to get into it with the theater-style venue."</p> <p><i>-James "Butch" Curry, President, Pacific Weightlifting Association</i></p>			



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Basketball-Primary	Oakland Coliseum Arena	20,000	Existing
<p>As the site of the 2000 NBA All-Star Game and the home of the Golden State Warriors professional basketball team, the Oakland Coliseum Arena ensures a first-class venue for both preliminary and final basketball competitions. The Arena was completely renovated in 1998 to significantly upgrade its athlete, media, club and spectator facilities.</p>		<p>New locker rooms, a new VIP lounge at court level, and new club facilities that will serve as media sub-center and lounge represent only some of the major improvements. The Arena shares its complex with the Network Associates Coliseum, which will host Football competition.</p>	
<p>"I feel that the Arena in Oakland would be a wonderful venue for the 2012 Olympic Games. Having played in dozens of NBA facilities, as well as two previous Olympic Games, it is obvious to me that everything about the facility -- from the locker rooms to the lighting on the court -- is first rate."</p> <p><i>-Chris Mullin, Olympian 1984 & 1992, Basketball</i></p>			

The **Ring of Gold** emerges as an ideal set of venues for Olympic competitions. The **Ring of Gold** offers venues that are incredibly exciting, spectacularly beautiful, eminently functional, and fiscally responsible—the best of Sydney and Los Angeles in one package. With this plan, we feature extraordinary Olympic celebration in each cluster, but at the right human and economic scale.

San Jose-Santa Clara Cluster



Silicon Valley, with San Jose and Santa Clara at its heart, has transformed the world through the technology revolution and will provide a world-class setting for this tremendous cluster of sports. With Gymnastics, Judo, Wrestling, Tennis, Track Cycling, Hockey, Baseball, Basketball, Shooting and Water Polo, all centered around *The Olympic Way* celebration in San Jose's Plaza de Cesar Chavez, this cluster will provide an extraordinary setting for athletes, Olympic Family and spectators.

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<p>The San Francisco Bay Area has needed a major tennis center for many years, and many players and officials have dreamed that one might be built some day. Leading that drive, former tennis greats Rosie Casals and Barry MacKay have developed a public/private partnership involving Mission College and a coalition of financial contributors. Working with HOK Sport, they have designed a facility by tennis players for tennis players. The design includes close-in seating at center court unlike any other tennis stadium. Two additional showcase courts will seat 5,000 and 3,000, as well as 10 other competition courts. From expansive changing rooms with private lounges and treatment rooms, to administrative offices and athletes' dining area, every detail combines to create an ideal environment for the athletes. The center will also feature permanent offices for the Northern California Tennis Association (member of the USTA) and its tennis program.</p>	Tennis	Mission College, Santa Clara	15,000	New Construction
<p>"I've played in most major arenas, Wimbledon, Roland Garros, U.S. Open, Madison Square Garden to name a few. We've taken the best of all the Grand Slams and new tennis centers like Indian Wells, Miami and Charleston and input state of the art technology and design, while maintaining the all-important sense of atmosphere and intimacy that connect the players to the crowds. Our design will give the players, the media and the tens of thousands of tennis fans the best there is in a tennis facility."</p> <p><i>-Rosie Casals, Five-Time Wimbledon Champion</i></p>				
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<p>The Cycling Track venue is set in a parklands area in the City of Santa Clara, only 8 kilometers from the Olympic Village at Moffett Field. The venue will include a fabric-structure roof to improve competition conditions. Ralph Schuermann Architects of Germany, third-generation velodrome designers with more than 100 indoor and outdoor velodrome facilities including Olympic tracks in Mexico City, Munich, Barcelona, and Seoul, will design the track. Because the Northern California/Nevada district has more licensed bike racers than any other district in the U.S., with approximately 3000 licensed road and track racers, the Velodrome will provide an immediate legacy of tremendous value to the local and national cycling community.</p>	Cycling-Track	Santa Clara	6,000	New Construction
<p>"With a superb climate and state-of-the-art track, this Velodrome will set the stage for an incredible cycling competition. As a legacy facility, it will build a great future for our sport in one of the world's greatest cycling communities."</p> <p><i>-Eric Heiden, 1976 & 1980 Olympian</i></p>				



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Judo	San Jose Convention Center	13,000	Existing
<p>Because Judo is so popular and has such strong infrastructure in San Jose, the Convention Center will provide a fitting venue for the competition. The plans include the largest seating ever for Judo, a 13,000-seat venue in an enclosed bowl to promote a sense of intimacy and excitement. Athletes will enjoy custom-designed individual cabins, situated around warm-up tatamis and other training facilities.</p> <p>These superb conditions will assist the athletes in achieving maximum preparation for their bouts. At the heart of Silicon Valley, the Olympic Family members and spectators will enjoy excellent facilities, adjacent to Plaza de Cesar Chavez, an <i>Olympic Way</i> Festival to ensure that their experience will be totally memorable.</p> <p>"The San Francisco Bay Area 2012 Bid has had the athletes foremost in their mind from the beginning of this process. With the beauty and amenities that the Bay Area has to offer, no other city can come close to creating the wonderful Olympic memories for athletes and spectators. I have experienced the Olympic Games many times since coaching the Olympic Judo Team in 1964, and I look forward to seeing yet another great Olympics when they come to San Francisco in 2012."</p> <p>- <i>Yosh Uchida</i>, President Emeritus, USA Judo, Olympic Judo Coach 1964</p>			



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Water Polo-Primary	George Haines International, Santa Clara	7,000	New Construction
Water Polo-Secondary	George Haines International, Santa Clara	6,000	Existing
<p>The Water Polo competition will be held at the George Haines International Swim Center, using a new facility that the City of Santa Clara is developing independently of the SF 2012 bid. The pools will be designed to FINA's strictest specifications to create the best competition conditions possible. The existing pools at the George Haines International Swim Center will serve as secondary competition pools and warm-up facilities. The support facilities at GHISC are also undergoing renovation to provide new locker rooms and training areas, new offices, and new rooms for officials. Olympic Family facilities, timing/scoring/results and space for the Water Polo Technical Committee will be provided in the existing recreational building next to the pool. The tradition of excellence established at the George Haines Swim Center, and by the man for whom it was named, will be carried forward to a new standard for the Olympic Games in 2012.</p> <p>"The George Haines International Swim Center (named for the coach selected by the International Swimming Hall of Fame as the outstanding swim coach of the 20th Century) is entirely appropriate as the area is a hub for water polo activities in this area. The amount of water polo activity in the area affords a built-in spectator base for the event, assuring a sellout for all competitions. The weather will be ideal for both the athletes and the spectators. The venue will also continue the legacy for aquatic sports."</p> <p>- <i>Andy Burke</i>, 1964 Olympian, Water Polo</p> <p>"The San Francisco Bay Area public rallies around Water Polo like no other community. Both the men's and women's Olympic teams are heavily reliant on Bay Area athletes who have grown up in our athletics-minded community, with its abundance of aquatic facilities and the ability to train year-around under the ever-present California sunshine. You have the potential at George Haines International for the greatest Olympic Water Polo spectacle in history."</p> <p>- <i>Maureen O'Toole</i>, Olympian Water Polo, 2000</p>			

	SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
	Shooting	Santa Clara County Shooting Center	7,500	New Construction
<p>To design a new center that would provide a lasting legacy for Shooting in America, SF 2012 assembled a team of experts from previous Olympic Games. The resulting venue can meet the needs of both the Olympic Games and world championship competition, but will also serve the local community for training and recreation. The San Jose Shooting Center will be established on a site with existing</p>		<p>ranges at the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Shooting Facilities. The Finals Hall will extend from the 50m Range and provide seating for 2,500, while the Finals Range for Skeet and Trap will provide seating for 5,000. Space for all the necessary technical facilities, meeting rooms, and offices is provided, and a club house/restaurant area will serve as the Olympic Family Lounge.</p>		
<p>"The San Jose shooting venue will be a world-class venue, designed to meet all the needs of the Olympic Games but also World Championship competitions. It will leave an invaluable legacy for the sport. The weather is fantastic for the athlete."</p> <p><i>-Rod Jenniahan, USA Shooting, Official, Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games</i></p>				
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	Hockey-Primary Hockey-Secondary	Spartan Stadium 1 Spartan Stadium 2	27,000 5,000	Existing Existing, temporary construction
<p>Spartan Stadium at San Jose State University will provide a world-class venue for Hockey in 2012. Spartan, which seats approximately 27,000 spectators, has proven itself in nearly 100 international sporting events, including the FIFA Women's World Cup in 1999. For the Hockey competition, the field of play will be selected by the FIH. In addition, a</p>		<p>5000-seat stadium will be established at the Bud Winter Field, immediately adjacent to Spartan Stadium. With its experience in hosting international events, Spartan Stadium already has facilities in place for all constituencies, from officials to media and Olympic Family.</p>		
<p>"San Jose is a hot area for field hockey. It has a strong high school league and a number of club players and great support in the international communities in the Bay Area."</p> <p><i>-Shellie Onstead, Head Coach, University of California, Berkeley</i></p>				
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	Baseball-Secondary	Buck Shaw Stadium, Santa Clara University	10,000	Existing
<p>Preliminary Baseball will be played at Buck Shaw Stadium at Santa Clara University, within 14 kilometers of the Olympic Village. Buck Shaw serves as an intercollegiate baseball facility with a permanent seating capacity of 6,000 seats.</p>		<p>An additional 4,000 temporary seats will be added to bring the venue capacity to 10,000. Buck Shaw is adjacent to the Leavey Center, site of the preliminary basketball venue.</p>		
	SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
	Basketball-Secondary	Leavey Center, Santa Clara University	5,000	Existing
<p>Leavey Center at Santa Clara University has just completed an extensive renovation that expanded its capacity to 5,000 seats and provided for new team facilities, new club facilities, luxury suites, and many other amenities for the media</p>		<p>and spectators. Both the men's and women's preliminary basketball tournaments can look forward to outstanding competitions in this excellent arena.</p>		



SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
Wrestling-Freestyle	San Jose Convention Center	13,000	Existing
Wrestling-Greco-Roman	San Jose Convention Center	13,000	Existing

The great tradition of Olympic Wrestling in the United States deserves a major venue to enable more spectators to attend the competition than ever before. The 13,000-seat venue in the San Jose Convention Center, an enclosed bowl to promote a sense of intimacy and intensity, will create an unprecedented atmosphere for the Wrestling competition.

The athletes will enjoy a superb environment that includes custom-designed individual cabins situated around the saunas and the weigh-in area, adjacent to the training mats—optimum conditions in which to prepare for their matches.

"California, with 15,000 USA Wrestling members, is the largest 'wrestling' state in the union and the largest membership in the world of wrestling participants and volunteers. The awarding of the bid would make the bond with the Bay Area and wrestling even stronger and build stronger community support for this wonderful sport for decades to come. The volunteers would rally to make a success a given." -*Duane Morgan*, 2nd Vice President of USA Wrestling



SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
Gymnastics-Artistic	Hewlett Packard Pavilion at San Jose	17,000	Existing
Gymnastics-Rhythmic	Hewlett Packard Pavilion at San Jose	17,000	Existing
Gymnastics-Trampoline	Hewlett Packard Pavilion at San Jose	17,000	Existing

From its soaring entry foyer to its changing rooms, from its lounges and restaurants to its luxury suites, the Hewlett Packard Pavilion at San Jose shows pride and excellence in every detail, qualities that make it a perfect choice to host the Gymnastics competitions. Home to the San Jose Sharks NHL hockey team, its competition area is ideally suited for the podium and corral, and the athletes will enjoy modern changing rooms and lounges, while the Olympic Family and media will have spacious facilities for their requirements. SF 2012 has designed a temporary warm-up hall adjoining the arena, featuring hard walls, conditioned space, a 40-foot ceiling height, and approximately 20,000 square feet for the various apparatuses. The Gymnastics competition, which engenders such enthusiastic and passionate support, will be properly showcased in this beautiful facility in 2012.

"The gymnastics community, working closely with SF 2012, will make this the most outstanding Olympic Games for gymnastics that history has ever seen."
-*Dave Peterson*, Northern California Gymnastics Association

"On a strictly gymnastics level, the San Jose Arena will provide ideal facilities for the Olympians of 2012. With almost unlimited ceiling height, modern and spacious locker rooms to be used for preparation, and spectator seating to welcome almost 20,000 gymnastics fans from around the world, San Francisco 2012 will provide perfect training and competition conditions for what is always a highlight of the Olympic programme."
-*Kerri Strug*, 1992 & 1996 Olympian, Gymnastics

Stanford University Venue Cluster

The Olympic Park at Stanford University—one of America’s greatest sports centers—is set in one of the most scenic and splendid natural parkland environments in the world, a perfect focal point for the Games. With Athletics, Swimming, Badminton, Softball, Archery, Modern Pentathlon, and Opening and Closing Ceremonies at Stanford, supported by a Spectator Expo and an Olympic Sponsor Village, this venue will set the tone for an outstanding Olympic Games. The natural beauty of the Olympic Park is enhanced by superb sports facilities and weather conditions that have been called "an extraordinary micro-climate in the midst of one of the best climates in the world." A Media Village and a Judge’s Village are also located at Stanford.



	SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
	<p>Swimming, Synchronized Swimming and Diving</p> <p>The Swimming, Diving and Synchronized Swimming events will create a truly dynamic and vibrant center for the Games at the Olympic Park at Stanford. The existing, world-class Avery Swim Center will be expanded with a temporary 15,000-seat competition "arena." The resulting venue will feature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State-of-the-art pool, meeting highest FINA standards and diving well with platforms for all events • A minimum of 15,000 seats with seatbacks 	<p>Stanford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully covered, using state-of-the-art fabric structure roof • Two world-class 50m pools for warm-up at Avery • One 40m pool for warm-up at Avery • A full diving facility for training and warm-up at Avery <p>This venue will also provide a dramatic backdrop to an extraordinary competition facility, and the pool will be relocated following the Games to create a lasting legacy in San Francisco.</p>	<p>15,000</p>	<p>Temporary Construction</p>
<p>"From Claudia Kolb to Mark Spitz, Matt Biondi to Jenny Thompson, many of the United States' most decorated Olympians have honed their skills while training in the Bay Area. From the unmatched traditions of George Haines and the Santa Clara Swim Club to the always national-caliber programs at Cal and Stanford, the Bay Area has produced more swimming champions than any other location in the world. The perfect climate, abundance of training facilities, and the energy and motivation pervasive throughout this region combine to provide the best competitive conditions for athletes to achieve peak performance. San Francisco 2012 will provide swimming conditions unmatched at any Olympic Games."</p> <p><i>—Richard Quick, USA Olympic Swimming Head Coach, 1988, 1996 & 2000</i></p>				

	SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
	<p>Archery</p> <p>The Archery Venue at Stanford University provides an excellent location, close to the Olympic Village, within easy walking distance of the Olympic Stadium and Swimming Center, as well as within easy walking distance from CalTrain. The</p>	<p>Stanford West Campus Field</p> <p>beautiful site offers calm breezes and beautiful surroundings, with facilities designed to create ideal conditions for the competition.</p>	<p>8,000</p>	<p>Existing</p>



SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
Badminton	Maples Pavilion-Stanford University	7,000	Existing
<p>Badminton is a complex sport with demanding conditions-- conditions available at Maples Pavilion on the campus of Stanford University. Maples Pavilion features the necessary ceiling height, and air-handling equipment that can be turned off so as not to disturb the flight of the shuttlecock, yet because of its below-grade design, Maples will still maintain comfortable temperatures, even in the summer. And, as anyone who has ever attended a collegiate basketball game in Maples will tell you, its intimate seating for 7,000 spectators creates one of the most electrifying atmospheres in the nation. Finally, Maples Pavilion offers excellent support facilities in the immediately adjacent Arrillaga Family Sports Center, including warm-up courts, athletes' facilities, media facilities and Olympic Family Lounge.</p> <p>"The superior suspension floor will minimize injuries and reduce fatigue for the athletes. The excellent air handling eliminates the movement of air, a very critical problem for badminton. The close proximity of practice/warm-up courts to the competition courts is another advantage, and Maples is an excellent arena from a spectator's standpoint."</p> <p><i>-Bill Pickthorn, Badminton Coach, Stanford University; Sport Manager, Atlanta 1996</i></p>			



SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
Softball-Primary	Sunken Diamond, Stanford	10,000	Existing
Softball-Secondary	Stanford Softball Field	2,500	Existing
<p>The Softball competition will be staged in Stanford University's Sunken Diamond, home to Stanford's baseball team, a regular venue for NCAA Regional Championships. Sunken Diamond offers a fabulous setting and an exhilarating atmosphere, easily modified for softball with additional seating so that 10,000 spectators can enjoy the competition. The existing Stanford Softball facilities will provide a second competition venue and a practice field.</p>			



SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
Modern Pentathlon	Sunken Diamond, Maples Pavilion, Olympic Swimming Complex	10,000	Existing
<p>Modern Pentathlon will be staged in an ideal situation for athletes, officials, media and spectators, all in the midst of the Olympic Park at Stanford University. The 2002 World Championships at Stanford received rave reviews from athletes and coaches because of the excellent facilities in such close proximity to one another. The Fencing and Shooting competitions will be staged in Maples Pavilion, with the Swimming competition in the Olympic pool, and the Riding and Running competitions in Sunken Diamond. The sport invented by Baron Pierre de Coubertin to tie the ancient Games to the modern Games will have a fitting home in the 2012 Olympic Games in San Francisco.</p> <p>"Stanford offered the best visuals of any Modern Pentathlon competition ever held."</p> <p><i>-John Helmick, Vice President, Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne</i></p> <p>"We held our Senior World Championships at Stanford University from 15-22 July, 2002. A very successful competition, a particular bonus for us was the consistency of perfect weather enjoyed by participants and spectators alike. Every day we had clear skies, warm temperatures without any humidity and no rain. The athletes could not have asked for better conditions. Knowing in advance that the weather was going to be consistently good gave the athletes one less thing to worry about and they could concentrate on giving the best performances they could."</p> <p><i>-Joel Bouzou, UIPM Secretary General</i></p>			



SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
Athletics Opening and Closing Ceremonies	Stanford Stadium	100,000	Existing, Renovation

An Olympic Stadium must inspire greatness. It must lift athletes and spectators alike and fill them with energy. As the stage upon which the Opening and Closing Ceremonies will entertain the world, it must also provide a dramatic, breathtaking, wonderful setting. But form is not enough—an Olympic Stadium must also function flawlessly. It must provide state-of-the-art facilities for athletes, media, officials, dignitaries, ceremonies staff and performers, Olympic staff and volunteers, and it must provide great sightlines, comfort, and convenience for all its guests. Finally, an Olympic Stadium should leave a legacy for Athletics, a venue for World Championships and other great meets in years to come.

Such a stadium, one that can deliver both Olympian form and function and leave a legacy, will host the Athletics competition at Stanford in 2012. Designed to the highest standards by the world's foremost sports architects to blend the classic lines of the university campus with the excitement of stunning modern geometries, the Olympic Stadium will create an exhilarating, vibrant atmosphere. Against a truly magnificent visual backdrop, surrounded by groves of

eucalyptus, oak, and palm, with rolling foothills and the San Francisco Bay in view, this Olympic Stadium will evoke emotion and awe.

Bathed in the ideal weather conditions of the San Francisco Peninsula in summer, the Olympic Stadium will present the athletes with perfect conditions and the right facilities in the right configuration for Athletics and Ceremonies. The plans have been prepared by a foremost expert on Olympic Stadium design and endorsed by Olympian, Michael Johnson. SF 2012 will work with the IAAF and USA Track and Field to ensure that all of the competition facilities meet the highest international standards. Angell Field, which hosted this year's National Championships, will serve as the warm-up track for the competition.

Once the site of the historic USA-USSR Track Meet, the Olympic Stadium at Stanford will write the newest, greatest chapter in Athletics history, and the world will be united through Ceremonies that celebrate and elevate the Olympic Spirit.

"Stanford Stadium promises to be a spectacular site for the track & field competition. The perfect weather, proximity of the practice track (literally right next door), and state-of-the-art competition surface will give the world's best athletes the opportunity to compete in the world's best venue. Similarly, the fans and media will be treated to a facility specially constructed for comfort and great site lines. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, Stanford Stadium's track will remain as a monument to the Games and an inspiration and asset for future generations of track & field competitors."

-Nancy Ditz, 1988 Olympian, Track & Field

"Stanford University has been the site of memorable moments in sport. It's a great venue for athletes to compete and to train. There's no doubt in my mind that Olympians from all over the world will appreciate the opportunity to experience all that the Bay Area has to offer in 2012 as San Francisco builds its Bridge to the Future."

- Michael Johnson, Olympian, 1992, 1996, 2000

The **Ring of Gold** will prove to be a **Bridge to the Future** of the Olympic Games, consistent with the emerging concepts of the Olympic Games Study Commission while delivering an unprecedented experience for athletes, Olympic Family, spectators and viewers around the world.

Outlying Venues—Sacramento, Monterey and Napa

Our three outlying venues beyond *The Ring of Gold* have been chosen because they offered the *best competition conditions for the athletes* in world-class venues. They also offer unmatched natural beauty and settings that will profoundly affect the enjoyment of the Games for all.



SPORT

VENUE

CAPACITY

STATUS

Canoeing/Kayak-Sprint

Lake Natoma

13,000

Existing

Rowing

Lake Natoma

13,000

Existing

Canoeing/Kayak-Slalom

Lake Natoma Slalom Course

4,000

New
Construction

Rowing, Canoeing and Kayaking, as well as Slalom events will take place on Lake Natoma, a FISA approved course in Sacramento, staged against the dramatic backdrop of the Sierra Nevada in the California gold country. Lake Natoma is a proven venue that has hosted numerous championships. The California State University Sacramento (CSUS) Aquatics Center, which operates the venue with the California State Parks, is expanding and upgrading the facilities throughout the site, adding new boathouses, docks and spectator facilities. These renovations will create perhaps the finest rowing venue in the country. Superb weather conditions for competition promise virtually no chance of rain, low humidity and steady sunshine.

For years, whitewater enthusiasts have dreamed of a slalom course at Lake Natoma to complement the existing flatwater facilities and to provide a year-round venue in

which to train and compete. SF 2012 has joined with this group and is working with the California State Parks, the Bureau of Land Management and several other agencies to help bring this dream into reality. Expert course designer John Anderson has designed the course to emerge from above the Nimbus Dam and curve along its side. As a legacy the Lake Natoma Slalom Course will provide the region and the entire country with a much-needed year-round course and a superb venue for the 2012 Olympic Games.

Lake Natoma is close to the City of Sacramento, hotels, and other amenities and easily accessed via the adjacent freeway. It is a ten-mile drive from the CSUS campus, where a sub-Olympic Village will be established for competitors and officials.

"For the past 15 years, Lake Natoma has proved to be the best rowing venue for all paddle activities in the Western U.S. Lake Natoma is used all year long in both competitions and recreational activities that include rowing, canoe/kayak, outriggers and sailing. The area is a forerunner for many Olympic qualifying events for an obvious reason - the San Francisco Bay Area is the best city to host to the 2012 Olympic Games."

-Andy Toro, 1960 1964, 1972 & 1976 Olympian, Canoe/Kayak

"Clean cool water, wonderful spectator viewing, easy access and the finest venues for all weather racing and training in the Western Hemisphere, there is no better place than Lake Natoma for slalom, sprint canoe/kayak and rowing."

-John Holland, 1972 Olympian, Slalom



SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
Equestrian-Dressage	Monterey Horse Park	30,000	New Construction
Equestrian-Jumping	Monterey Horse Park	30,000	New Construction
Equestrian-Three-Day	Monterey Horse Park	50,000	Existing

Equestrian events will be held at the Monterey Horse Park in the magnificent environs of Monterey Peninsula and Carmel. SF 2012's expert equestrian group, including representatives from all disciplines and two FEI course designers, determined that locating an Olympic Equestrian competition at the former Ft.Ord Army Base in Monterey County would be the best solution for the sport on several levels. First, the land provides superb footing and varied terrain for endurance competitions in rolling coastal foothills. Second,

the weather is excellent year-round, with moderate temperatures and cooling sea breezes in the summer months. Further, with fewer and fewer facilities available for eventing, establishing a world-class facility on the West Coast would provide an important legacy for the sport. The Monterey Horse Park Foundation is developing a facility that will be a win for the local equestrian community, Monterey County, regional and national equestrian enthusiasts, and ultimately for the 2012 Olympic Games.

"The Monterey Peninsula is not only an appealing destination for visitors, the terrain is perfect, and, together with the cool coastal climate, the ideal conditions will assure the comfort and welfare of the equine as well as the human athletes. Plus, the legacy of the Monterey Horse Park will provide both training and inspiration to equestrian athletes for decades to come."

-Linda Allen, FEI Course Designer



SPORT	VENUE	CAPACITY	STATUS
Cycling-Mountain Bike	Domaine Chandon	20,000	Existing

Napa Valley evokes images of one of the great wine-growing regions in the world, of rolling hills and lush vineyards. But one of these vineyards evokes a different image for Mountain Bike enthusiasts. At Domaine Chandon, a well-proven course snakes through oak-studded Napa mountainsides, up and down its canyons and along tracks that border the vines of this world-renowned winery. The start/finish area is set at the Welcome Center of the winery, so that the media, officials and spectators will enjoy excellent infrastructure. In fact, the award-winning

Domaine Chandon restaurant will serve as the Olympic Family Lounge, where phenomenal culinary creations are served every day. With its fantastic summer weather, Napa Valley offers optimum conditions for the competitors and all those who will attend the races. Before and after the races, fans and officials alike may enjoy a visit to other famous wineries and cultural attractions in the area, completing a perfect visit to one of the world's most notable regions.

"Add a proven race course that has challenged the world's best riders, the award-winning Domaine Chandon restaurant and winery to play host to the Olympic Family, and the surrounding lush vineyards and the other famous wineries of Napa Valley, stir well and you have all the ingredients for the perfect venue for the Olympic Mountain Bike Race. It has played host to the most successfully promoted and attended mountain and road bike races in the nation, including the World Cups at Domaine Chandon. Additionally, riders will have access to rides at the birthplace of mountain biking on the slopes of Mt. Tamalpais."

-Rick Sutton, Race Director, Sea Otter Classic