

FSF Summit Awards
List of Past Winners (2015-25)
The Summit was not held in 2020 and 2022

Best Awarded Event of the Year

2025 – Large Market: 2025 Banana Ball World Tour (Tampa Bay Sports Commission); **Mid-Size Market:** 2024 U.S. Rowing Youth National Championships (Sarasota Sports); **Small Market:** Game Day New Year's Baseball Festival 2024 (Visit Panama City Beach)
2024 – Large Market: WWE Royal Rumble (Visit St. Pete/Clearwater); **Mid-Size Market:** College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America Championships (Ocala/Marion County CVB); **Small Market:** World Masters Athletics Indoor Championships 2025 (Gainesville Sports Commission)
2023 – FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 – Greater Miami CVB
2021 – Special Olympics – Experience Kissimmee
2019 – Wrestlemania - Tampa Bay Sports Commission
2018 – NCAA Golf Championship – Palm Beach Sports Commission
2017 – Miami Super Bowl 2020, Miami-Dade CVB
2016 – COPA America Centenario Soccer – Central Florida Sports Commission
2015 – Major League Baseball All Star Game Week – Miami-Dade Sports Commission

Large Market Event of the Year

2025 – 2025 NCAA Women's Final Four – Tampa Bay Sports Commission
2024 – USA Olympic Team Trials Marathon – Greater Orlando Sports
2023 – Formula 1 Miami Grand Prix, Greater Miami CVB
2021 – Super Bowl LV (Tampa Bay Sports)
2019 – Winter Equestrian Festival – Palm Beach Sports Commission
2018 – NHL All Star-Weekend – Tampa Bay Sports Commission
2017 – 2017 College Football Playoff National Championship, Tampa Bay Sports Commission
2016 – 2016 NCAA Men's Frozen Four, Tampa Bay Sports Commission
2015 – Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Girls Junior National Volleyball Championship – Central Florida Sports Commission, Orlando

Mid-Market Event of the Year

2025 – 2025 World Masters Athletic Indoor Championships – Gainesville Sports Commission
2024 – NCA/NDA College Nationals – Visit Daytona Sports
2023 – NCAA D1 Cross Country National Championship, Visit Tallahassee Sports
2021 – Ironman Florida (Panama City Beach CVB)
2019 – US Amateur Boys Basketball National Championships - Gainesville
2018 – 2017 World Rowing Championships – Sarasota County Sports Commission
2017 – Easton Gator Cup, Newberry, Gainesville Sports Commission
2016 – NCAA Men's/Women's Golf Championships, Bradenton Area Sports Commission
2015 – United States Fastpitch Association (USFA) World Series – Visit Panama City Beach

Small Market Event of the Year

2025 – 2025 Visit Panama City Beach College Baseball Classic – Visit Panama City Beach

2024 – Tampa Bay Christmas Invitational – Florida’s Sports Coast
2023 – World Equestrian Center Winter Spectacular, Ocala/Marion County CVB
2021 – Association of Pickleball Professionals Series Championship (Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach CVB)
2019 – Torhs 2Hot4Ice National Championships – Florida Sports Coast
2018 – Ocala Jockey Club International – Ocala/Marion County CVB
2017 – Babe Ruth Softball 12U & 16U World Series, Treasure Coast Sports Commission
2016 – Snowbird Baseball Classic – Charlotte Harbor CVB
2015 – HITS Ocala Winter Horse Show Jumping Circuit – Ocala/Marion County Sports Commission

Large Market Venue of the Year

2025 – Lake Myrtle Sports Complex, Visit Central Florida Sports
2024 – Camping World Stadium, Greater Orlando Sports Commission
2023 – Wellington International, Palm Beach County Sports Commission
2021 – Okeetheelee Park, Palm Beach County Sports Commission
2019 – PGA National Resort & Spa - Palm Beach Sports Commission
2017 – International Polo Club, Wellington, Palm Beach County Sports Commission
2016 – Ice Den, Coral Springs (formerly Incredible Ice) – Broward County Sports Development
2015 – Nathan Benderson Park – Sarasota County Sports Commission

Mid-Market Venue of the Year

2025 – Florida Aquatics Swimming & Training, Ocala /Marion County CVB
2024 – Publix Sports Park – Visit Panama City Beach
2023 – Champions Sports Park, Gainesville Sports Commission
2021 – Panama City Beach Sports Complex (Panama City Beach CVB)
2019 – City of Alachua Legacy Park Multipurpose Center – Gainesville Sports Commission
2017 – N/A
2016 – Apalachee Regional Park, Tallahassee, Tallahassee Sports Council

Small Market Venue of the Year

2025 – U. S. Sailing Center of Martin County, Play Treasure Coast Sports
2024 – Lawnwood Sports Complex – Play Treasure Coast Sports
2023 – Jackie Robinson Training Complex, Play Treasure Coast Sports
2021 – Wiregrass Ranch Sports Campus, Florida’s Sports Coast
2019 – The Southside Sports Complex – Columbia County Sports
2018 – Rotary SportsPlex – Ocala Marion County CVB
2017 – Champions Park, Newberry, Alachua County

Larry Pendleton Leadership Award

2025 – Rick Hatcher, Play Treasure Coast Sports Tourism
2024 – Ray Palmer, Pensacola Sports
2023 – Jose Sotolongo, Miami Dade CVB
2021 – George Linley, Palm Beach County Sports Commission
2019 – Carol Hudson, Broward Sports
2018 – Rob Higgins, Tampa Bay Sports Commission

Florida's Emerging Professional of the Year

2025 – Ryan Strickland, Play Treasure Coast Sports Tourism

2024 – Terry Parks, Florida's Space Coast

Florida's Professional of the Year

2025 – Mathew Ratner, Greater Miami CVB

2024 – Consuelo Sanchez, Florida's Sports Coast

Florida's Most Valuable Partner (MVP)

2025 – Steve Lackey, Experience Kissimmee

2024 – Juanita "Lightnin" Epton, Daytona International Speedway