

Triangle Sports Commission August Recap

Our primary focus in this month's news is the exciting progress of the new Wake Competition Center under construction in Morrisville.



Wake Competition Center Preview

The Wake Competition Center (WCC), a new 30-acre sports complex in Morrisville, had a preview of the campus on Tuesday, August 14. The WCC will have a volleyball facility, ice facility, gymnastics and training center, and two turf fields. The volleyball facility is slated to open this fall, with the rest of the amenities opening next year. The volleyball center will become the new home of Triangle Volleyball Club, the ice facility will have twin ice rinks (one with seating for 1,200, the second with 500 seats) and will be the official practice ice of the Carolina Hurricanes, the gymnastics and training facility will be home to Superior Gymnastics and The Athletic Lab with Raleigh Orthopaedic, and the turf fields will be managed by North Carolina FC.

Jeff Ammons, head of Ammons Building Corporation, is the developer and owner of the Wake Competition Center. Jeff previously developed The Factory in Wake Forest, NC, a multi-sport, lifestyle development. The Triangle Sports Commission (TSC) has helped Jeff since the early days of the project with identifying the site for the complex, connecting Jeff with Town of Morrisville officials and Raleigh Orthopaedic executives, securing a \$3 million Wake County Interlocal Funds grant, navigating the Town of Morrisville permit process, and recruiting significant tourism events to the new venue.

"Attendees were impressed with the size of the 8-court volleyball center," said Jeff Ammons, "but they were amazed when I informed them that the ice facility is going to be about three times that size! I've

previously renovated an older building and retrofitted it with sports facilities. That was a successful but challenging project; so I am very excited to be expanding upon that effort, but this time with brand new facilities, which makes the job a little easier."

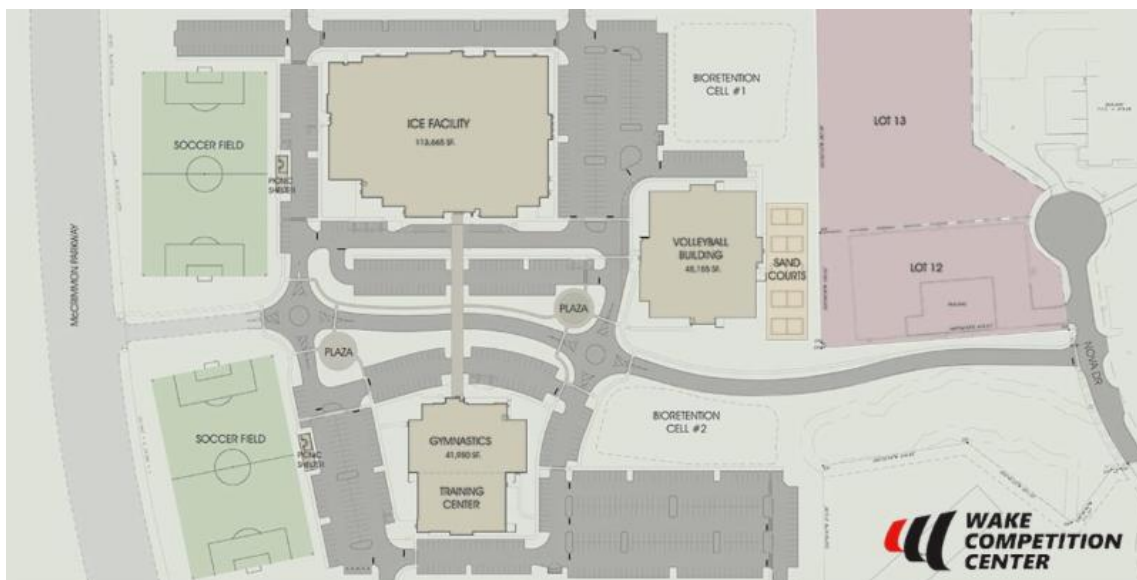
Among those in attendance at the WCC Preview event were TJ Cawley, Mayor of Morrisville; Liz Johnson and Steve Rao, Morrisville Town Council; Martha Paige, Morrisville City Manager; Sarah Gaskill, President of the Morrisville Chamber of Commerce; Sherry Fadool, Executive Director of Triangle Volleyball Club; Brian Tatum, Assistant GM of the Carolina Hurricanes; Abbey Crider, Groups and Ticket Sales Executive at North Carolina FC; Tess Heron, Operations Manager, and Collins Lowder, Sport Manager, of the Triangle Sports Commission; and reporters from WRAL-TV, Sports Buzz Radio, WNCN-17, and the News & Observer.

"We were very strategic in recruiting Jeff's project to Morrisville," said Hill Carrow, CEO of the Triangle Sports Commission. "At that time Morrisville was in the best position of any Wake County community to be able to secure millions of dollars in interlocal funds. The Town of Morrisville is contributing some needed infrastructure work to benefit the project, and the NC Department of Transportation is constructing the four-lane McCrimmon Parkway by the WCC site. The location five minutes from the airport and 2,000 hotel rooms is ideal."

[For photos of the Wake Competition Center Preview facilities, activities, and attendees, check out our Flickr site by clicking here.](#)



WCC Volleyball Center



WCC Campus Layout

Upcoming Events

U.S. Masters Swimming High Performance Camp, August 26-30,

Masters swimmers from across the world will come together to learn and train at the Greensboro Aquatic Center. Swimmers will be taught and analyzed by outstanding USMS coaches and professionals in the fields of sports psychology, physiology, biomechanics, nutrition, technique, and resistance and flexibility training. The Triangle Sports Commission has hosted the camp since its founding in 2011. [For more information, click here.](#)



Women's Basketball Tip-Off Luncheon, October 10, This fun and entertaining luncheon featuring the Women's Basketball Head Coaches at Duke, NC Central, NC State, and UNC has become a Triangle tradition. Joanne McCallie, Trisha Stafford-Odom, Wes Moore, and Sylvia Hatchell will be participating in a living-room-chat-style panel discussing their teams, coaching success, business topics, and even personal interests. More information to come.

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