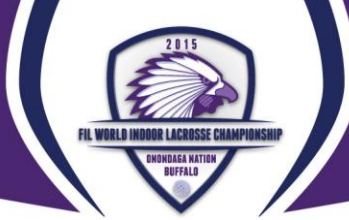
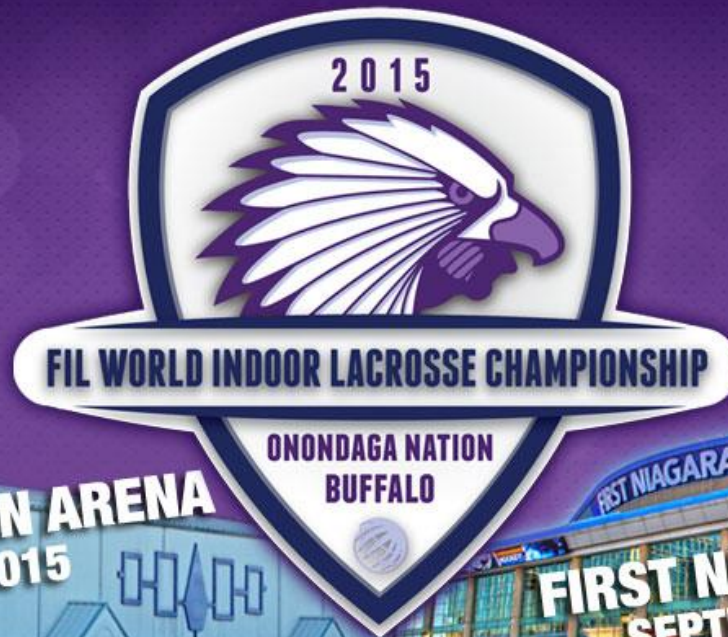


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Tournament Brief for Participating Nations



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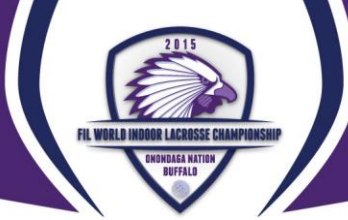
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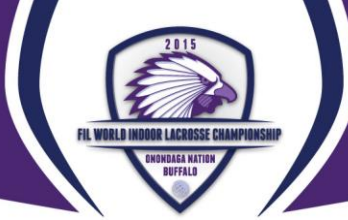


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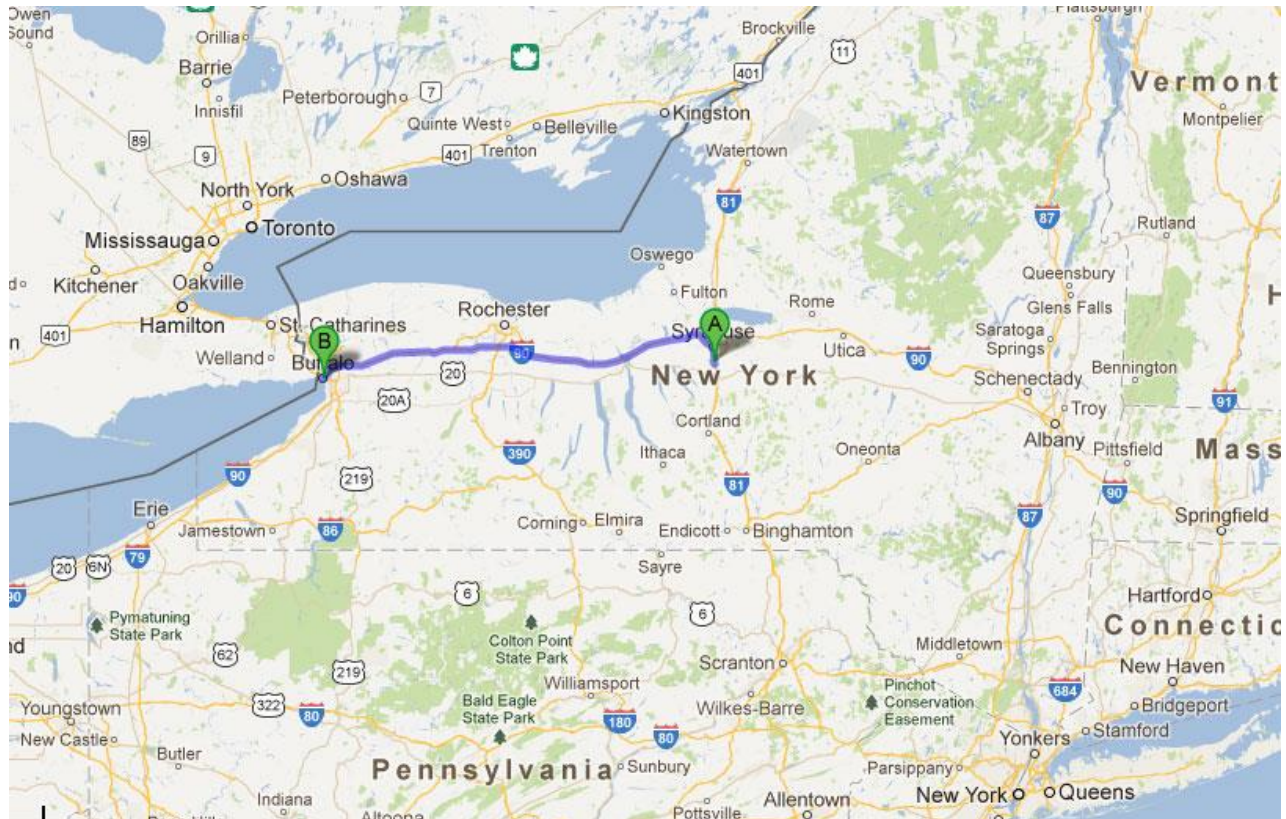
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Tournament Overview

WILC2015 will be hosted by the Iroquois Nationals at Onondaga Nation (near Syracuse), with the final two days taking place in Buffalo, NY, on the traditional homelands of the Haudenosaunee people.



Distance between venues: 156 miles (roughly 2.5 hour drive)

Onondaga Nation Arena (primary)



Onondaga Box (secondary)



Currently under renovations

Opening ceremonies, pool play and quarterfinal games (Sep 18-23, 2015) will be held at the state-of-the-art 3,000-seat Onondaga Nation Arena. If more than 10 teams are participating, some games will be played at the Onondaga Box, which is currently being renovated to be covered and host 500 fans. A new arena is also planned for construction in Onondaga and may be available in time for use.

First Niagara Center (primary)



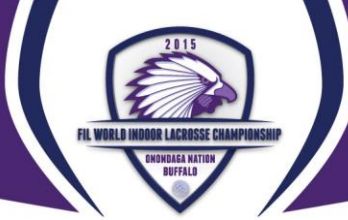
HarborCenter (secondary)



Currently under development

The semifinals and medal games (Sep 25-26) will be held at the 18,000-seat First Niagara Center. Consolation games will be held next door at the brand-new 2,000-seat HarborCenter, which is currently being built. If the HarborCenter is not ready in time, all games will be held at First Niagara Center.

All teams will be permitted to practice at First Niagara Center on Sep 24.



Housing, Meals, and Ground Transportation

Crowne Plaza Syracuse



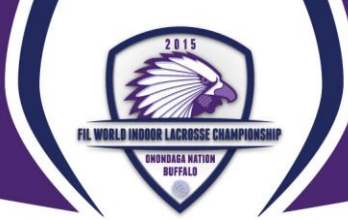
All teams are strongly encouraged to stay at the Crowne Plaza in downtown Syracuse from Sep 18-23, 2015. The state-of-the-art hotel was recently renovated and features luxury rooms, suites and generous amenities. **WILC2015 has secured a rate of \$95/night per dbl bed room for the team players and staff.** Rooms are also available for teams which wish to check in earlier and play additional exhibition games in preparation for the tournament. Each team will be provided a lockable room in the convention center next door to the hotel to hold team meetings and store any necessary gear/equipment. **An optional breakfast plan will be available at the hotel for \$7.50/day per guest. Vouchers for lunch and dinner are available from WILC2015 for \$26/day per guest.** All games will be shown on closed circuit television in the hotel throughout the event.

HarborCenter Buffalo



Completion of a hotel agreement in Buffalo is not yet finalized; however, WILC2015 will arrange a partner hotel which all teams will be strongly encouraged to with from Sep 23-27, 2015. Included in the new HarborCenter development project is a state-of-the-art hotel which is expected to be completed near the dates of WILC2015. If the hotel is not completed in time, WILC2015 will make alternate hotel arrangements. **In the interim, teams are encouraged to budget \$95/night per dbl bed room and \$40/day for meals.**

- A housing form will be distributed to secure each team's housing needs, following the team registration deadline in September 2014. In order to negotiate the most favorable rates and create an "Olympic Village" atmosphere, we are requesting each country to stay with our official housing partner. **We are requesting each team wait until September so we can provide our housing needs to our partner hotels as a group. If you make your own housing arrangements we cannot provide complimentary ground transportation to your team.**
- Complimentary ground transportation provided to teams that stay at WILC2015 partner hotels
 - Bus provided from hotel to arena for duration of the event
 - Bus provided for Syracuse to Buffalo leg on evening of Sep 23, 2015
- Teams are responsible for their own transportation from hotel to and from airport/country of origin. WILC2015 can assist in ground transportation arrangements to airport.
- The FIL Participation Fee will be \$1,500 USD payable by December 31st 2014
- Referee share will be roughly \$4,000 USD per team

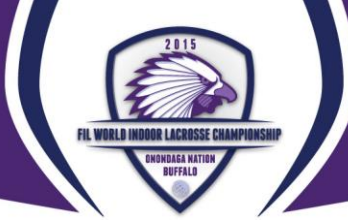


Format & Participating Nations

The FIL will be introducing a “Blue Division Format” for the first time at WILC2015. Pending the final list of participating nations, Canada, Iroquois Nationals, USA, Czech Republic [and possibly England] will be participating in the Blue Division. The remaining teams will be placed into a second (and third, if necessary) division. A six or eight team playoff will follow, likely similar to the format of the Men’s World Field Championships. All teams will have the opportunity to contend for the Championship. The following nations have expressed an interest in participating in WILC2015:

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| 1. |  | Canada – verbal commitment |
| 2. |  | Iroquois Nationals – confirmed |
| 3. |  | USA – verbal commitment |
| 4. |  | Czech Republic – verbal commitment |
| 5. |  | England – verbal commitment |
| 6. |  | Australia – verbal commitment |
| 7. |  | Ireland – verbal commitment |
| 8. |  | Slovakia – 2011 participant but no communications regarding 2015 |
| 9. |  | Austria – interest expressed |
| 10. |  | Finland – verbal commitment |
| 11. |  | France – interest expressed |
| 12. |  | Germany – interest expressed |
| 13. |  | Israel – verbal commitment |
| 14. |  | Netherlands – interest expressed |
| 15. |  | Philippines – interest expressed |
| 16. |  | Poland – interest expressed |
| 17. |  | Scotland – interest expressed |
| 18. |  | Sweden – interest expressed |
| 19. |  | Thailand – verbal commitment |
| 20. |  | Turkey – verbal commitment |

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U-19 World Indoor Festival

In conjunction with WILC2015, the Iroquois Nationals will be hosting an invitational-only *U-19 World Indoor Festival* in the Syracuse area. We expect that the tournament will serve as an important step to the launch of an official FIL endorsed U-19 WILC in the near future.

FIL members are encouraged to send a participating team; only one team will be permitted per country. Age exceptions and passport restrictions will be consistent with FIL regulations but will be relaxed on a case-by-case basis to encourage more participating countries.

Groups from five nations have already expressed an interest in participating: Canada, Czech Republic, Iroquois Nationals, Israel and USA.



Additional nations or clubs who are interested in participating should contact the WILC2015 organizing group as soon as possible.

Exact dates for the U-19 World Indoor Festival are still being determined. Considerations include the week of WILC2015 (or the week prior), summer of 2015, or summer/Fall of 2014. **A survey to consider all factors will be sent out in May of 2015 to all teams that express an interest in participating.**

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