



Georgia Sports Hall of Fame *Fact Sheet*

General Information – Located in Macon, Georgia, the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame is the country's largest state sports museum at 43,000 square feet. Created in 1956 as the Georgia Prep Sports Hall of Fame, the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame has been in existence for more than 50 years. It was expanded in 1963 to encompass prep, college, amateur and professional sports. In 1999, it moved into a permanent new home in Macon.

Main Features – The Georgia Sports Hall of Fame's building resembles a turn of the century ballpark with a red-brick exterior and green roof. From the old style ticket booths to the brick columns in the rotunda and special lighting, the museum invites visitors to experience the history of sports in Georgia with more than 14,000 square feet of high-energy exhibit space and a Hall of Fame Corridor that honors the over 300 inductees. In addition, there is a 205-seat theater with exposed steel trellises based on the design of Ponce de Leon Park in Atlanta. The Georgia Sports Hall of Fame also offers visitors an extensive research library and gift shop.

Funding – In 1994, the state of Georgia appropriated \$6.5 million to build the museum in Macon, and added another \$1.8 million in 1996. The 43,000 square-foot structure and exhibits were constructed at a cost of \$8.3 million.

Management – The Georgia Sports Hall of Fame is owned by the state of Georgia and operated by the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority. It is governed by an 18-member Authority appointed by the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Parking – Just off I-75 and I-16, the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame is located in the heart of Macon and offers parking for more than 200 within walking distance.

Hours – Tuesday-Saturday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Monday by reservation only; Closed Sundays.

Cost – Adults \$8; Seniors, Students, and Military with I.D. \$6; Children ages 6-16 \$3.50;