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Best sports bars in Philadelphia



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ootball season is just around the corner and it is about that time to talk about the best sports bars in Philadelphia.

Lists like this become particularly difficult as Philadelphia boasts hundreds of fantastic sports bars so it all comes down to taste. It must

have the atmosphere, the drinks, the food and, above all else, the game.

There are plenty of options but if you're looking for the place to head on game day, check out a few of these locations.

Anyone in the area will tell you to head to Chickie's and Pete's in South Philadelphia. The enormous former grocery store features three different bars, including the very inviting Play2 Interactive Sports Bar. In addition to the massive space and countless televisions, Chickie's and Pete's also boast their world famous crab fries which are worth the trip. Just minutes away from the sports complex, you can even park your car at Chickie's and Pete's and take the "Taxi Crab," a mini-school bus, over to the game to avoid parking. The proximity and atmosphere make Chickie's and Pete's a great spot to catch a game.

Speaking of proximity, there is no place closer to Lincoln Financial Field to watch the game than Xfinity Live! located right on Pattison Avenue. The huge bar and entertainment center opened in 2012 features five different bars - NBC Sports Arena, Victory Beer Hall, Spectrum Grill, Broad Street Bullie Pub and PBR Bar & Grill. All of these bars offer plenty of televisions and a great atmosphere to watch the game. If you cannot get tickets to the actual game, watching it on NBC Sports Arena's 32-foot diagonal, 6mm, LED HD television is about as close as you can get. The atmosphere is just like being in the stadium and it is certainly a must visit if you're looking for a fabulous game day experience.

If you're looking for a place with plenty of big screen televisions and plenty of people, The Fieldhouse certainly fits the description. Located directly above Market East and across from the Pennsylvania Convention Center, The

Fieldhouse features 50 televisions an enormous bar with a smaller upstairs bar featuring tailgate games such as ladder golf and cornhole. Getting a drink is difficult because the place tends to get crowded but you can certainly catch the game with tons of other fans on game day.

Finally, if you're looking for a sports bar with a bit of character check out The Irish Pub in Center City. There is one at 1123 Walnut Street and another at 2007 Walnut Street. It's a great place to grab a beer and watch the game in an Irish pub atmosphere. They provide solid bar food for a good price. If you're into chicken fingers, order their "chicken thumbs" with extra dipping sauce - you won't be disappointed.

There are plenty of other places in the city to watch the game - Moriarty's, McGillin's and Fox & Hound just to name a few more. Either way, if you're at a bar in Philadelphia on a Sunday afternoon, chances are extremely high you'll be able to see the Eagles game in a great atmosphere.



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