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The Country's Coolest Sports Complex

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In New York, the Yankees play in the Bronx, the Mets play in Queens, the Nets play in Brooklyn, the Rangers and Knicks play in Manhattan and the Islanders play on Long Island. And the football teams, well, they play in another state.

While the Big Apple may be an extreme example, the geographical disbursement of sports venues is a common theme in American cities. Twelve American cities (or metropolitan areas, to be exact) have teams in all four major sports (NFL, MLB, NBA and NHL): Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Miami, Minneapolis, New York, Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Francisco (if you count the San Jose Sharks) and Washington, DC. In eleven of these cities, the stadiums and arenas are spread out across the cities and regions. The lone exception? Philadelphia.

Located in South Philly, the [Sports Complex](#) is a massive compound housing three venues: [Lincoln Financial Field](#) (home of the Eagles), [Citizens Bank Park](#) (home of the Phillies) and [Wells Fargo Center](#) (home of the Sixers and Flyers). With a combined capacity of over 132,000 seats, the venues host approximately 380 events and 8 million visitors per year.

Having everything in one place enables a fan to create some pretty amazing sports days. With overlapping schedules, on any given day you can catch a pair of games. A 1:00 p.m. kickoff at the Eagles game followed by a 4:05 p.m. first pitch for the Phillies? With the stadiums adjacent to each other, catching both is as easy as crossing the

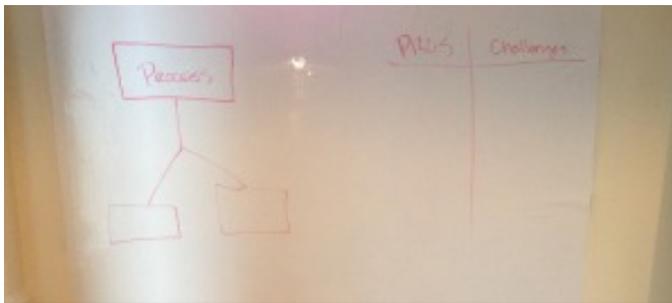
street. Try doing that with Redskins and Nationals games.

But what if there is a lull between games? Or if there is only one game that day? Then you better check out [Xfinity Live!](#) Until 2011 there was actually another arena in the Sports Complex. The Spectrum, the home of the Sixers and Flyers before the Wells Fargo Center, was being used for concerts and minor league sports. Sensing a need for more variety in the area, the outdated arena was demolished to make room for Xfinity Live!, a dining and entertainment district featuring more than a dozen restaurants, bars and concert spaces. The massive 24-foot outdoor TV screen is the perfect spot to watch the team when they're on the road, while the outdoor artificial turf field will let you get in some quality practice time. And be sure to ride the mechanical bull at the center of PBR Bar & Grill or check out live music on the outdoor stage!

While the quality of Philly's teams may leave something to be desired these days, the quality of the Sports Complex does not. Next time you're in town you'll have to venture to South Philly to catch a game!

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