



A weekly newsletter on North Carolina General Assembly news relevant to the North Carolina tourism industry

Hurricanes Ink Long Term Deal



The article below is excerpted from an article published on the NHL website on August 15. [Click to read the entire article.](#)

The Centennial Authority, owners of PNC Arena, and Gale Force Sports and Entertainment, L.L.C. announced last month the signing of a 20-year lease extension with the Carolina Hurricanes.

The newly signed lease states that the Hurricanes will occupy PNC Arena through the 2043-44 NHL season.

As part of the agreement, PNC Arena will undergo major renovations, including the development of a transformational, vibrant sports and entertainment district and public gathering space around the arena. The development will create a live, work, play destination for Triangle residents and visitors throughout the year.

The new lease extension includes a combined \$300 million investment from the City of Raleigh and Wake County.

Hospitality Olympics Win Gold

There was not an actual Olympic flame at the 2023 Games of the Hospitality Olympics on August 17, but the fire was burning inside each competitor as they duelled for the coveted Golden Toilet Brush.



The event was sponsored by the Charlotte Area Hotel Association, NCTIA, and the Tourism Education Foundation of North Carolina.



The employee teams represented hotels in Charlotte and competed in events such as Bed Making, Electric Cord Untangle, a Mop Race and a Taste Test.



Click to view [photos](#) and a [video](#) from the event.

“This is a celebratory and competitive event that showcases the important employees our industry relies on to run successful hotels,” said NCTIA Executive Director Vince Chelena. “It also gives these employees an opportunity to showcase impressive skills, creativity, and intense competition.”



This year’s Hospitality Olympic winners:



Spirit Competition - The Westin Charlotte

Taste Test, Dessert - The Westin Charlotte, Walnut brown butter bread pudding with crème anglaise

Taste Test, Appetizer - Charlotte Marriott City Center, Charred octopus with smoked trout, Aleppo, herb bacon salad

Buffer Pad Toss - Tie: Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority (CRVA) & Marriott South Park Complex

Mop Race Competition - Grand Bohemian Charlotte

Tray Race - Grand Bohemian Charlotte

Bed Making Competition - Kimpton Tryon Park Hotel

Electric Cord Untangle - Le Meridien Sheraton Charlotte

Decorate an Executive - Charlotte Marriott City Center