

## **OSC hosts Badger State Games track and field**

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The Oshkosh Sports Complex will host hundreds of athletes from throughout Wisconsin who will participate in the Track and Field events of the 25th annual American Family Insurance Badger State Games June 27-28.

Organized by the Wisconsin Sports Development Corporation, the American Family Insurance Badger State Games are Wisconsin's only Olympic-style sports festival and is truly a grassroots organization that relies on the dedication of thousands of volunteers and the support of corporate partners.

Starting last year, the Track and Fields events have been held at the Oshkosh Sports Complex, northeastern Wisconsin's premier sports facility, which provides state-of-the-art facilities for athletics including football, soccer, track, softball and baseball.

The Oshkosh Sports Complex is home to J. J. Keller Field, a football/soccer field featuring synthetic turf. The field is one of the Midwest's finest, in company with Camp Randall Field and Lambeau Field. A second round of enhancements features a new plaza entrance, updated and expanded locker rooms for approximately 300 student athletes, coaching offices and classrooms, and improved restroom facilities.

"We are thrilled that the [American Family Insurance] Badger State Games will be held at the Oshkosh Sports Complex this year," said Chancellor Richard H. Wells. "An event of this caliber highlights the excellence of this facility and its statewide impact."

The Oshkosh Sports Complex is a unique collaboration between the Oshkosh Area School District, the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, the Unified Catholic Schools and the UW Oshkosh Foundation. Based on economic impact models and other projections, it is anticipated that the complex will generate at least \$25 million annually for the local economy.

"We are excited about having the Badger State Track and Field meet at Oshkosh," said Athletic Director Al Ackerman. "It is one of the premier tracks in the country and I know the athletes will have a great experience."