2021–22

NORTH DAKOTA™ CHAMPIONS CLUB

MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

Dear current (and future) ND Champions Club members,

What a unique past year we have endured. Through all the unknowns, the one constant was the unwavering support of our **ND Champions Club (NDCC)** members. Your loyalty to our student-athletes has been nothing short of remarkable. Please know your generous support has not been taken for granted by our student-athletes, coaches or athletics staff.

The opportunity to represent our state's flagship university in Division I athletic competitions throughout the country is a special one. It's a privilege that we impress on our student-athletes daily. Even during a global pandemic, we kept the "4 C's" pictured to the right as the foundation of our athletic programs this year. Our student-athletes continued to rise above ongoing setbacks and meet the expectations we set before them:

- Earn your **UND degree**
- Be a **leader in action**
- Perform at your **highest level in the classroom, community and in competition**

If you are a current **NDCC** member, I thank you in advance for rejoining this year. If you are someone who has either previously been a member or have not, I hope that you will consider it. **You are vital to the success of our 350 student-athletes and every UND Athletics program.**

Thank you again for your loyalty and for allowing me the opportunity to serve UND as your Director of Athletics. I hope to cheer alongside you once again during the 2021-22 athletic season.

Sincerely,

Bill Chaves, UND Director of Athletics

BUILDING

CHAMPIONS IN EVERY ARENA (2020-21)

CLASSROOM

3.474
OVERALL DEPARTMENT GPA

17/17
PROGRAMS WITH 3.0+ CUMULATIVE GPA

121
STUDENT-ATHLETES ON THE PRESIDENT'S LIST

26
CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS WITH 3.0 OVERALL GPA

COMMUNITY

HELPER HELPER RANKINGS BASED ON COMMUNITY SERVICE AMONG D1 PROGRAMS IN THE NATION

1,566
HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

#6
IN NATION FOR D1 COMMUNITY SERVICE

$44,712
ECONOMIC IMPACT

6
UND PROGRAMS MADE TOP-10 IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SPORTS

COMPETITION

FOOTBALL

Having captured the 2020-21 MVFC title, UND advanced to the FCS Quarterfinals for the first time in program history.

MEN'S TENNIS

Advanced to the Summit League Tennis Championships for the **first** time in program history.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Advanced to the Summit League Championships for the **second** time in program history.

SOFTBALL

Reached the Summit League Championships for the second time with eight league wins; defeated the Bison twice in the same season for the first time since 1995.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Patrick Kipkemboi named Summit League Athlete of the Year after being the first UND male student-athlete to win an individual title in its Division I era and first UND male runner to win a conference title since 1969.

HOCKEY

Became the first team to win both the Penrose Cup and NCHC Frozen Faceoff in league history.

OUR GREATEST NEED
SCHOLARSHIPS

With consistent increases in tuition, the **ND Champions Club** strives to raise more dollars each year to support growing scholarship costs and additional resources. **Your membership can help ease UND Athletics' financial burdens, allowing UND to recruit the best and brightest student-athletes.**

The **NDCC** strives to cover expenses and scholarship dollars for all UND student-athletes. The total annual cost of scholarships across all sports is over $5 million. We are dedicated to meeting this challenge through **NDCC** memberships, the MVP Campaign, Impact Scholarships and Scholarship Endowments.

2021-22 SCHOLARSHIP BREAKDOWN	
Average Scholarship Amount	$28,914
Scholarships to be Awarded	190
Total Scholarship Dollars	**$5,493,660**

SCHOLARSHIPS
$5,493,660

HELP US
FILL THE GAP

based on estimation for 2021-22

IMPACT
SCHOLARSHIPS

Impact Scholarships help offset the cost of annual scholarships. Gifts to Impact Scholarships are not invested; rather, 100% of your yearly pledge will directly benefit a student-athlete scholarship. In 2020, we projected about $315,000 in gifts to Impact Scholarships. In 2021, we are projecting $234,000, a decrease from last year. We need your help. **With an overall scholarship bill of $5 million, your support to Impact Scholarships is critical.**

BENEFITS OF CREATING A SCHOLARSHIP

- Designate your gift to a specific sport and even a specific position
- Name a scholarship
- Be recognized on the Ralph Engelstad Arena Legacy Wall for the length of your pledge (if your gift is $25,000+)
- Meet the student-athlete(s) selected to receive your scholarship
- Receive **ND Champions Club** Priority Points (must be **NDCC** member)

PLEDGE YOUR IMPACT

GIVING OPTIONS	TOTAL INVESTMENT
$25,000/year x 5	$125,000
$15,000/year x 5	$75,000
$10,000/year x 5	$50,000
$2,000/year x 5	$10,000
$1,000/year x 5	$5,000

Photo by Russell Hons Photography

"We just love everything about UND! We have enjoyed cheering for all the sports with our family and friends. We want to convey to all the athletes how proud we are of them and wish them all the best. Like Coach Berry always says, 'This is a culture we have here – with the fans and players.' We are so thankful to be a part of it!"

KEITH & JO, ..'79 STREYLE
IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Endowed scholarships are an investment into the future, providing perpetual financial support that increases over time. To lay the permanent groundwork for our program, we need to increase our scholarship endowment support for the long term.

ENDOWMENT IMPACT

TOTAL INVESTMENT	PAYOUT
$600,000	$22,500 annual scholarship
$300,000	$11,250 annual scholarship
$100,000	$3,750 annual scholarship
$30,000	$1,125 annual scholarship

* May have tax benefits; please consult your financial advisor.
* Payout amounts can fluctuate due to market returns.

RAISING UP LEADERS
LIKE PINKE

Hunter J. Pinke Leadership Football Endowment

Hunter Pinke, '21, is a lifelong North Dakotan, a recent UND graduate and captain of the Fighting Hawks Football team. On December 27, 2019, Hunter was in a skiing accident that resulted in a spinal cord injury and a broken back, leaving him paralyzed from his chest down. After a time of rehabilitation in Colorado, Hunter returned to UND and graduated with a mechanical engineering degree. He was accepted into graduate school at the University of Arizona where he plans to compete in adaptive track and field.

Hunter's leadership extended beyond competition. On campus, he led the UND's Fellowship of Christian Athletes, in the community he dedicated 170+ hours of service to nonprofits and schools, and in the classroom he maintained a 3.5 grade point average. In 2020, Hunter was named UND's Male Unsung Hero and the Grand Forks Herald's Person of the Year. He also received the national 2021 Wilma Rudolph Student-Athlete Achievement Award.

In honor of Hunter, his family, in partnership with UND Alumni Association & Foundation and UND Football, established the Hunter J. Pinke Leadership Football Endowment. The endowment will support scholarships for UND Football players who have exhibited a similar attitude, speech and actions displayed by Hunter.

Photo by Eric Hylden/Grand Forks Herald

"The UND Football Program developed me as a football player, but more importantly as a person. The discipline, commitment and selflessness that were instilled in me are characteristics that I will carry with me forever."

HUNTER J. PINKE, '21

ATHLETICS MVP
CAMPAIGN

The cost to support our valued competitors continues to rise. Between travel, academic services and sports medicine treatment, full-ride scholarships require at least $25,000 to maintain.

Currently, more than half of our student-athletes compete without a scholarship but continue to give their time and talent to UND's success.

The **ND Champions Club** is filling the gap for UND Athletics through the MVP Campaign, an initiative that raises funds for additional athletic scholarships and program support. You can go above and beyond your membership contribution by making a donation to the MVP Campaign.

Your donation will create more financial opportunities for our competitors.

$100	=	3
DONATION		PRIORITY POINTS

LEARN MORE & DONATE

Scan with your phone's camera app to go to
NDChampionsClub.com/MVPcampaign

ND CHAMPIONS CLUB
BENEFITS

	LEGEND $50,000+	DIAMOND $14,000+	EMERALD $7,500+	DIRECTORS $3,750+	COACHES $1,500+	CAPTAINS $1,000+	VARSITY $500+	CENTURY $200+
Exclusive availability and marketing to 1 person or business per year	✓							
Reserved underground parking space at Ralph Engelstad Arena	✓							
Leadership session with UND head coach of your choice	✓							
Complimentary “Best Seats in the House” - football, hockey, basketball	✓							
Reserved parking space at Ralph Engelstad Arena & Alerus Center	✓	✓						
Named scholarship & invitation to Champion Builders Reception	✓	✓						
Invitation to UND Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet	✓	✓	✓					
VIP Football Sideline Experience for member & guest	✓	✓	✓					
VIP Pregame Ice Level Experience for member & guest	✓	✓	✓					
NDCC Priority Parking (with purchase of hockey season tickets)	4	4	3	2	1			
NDCC Priority Parking (with purchase of football & basketball season tickets)	4	4	3	2	1	1	1	
Football tailgate tent admission	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Free admission to volleyball*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Opportunity to purchase hockey season tickets**	12	12	12	8	4	2	2	2
Opportunity to purchase all other season tickets**	16	16	16	12	8	6	6	4
10% Sioux Shop Discount	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Auto Decal	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Exclusive presale of single game tickets	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*Regular season home games
Subject to availability. Joining the **ND Champions Club does not obligate you to purchase priority seating season tickets. Points and the membership benefits noted.

If you share your membership with other alumni/friends, **NDCC** will only recognize one individual from the group as the contact person.

If you are a suite or club seat licensee at Ralph Engelstad Arena (REA), contact REA regarding **NDCC** benefits. There will be one receipt issued and only the contact person will receive Priority Points and the membership benefits noted.

CHAMPIONS CLUB
PRIORITY POINTS

HOW TO BUILD PRIORITY POINTS		
Increase **ND Champions Club** membership level	3 pts	per $100
Athletic MVP gifts	3 pts	per $100
Gifts to High Performance Center	3 pts	per $100 (tax credit may apply)
Gifts to Athletic Endowments	3 pts	per $100 (tax credit may apply)
Gifts to Impact Scholarships	3 pts	per $100
UND Letterwinner	10 pts	
UND Alumni	10 pts	
Total years as a **NDCC** member	3 pts	per year since '01

How do I build NDCC Priority Points?
NDCC Priority Points are built through **NDCC** Membership actions and involvement at UND (see chart above).

Do gift pledges or payment plans toward my NDCC membership affect my points?
Priority Points accumulate as gifts and payments are received, not at the time they are pledged.

What is the purpose of Priority Points Ranking?
Priority Points ranking allows for a systematic, orderly and equitable process to prioritize ticket requests, including season tickets, away game tickets, postseason tickets and other benefits. The higher your ranking, the higher priority is given to your ticket requests.

How do you determine my Priority Points Rank?
Your Priority Point rank is determined by the number of Priority Points you've earned. All **ND Champions Club** members are ranked 1 to 2,267 (1 being the highest ranking). The more Priority Points you have, the higher your rank. For example, a member with a rank of 100 has earned 2,900 Priority Points. A member with a rank of 400 has earned 1,030 Priority Points.

PRIORITY POINTS BY MEMBERSHIP LEVEL	
Legend	1,500 pts
Diamond	420 pts
Emerald	225 pts
Directors	112.5 pts
Coaches	45 pts
Captains	30 pts
Varsity	15 pts
Century	6 pts

More information and FAQs can be found at NDChampionsClub.com

NORTH DAKOTA
HOCKEY

HOCKEY WAITLIST

The demand for season tickets is so high we have created a waitlist. Your first step? Join the **ND Champions Club** or upgrade your membership level to increase your priority! Season ticket allocations are based on Priority Points. The deposit to join the waitlist is a one-time fee of $100. That money will go towards the cost of your season ticket once you are awarded them. You can join the waitlist by calling Val at 701.777.4078 or the REA Ticket Office at 701.777.4689.

AWAY GAME TICKETS

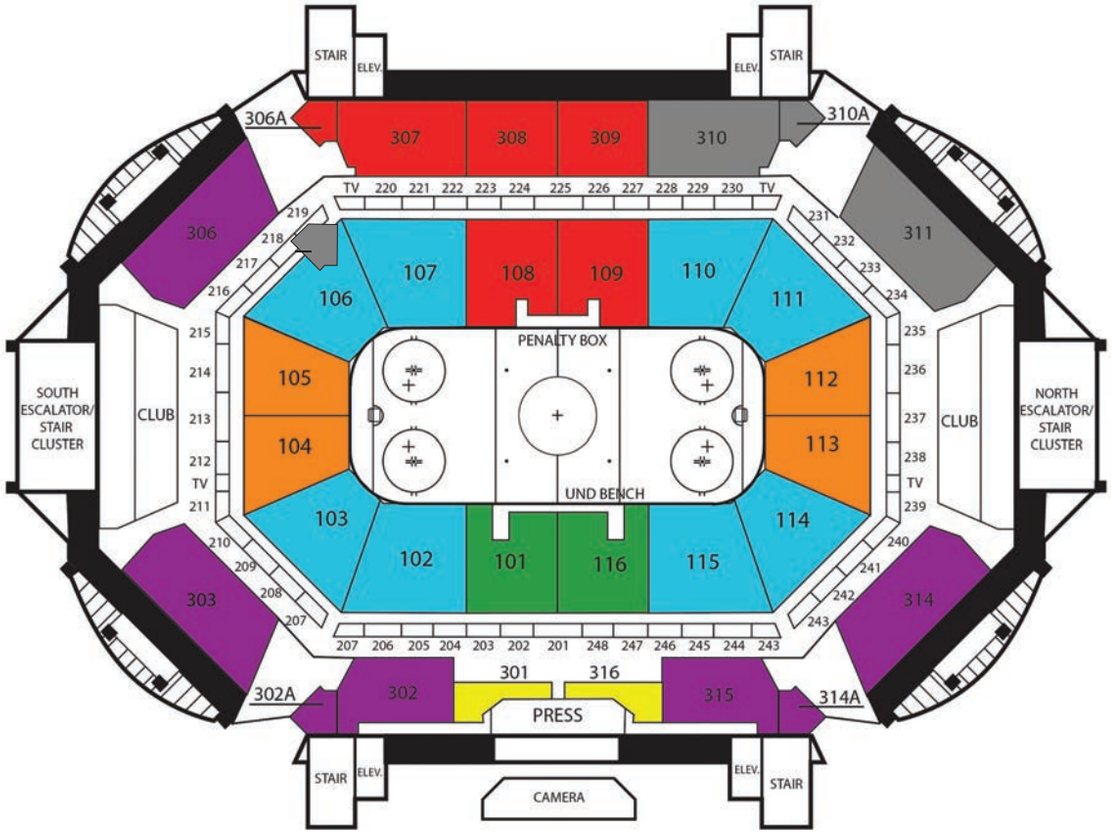
NDCC members receive first priority for away game tickets. To request away game tickets please email tickets@theralph.com at least three weeks prior to the game you want to attend. Tickets will be allocated based on Priority Points.

CHAMPIONS CLUB MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Season tickets cost $465 for all sections and are subject to availability.

	DIAMOND, EMERALD, DIRECTORS
	COACHES
	CAPTAINS
	STUDENT SECTION
	VARSITY
	CENTURY
	SINGLE GAME TICKETS

RALPH ENGELSTAD ARENA



MEN'S & WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL

SEASON TICKETS

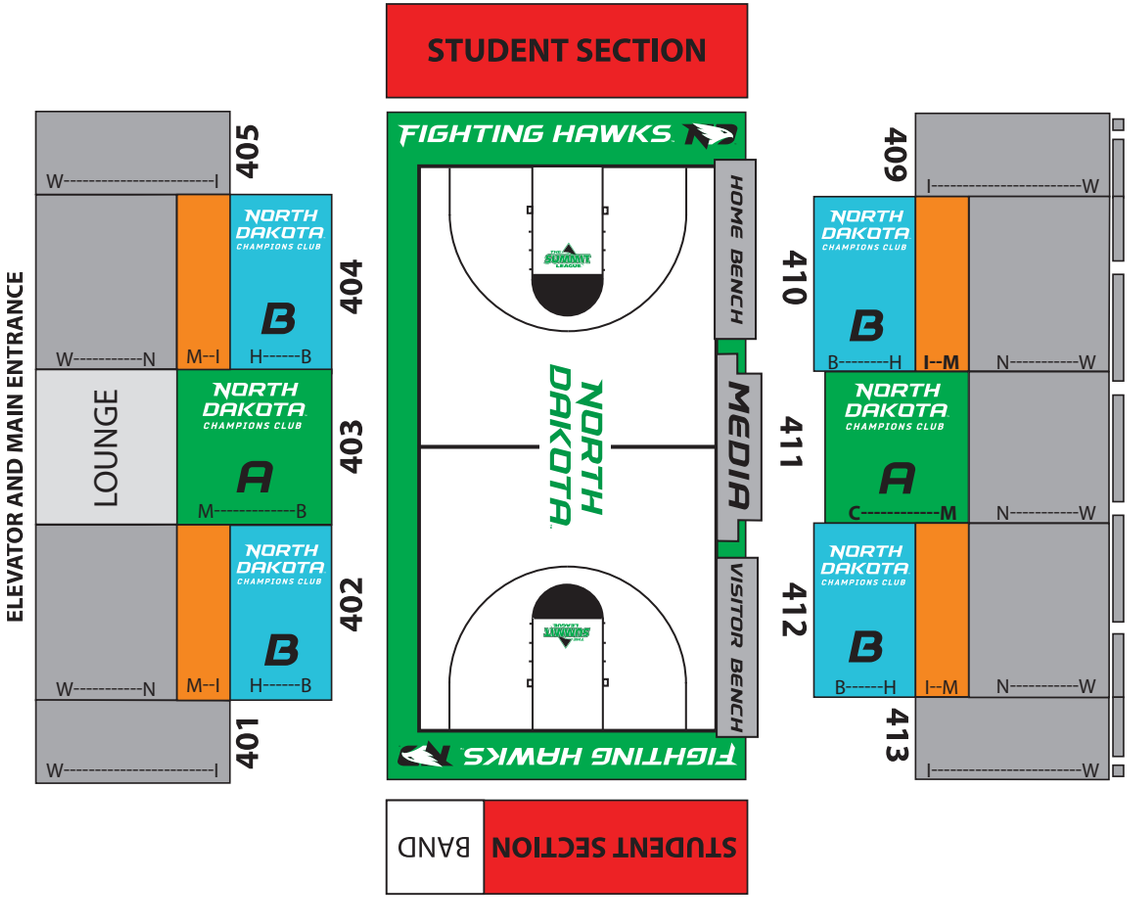
All season tickets are combined sports for Men's and Women's Basketball.

ND Champions Club members can purchase basketball season tickets at the Ralph Engelstad Arena. To purchase season tickets in the priority seating area, you must first make a minimum per-seat contribution to the **NDCC**. See seating chart for membership levels. All requests for new, additional or upgraded season tickets are determined by **NDCC** level and Priority Points rank.

SECTION	COMBINED MEN'S/WOMEN'S	FACULTY/ STAFF
	$220	$198
	$160	$144

LEVEL	SECTION	PURCHASE MAXIMUM	MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION
LEGEND	A	16	$50,000+
DIAMOND	A	16	$14,000+
EMERALD	A	16	$7,500+
DIRECTORS	A	12	$3,750+
COACHES	A	8	$1,500+
CAPTAINS	B	6	$1,000+
VARSITY	B	6	$500+
CENTURY	B	4	$200+

BETTY ENGELSTAD SIOUX CENTER



NORTH DAKOTA
FOOTBALL

SEASON TICKETS

ND Champions Club members can purchase football season tickets at the Ralph Engelstad Arena. To purchase season tickets in the priority seating area, you must first make the appropriate contribution to the **NDCC**. See seating chart for membership levels. All requests for new, additional, or improved season tickets are determined based on **NDCC** level and Priority Points rank.

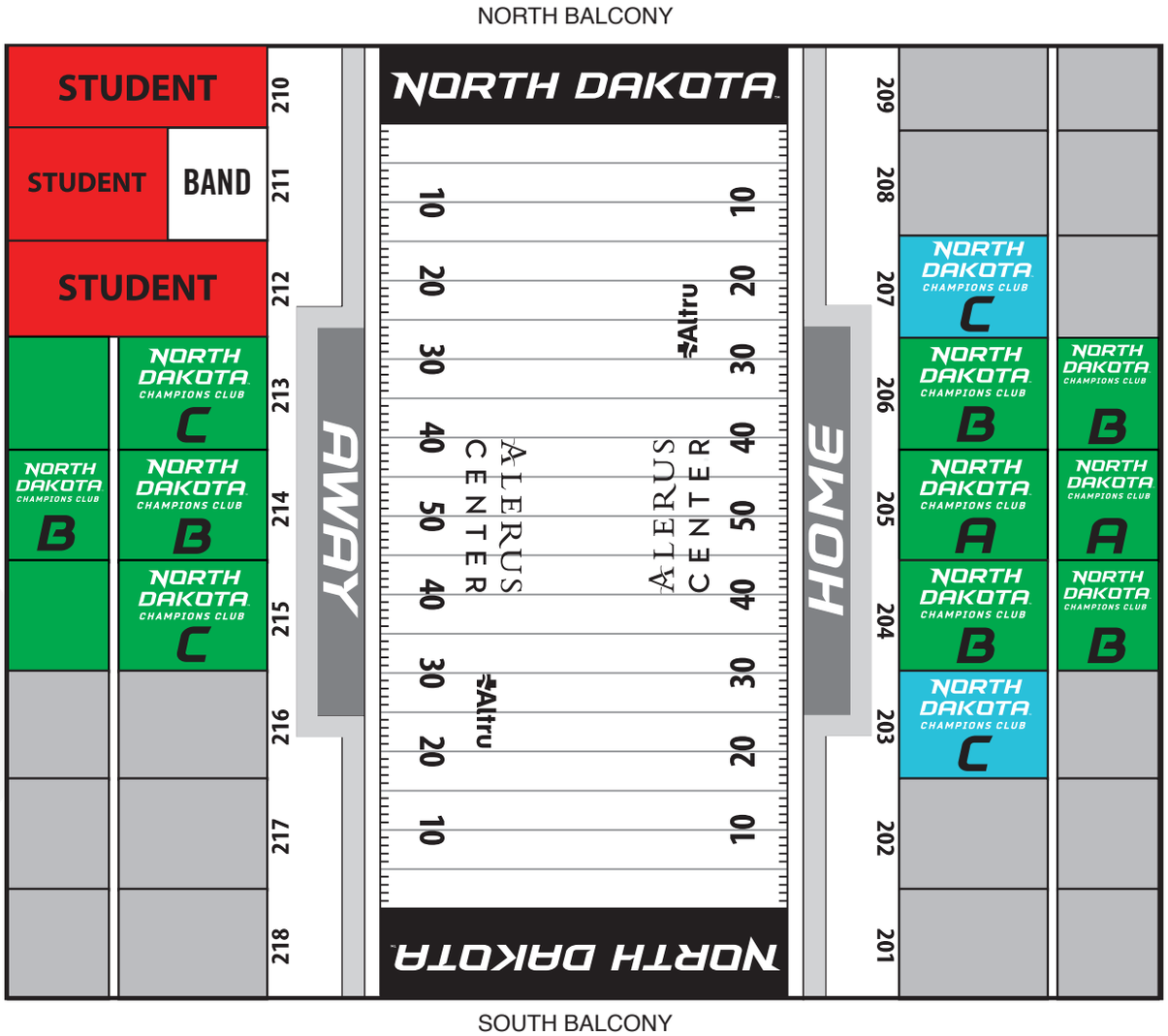
AWAY GAME TICKETS

NDCC members receive first priority for away game tickets. To request away game tickets please email tickets@theralph.com at the least three weeks prior to the game you want to attend. Tickets will be allocated based on Priority Points. Ticket availability may be limited during conference play. Contact the away team's box office to purchase tickets as soon as schedules are announced.

SECTION	PRICE
	$125
	$110

LEVEL	SECTION	PURCHASE MAXIMUM	MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION
LEGEND	A	16	$50,000+
DIAMOND	A	16	$14,000+
EMERALD	A	16	$7,500+
DIRECTORS	A	12	$3,750+
COACHES	B	8	$1,500+
CAPTAINS	C	6	$1,000+
VARSITY	C	6	$500+
CENTURY	C	4	$200+

ALERUS CENTER

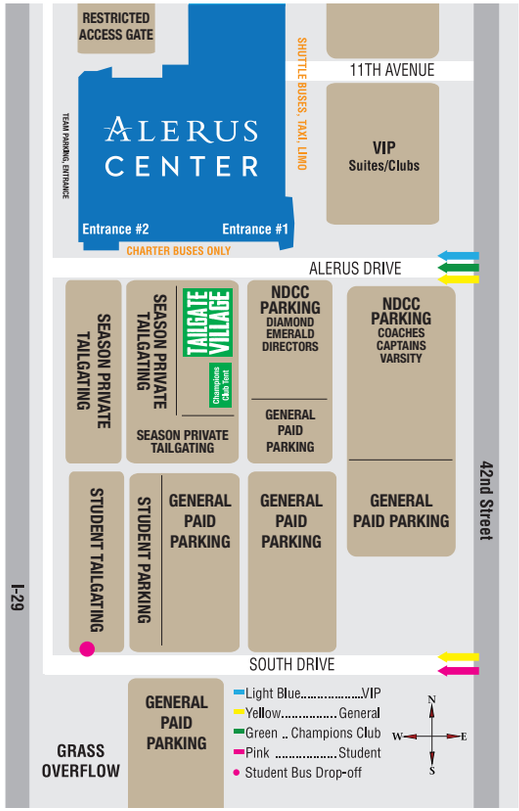


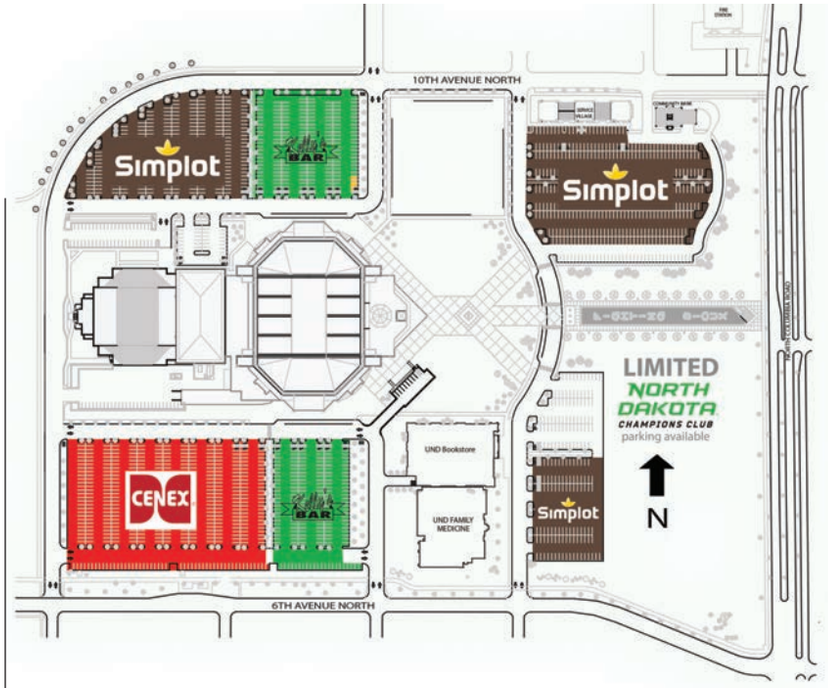
CHAMPIONS CLUB
PARKING

Parking privileges are a great benefit for **ND Champions Club** members. Membership levels determine season parking packages for hockey, basketball and football games. Refer to the maps on this page to find out what your membership level will gain.

Duplicating permits is not allowed and will result in a loss of parking privileges and a $300 fine. Lost or stolen permits can be replaced for $300.

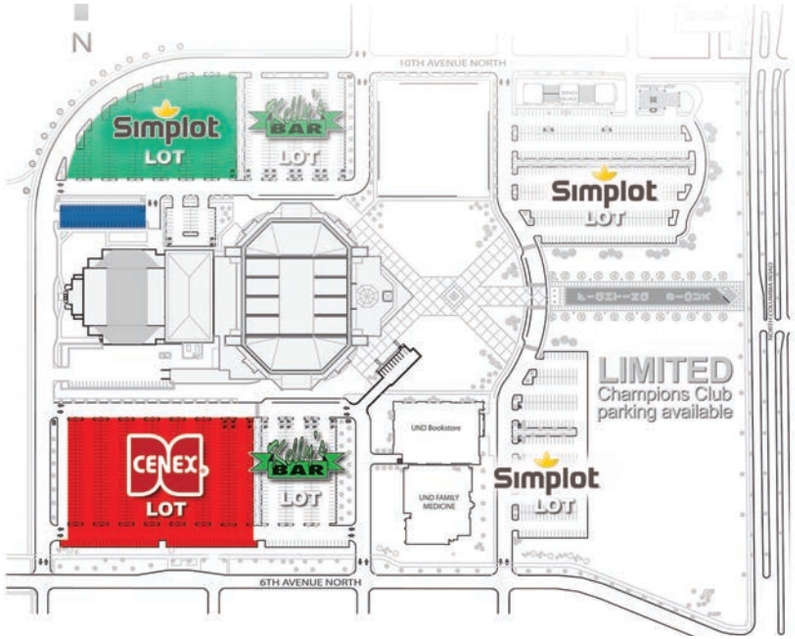
FOOTBALL





HOCKEY

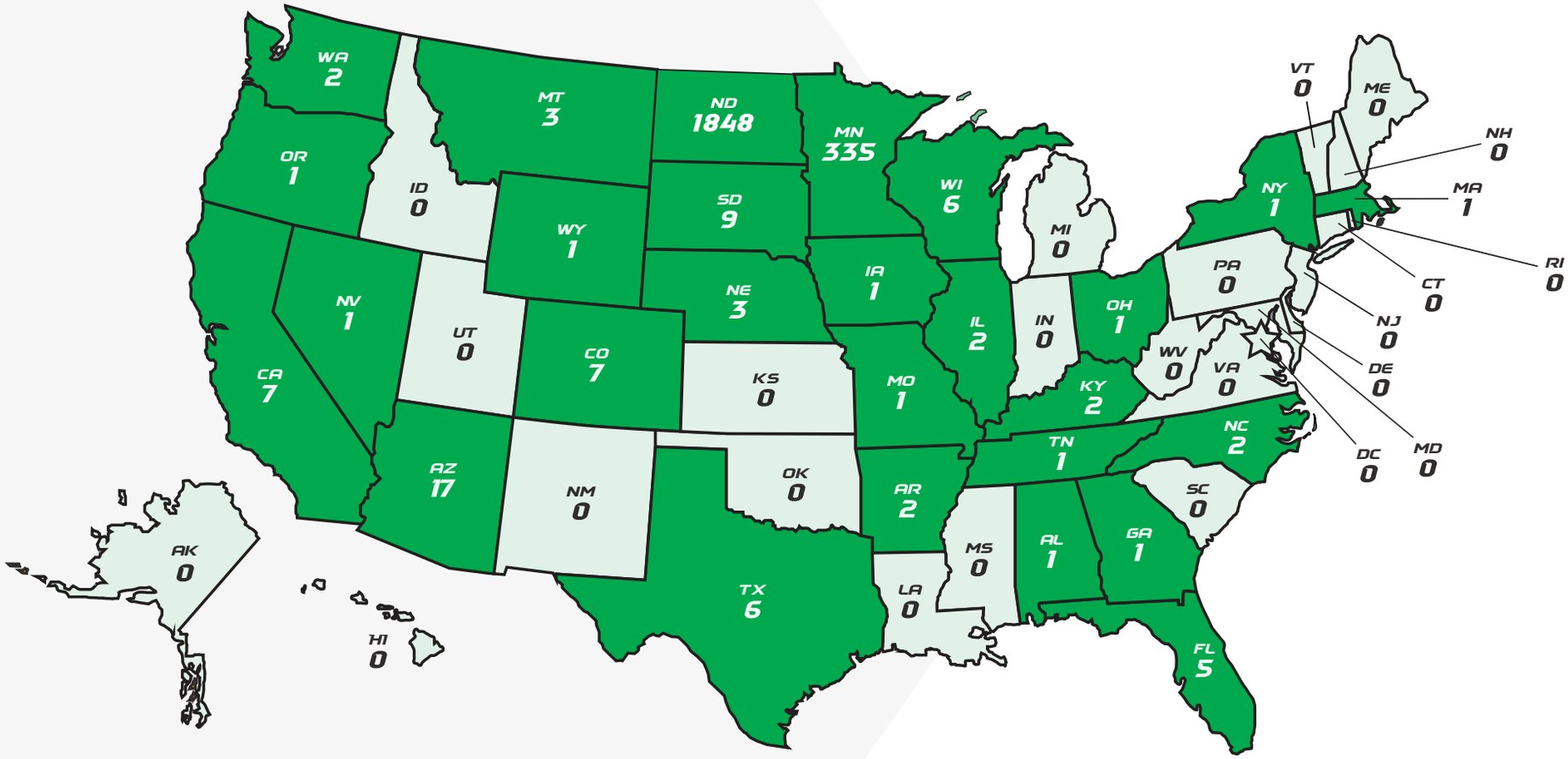
- Diamond, Emerald, Suites, Clubs
- Directors
- Coaches



BASKETBALL

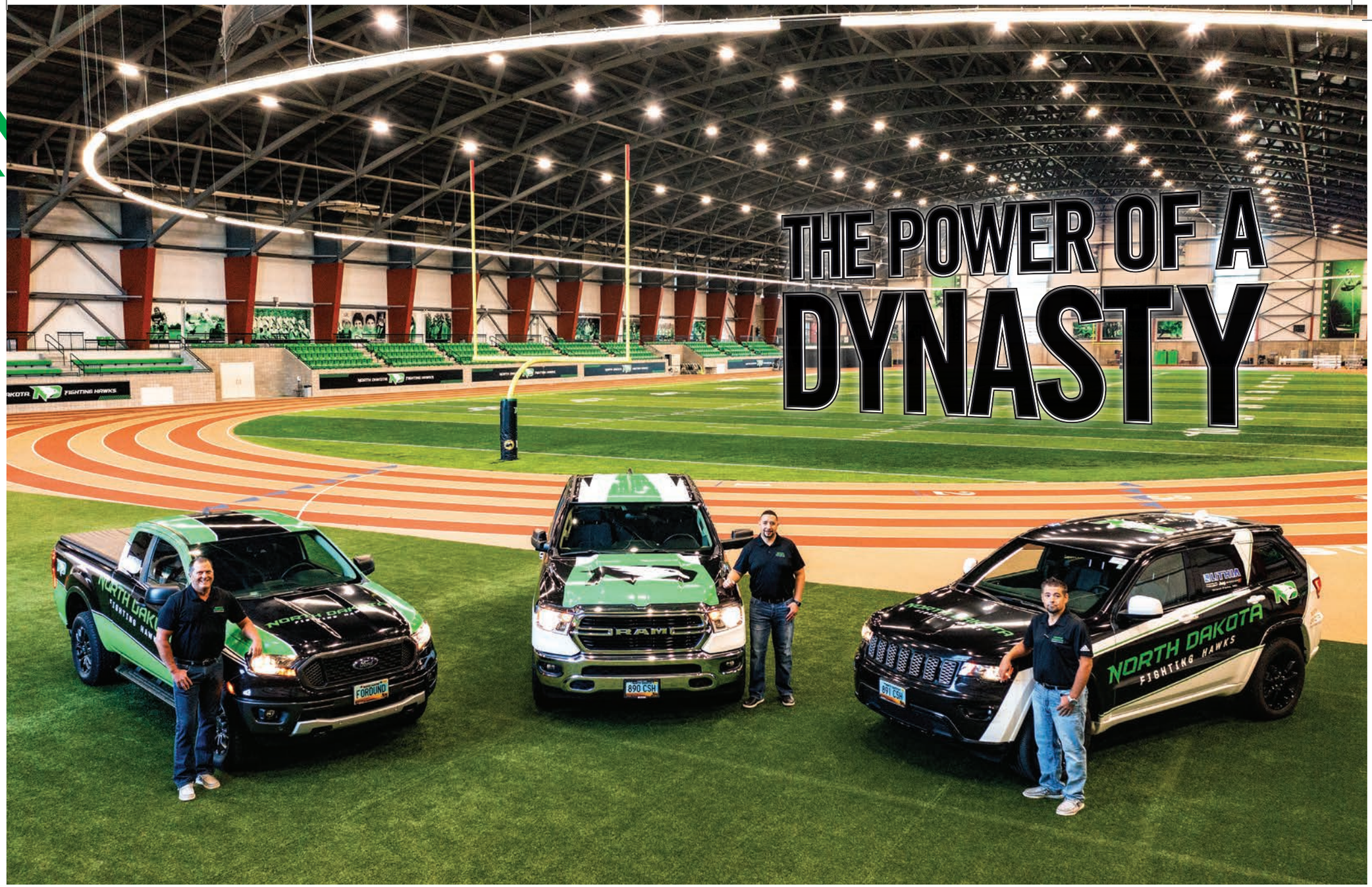
- Diamond, Emerald, Directors
- Coaches, Captains, Varsity

CHAMPIONS IN YOUR COMMUNITY



TOTAL MEMBERS

2,267



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Ford DODGE TOYOTA
GRAND FORKS, ND

LITHIA AUTO MALL

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NORTH DAKOTA™ CHAMPIONS CLUB

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

May 31	Champions Club season ticket renewal deadline
June 3	Park River Golf Outing
June 17	Bismarck Golf Outing
June 23	Fargo (Rose Creek) Golf Outing
July 15	Detroit Lakes Golf Outing
July 22	Grand Forks Kings Walk Golf Outing
Aug 16	Football & Hockey single-game ticket pre-sale: NDCC Only
Aug 19	Football, Volleyball & Hockey single-game tickets go on sale
Sept 16	Potato Bowl French Fry Feed
Sept 18	Potato Bowl Parade & Football Game vs Drake
Oct 1	UND Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet Alerus Center
Oct 23	Homecoming Parade & Football game vs Western Illinois
April 23	Champions Ball

Events are subject to change.
For updated information please visit NDChampionsClub.com.

UND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION
LEADERS IN ACTION.

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