



# United Center

Arena title	United Center
Capacity	20,500
About	<p><b>United Center</b> is an indoor sports arena located in the Near West Side neighborhood of Chicago, Illinois. The United Center is home to both the Chicago Bulls of the National Basketball Association (NBA) and the Chicago Blackhawks of the National Hockey League (NHL). The arena is named after its city-based corporate sponsor, United Airlines.</p> <p>The plan to build the arena was created by then Blackhawks owner Bill Wirtz and Bulls owner Jerry Reinsdorf. The United Center's predecessor was the Chicago Stadium, the original "Madhouse on Madison", which was demolished after the new arena opened for business on August 18, 1994. The first ever event at the United Center was the WWF event SummerSlam (1994). Due to the 1994-95 NHL lockout, the Blackhawks did not move in until January 1995.</p> <p>The east side of the stadium features statues of Michael Jordan (known as "The Spirit"), Bobby Hull and Stan Mikita, while a statue of various Blackhawks sits to the north on Madison Street, where the Chicago Stadium was located.</p> <p>Despite being merged with Continental Airlines in May 2010, the original United Airlines logo and United name still remain with the arena. United Airlines pays about \$1.8 million per year until 2014 for its naming rights.</p>
Logo	 The logo for the United Center, featuring the word "UNITED" in blue capital letters on the left, a blue and white globe icon in the center, and the word "CENTER" in blue capital letters on the right.
Photo	 An aerial photograph of the United Center arena in Chicago. The arena's white, curved roof is prominent, with "UNITED CENTER" written in blue letters across its top. The building is surrounded by city streets, traffic, and other buildings in the background.