# GFL Memorial Gardens

## TECHNICAL PACKAGE

Northern Ontario's Premier Sports and Entertainment Facility

269 Queen Street East
Sault Ste. Marie, ON
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## Our Story

As Northern Ontario's premier sports and entertainment facility, GFL Memorial Gardens provides a topnotch home to the Soo Greyhounds (Ontario Hockey League), serves as a multi-sporting complex, venue for entertainment, tradeshows, conferences and much more.

Owned and operated by the City of Sault Ste. Marie, GFL Memorial Gardens opened its doors in 2006. The Gardens spreads over one full block in Sault Ste. Marie's downtown district, with nearby shopping centers, hotels, restaurants and entertainment. Our facility is fully accessible, equipped with elevators and ramps.

Since opening, the Gardens has hosted major concerts and special events including Elton John, KISS, Our Lady Peace, Tragically Hip, Cirque du Soleil, NHL preseason game, Brad Paisley, Russel Peters, Backstreet Boys, David Copperfield, Bob Dylan, Grand Slam of Curling, Bryan Adams, Neil Young, CARHA World Hockey Championships, Jerry Seinfeld, The Price is Right Live, Motley Crue, and Mamma Mia; just to name a few! For a full listing of major concerts and special events, visit **gflgardens.ca**.

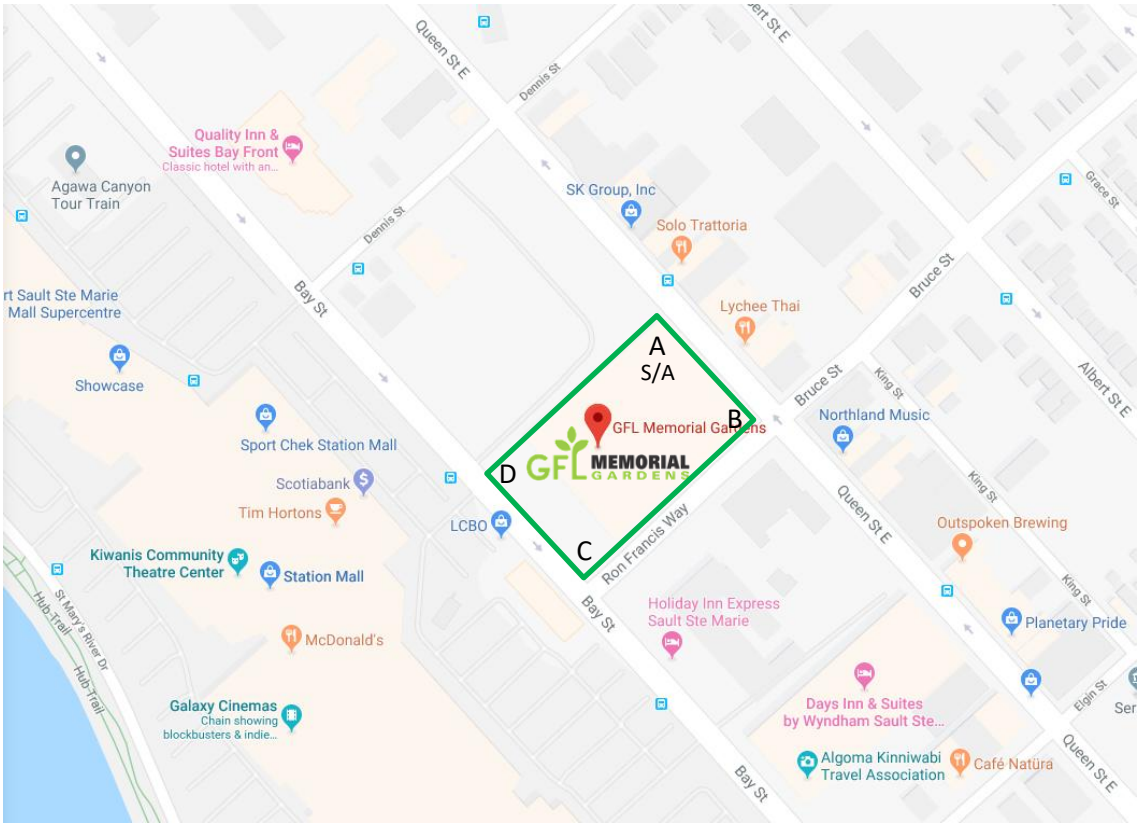
Flexible in seating capacity, GFL Memorial Gardens can host events which require seating from 1,000 to 6,000. Venue features include in-house full-service kitchen and restaurant, executive suites, special event and meeting room rental space, and five dressings rooms.

## Location

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario is uniquely located at the hub of the Great Lakes, at the very heart of Canada, and borders Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, USA.

As a border city, we have access to two cross country highways (Hwy 17/Trans Canada Hwy and I-75), two local airports, and major national seaways. We are easily accessible when travelling by land, air, or sea!

**GFL Memorial Gardens – 269 Queen Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario**




We have four main gates and a designated suite holder/accessibility entrance:

**Gate A**: Queen Street East & Dennis Street
**Gate B**: Queen Street East & Ron Francis Way
**Gate C**: Ron Francis Way & Bay Street
**Gate D**: Dennis Street & Bay Street
**Suite Holder/Accessibility**: Located in main parking lot below Gate A

## Driving Directions

**From East of Sault Ste. Marie (Sudbury/North Bay/Ottawa)**

- Continue on Trans-Canada Hwy/ON-17
- Follow Trunk Road and Wellington Street East to Queen Street East *(7 min (4.3 km)*
- Continue onto Trunk Road *(1.4 km)*
- Merge onto Wellington Street East *(2.6 km)*
- Turn left onto Bruce Street *(280 m)*
- Turn right onto Queen Street East *(destination will be on the left)*

**From North of Sault Ste. Marie (Wawa/Thunder Bay/Winnipeg)**

- Continue onto Trans-Canada Hwy/ON-17 S
- Continue straight onto Great Northern Road *(1.9 km)*
- Continue onto Pim Street *(140 m)*
- Turn right onto Bruce Street (signs for USA) *(1.5 km)*
- Turn right onto Queen Street East *(destination will be on the left)*

**From South of Sault Ste. Marie (United States)**

- After crossing the Mackinaw Bridge continue on I-75N *(47.9 mi)*
- Merge onto Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge *(Toll road 1.1 mi)*
- Turn right onto Huron Street *(0.1 mi)*
- Continue onto Bay Street *(0.6 mi)*
- Turn left onto Dennis Street *destination will be on the right)*

## Parking

The loading dock, bus, and truck parking is located on the south side of the building with an entrance onto Bay Street. Attendant parking is located beside GFL Memorial Gardens with additional parking available downtown.

# Technical Specifications

**Stage/Mix/Barricade**

Stage: 40 ft deep x 60 ft wide x 4' high (height not adjustable)
10 additional stage sections at (4' x 8')
60 ft of handrails 2 sets of stairs
There is no lagging into the deck unless plywood is available or supplied

Barricade: 84 ft of Barricade – free standing with sound "blow thru" panels

Mix platform: 4' x 8' x 2' platforms can be constructed

**Arena Floor**

Floor: 85 ft x 200 ft (17 000 sq. ft.)

Floor Load: 500 lbs/ sq.ft. distributed load
5000 lbs/sq.ft. concentrated load

**Ceiling Height**

Floor to underside of lights (lights can be removed) – 37.8 ft.
Floor to bottom cord of low trus – 40.6 ft.
Floor to top cord of large truss – 54 ft.
Distance between main trusses – 27 ft.

**Steel**

High Steel Load – 4000 lbs
Low Steel Load (Main Beam) – 5000 lbs
Upper Roof Purlins – 1000 lbs

**Loading Dock**

Arena floor level – drive through on to floor

Dimensions: 13.11 ft wide x 14.6 ft high
Location: South side of building (Bay Street access)

**House Lighting**

LED Lighting (125 FC foot candles)
All the above are computer run and can be designed for any event – each circuit a separate lighting control

**Shore Power**

4 – 50amp, 208v 14-50r outlets

**Electrical**

2 – 400amp, 208v, 3 phase (South End)
2 – 200amp, 208V, 3 phase (South End)
4 - 200amp, 208v, 3 phase (North, East, West)

**Forklift**

One available in house – 5000lbs weight capacity

**Dressing Rooms & Production Office**

Total of five, fully equipped with showers, toilets, dressing areas, ethernet hookups:

Dressing Room #1: 8.9m x 4.6m (440 sq/ft)
Dressing Room #2: 8.9m x 4.9m (470 sq/ft)
Dressing Room #3: 8.6m x 4.8m (440 sq/ft)
Dressing Room #4: 8.6m x 5.3m (490 sq/ft)
Dressing Room #5: 8.2m x5.6m (487 sq/ft) - public access

Total of three event/production offices located on Event Level in North East corner away from public access:

8 ports for Phone/PC – with high speed
Wireless access points
Analog phone/fax jacks
No private bathroom

**Elevators**

One service elevator located south/west corner of event level. 4’ wide doors, 1800 kg capacity.

**Parking**

Parking is free for all GFL Memorial Gardens events.

**Bus/Truck Parking**

There are nine (9) stalls located at the south end by the loading area off Bay Street.

**Seat Type**

Floor Seat Type: Stock of 1000 padded folding black metal chairs
Bleacher Seat Type: Plastic, permanently mounted, with seat folding up

**Box Office & Ticketing**

All ticket sales are distributed through our box office using Paciolan Ticketing system. No external ticketing outlets.

Website: **gflgardens.ca**
Main Line: 705-759-5251

**Catering**

Catering is in-house by GFL Memorial Gardens. The large catering room is located on the event level in the north end. For menus and pricing contact Anthony DiSabatino at 705-759-5254 or **a.disabatino@cityssm.on.ca**.

# Event Security Planning

Guest comfort, safety and satisfaction are paramount to the success of each event. For this reason, each event will be planned and staffed individually based on specific event related information. Final event staffing levels and component parts of the overall event security plan will be solely at the discretion of GFL Memorial Gardens.

**Pre-Event**

In order to maximize event success for the promoter a pre-event meeting or conference call will take place, likely two to three weeks before the event date. If expected attendance, based on ticket sales to that point and history in other markets, increases or decreases substantially from the pre-announcement projections, adjustments will be made to the staffing levels of each component of the security plan.

**Event Day**

Staff event briefing will precede events to ensure all event personnel aware of any risks or specific procedures for the event. They may include:

- Accreditation
- Staff deployment
- Security deployment
- Police deployment
- Increased ingress measure-bag checks, pat downs and/or metal detectors
- Special Radio procedures
- Ingress plans if different from standard operating procedure
- Egress plans if different from standard operating procedure
- Alcohol policies
- Promoter/artist requests
- Off limit areas

It is not the facilities intent to create an environment that will be onerous on the promoter or create costs that would cause financial hardship. It is our intent to create a safe environment for guests, staff, artists and third party providers.

## Floor Layouts

BLUE AREAS DENOTE ACCESSIBLILITY SEATING

# END STAGE
## CONCERT SEATING

**Approximate Capacity: 4,700**

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# HALF-HOUSE
## CONCERT SEATING
### FLOOR SECTIONS

**Approximate Capacity: 3,500**

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# THEATRE STYLE SEATING

**Approximate Capacity: 2,000**

## Capacity/Scaling

| Section | Theatre Style | Half-House Concert | End Stage 180 | End Stage 240 | End Stage 360 | Half-House GA Floor | End Stage 180 GA Floor |
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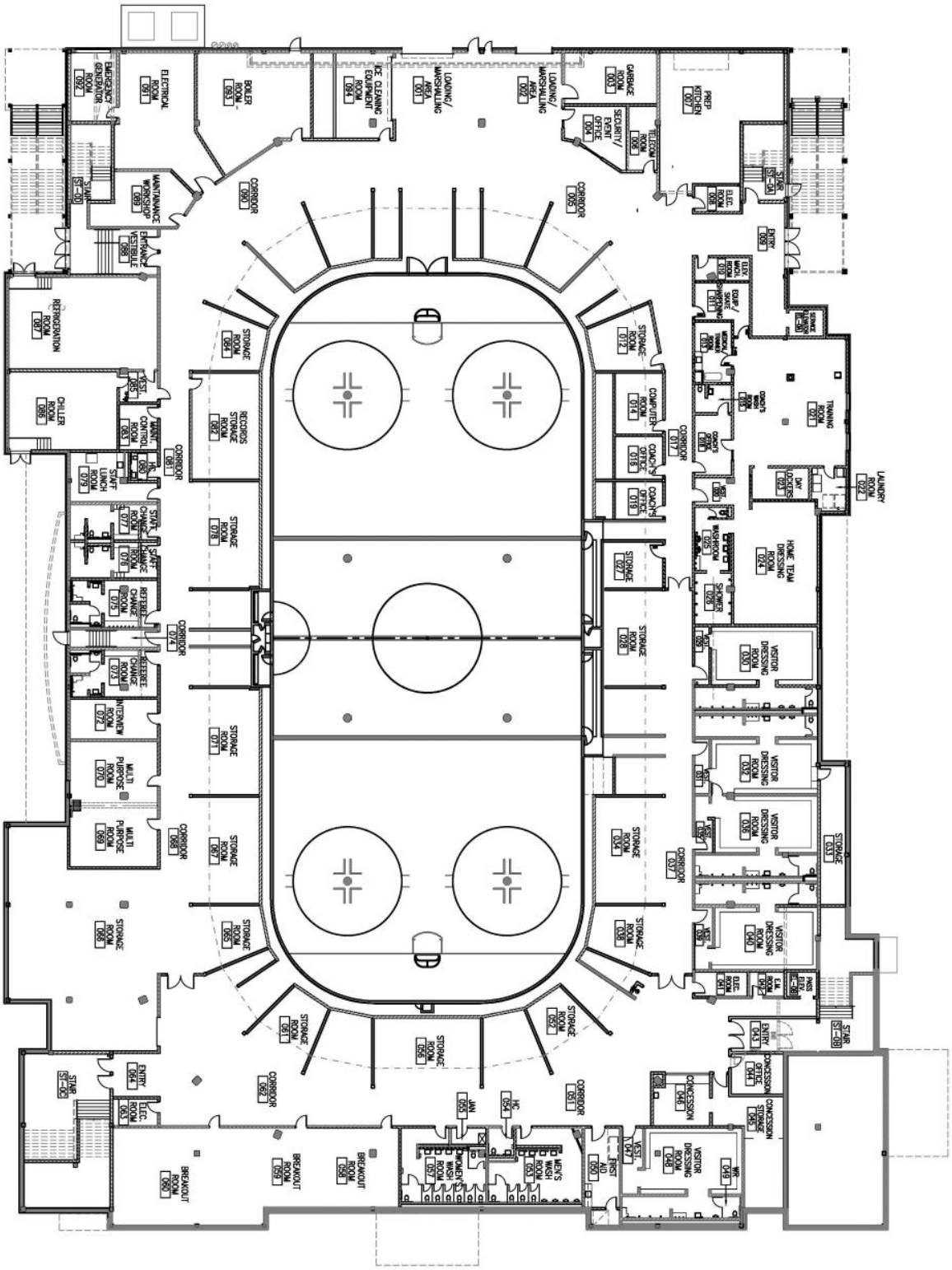
| | | | | | | | |
| Floor | 400 | 920 | 1410 | 1410 | 1410 | 1000 | 1600 |
| Bowl | 1427 | 2280 | 2403 | 2823 | 3721 | 2280 | 3721 |
| Res. Standing | 100 | 118 | 172 | 206 | 267 | 118 | 267 |
| Suites | 40 | 170 | 214 | 249 | 249 | 170 | 214 |
| **Total** | **1967** | **3488** | **4199** | **4688** | **5647** | **3727** | **5802** |

- Maximum sellable capacities (not including standard tech holds, sightline kills, holds for re-locates, etc.).
- Additional GA Standing can be added to each capacity (doubles Reserve Standing capacity)
- Based on 60 x 40 stage. Other stage sizes and mix distances can change these numbers.
- Suites are privately leased and not guaranteed sale.
- These are guidelines only. Please call for show-specific information.

# Event Level/Boh Map



## Contact Us

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***Thank you for your time and we look forward to working with you!***