



Welcome to Ryerson's Mattamy Athletic Centre, home of the Ryerson Rams and former Maple Leaf Gardens!

-First Floor- Originally Ice Level at Maple Leaf Gardens

- Our main entrance is located under the original Maple Leaf Gardens marquee. The marquee is the only place the building is still labeled as Maple Leaf Gardens.
- Mattamy Athletic Centre is deemed National Historic Site of Canada, and so the facade and the exterior walls will remain untouched.
- The initial build of Maple Leaf Gardens it took just 5 Months and 12 days to build.
- The transition to Mattamy Athletic Centre started in January 2010 and lasted to **August 2012**, MAC officially opened up its doors on September 6th 2012.
- The building is owned by Ryerson University and Loblaw's Inc.
- The architect for the building is BBB Architects Inc. The contractor was Buttcon Limited.
 - The building was completely gutted right to the exterior walls
 - It was during the early stages of the process that architects/contractors realized that the arena seating was actually holding the exterior walls up. And in order to keep the building from collapsing down onto them, they had to reinforce with bracing supports each section of the building and remove the seating one section at a time.
 - During the construction they had to dig down in order to build underground parking for our neighbours in the Loblaw's. When they dug down, they found a river running below the Gardens.
- The building is managed and operated by Spectra Venue Management. Spectra manages more than 125 facilities around the world. Other Spectra venues in Canada include: GM Centre in Oshawa, Budweiser Gardens in London, First Ontario Centre in Hamilton and the WFCU Centre in Windsor.
- First of our "green initiatives" you will notice is our escalators, when they are not in use, they slow down and go into a sleep mode, to help conserve energy.
- All the stairs cases at the four corners in the building **are original** to the Gardens. **(FIRE EXIT ONLY – DO NOT ENTER STAIRWELLS)**

-Second Floor-

- As you proceed up to second level, you'll notice the red seats along the south facing wall. This marks where the original "reds" were located in Maple Leaf Gardens.
- **Fitness Centre:**
 - Opened to athletes, students, staff, faculty, and to the public.
 - Left side (High performance Training area), for the athletes to train. Team training sessions, closed to everyone else
 - We have a studio at the far right corner, classes like Yoga, spinning, kick-boxing.
- The floor between the court/fitness centre and Loblaw's below is roughly 5 feet thick to ensure soundproof shopping below. The floor is a green initiative created by "GreenPlay", with the shock absorbent subfloor made of 98% recycled materials.
- The subfloor was created out of 497,000 recycled yogurt containers
- **Coca-Cola Court:** Bleacher seating for 1,000 fans. (1,200 with balcony and court-side), both our volleyball and basketball teams play in the Coca Cola Court. Also open to recreation basketball and leagues play out of this gym.
 - It is in this wing of the building that the bowling alley and billiards room was located in the original Maple Leaf Gardens.
- This season both all four of our court teams medaled at the OUA Championships. With our Basketball teams bringing home our first ever banners. (seen at the main reception desk)

-Third Floor-

- Music collage at the top of the escalators on your left
 - The maple leaf gardens is the only place where The Beatles performed on all three of their world tours
 - The last concert was on November 29th - Rage against the machine.
- The time capsule display located in the 3rd level corridor, unearthed during the building renovation. One of the more interesting artifacts found in the time capsule is the small ivory elephant. It has not been confirmed where the elephant came from or why it was included in the time capsule, but many speculate that it was considered a good luck charm.
 - It was buried at the front of Maple Leaf Gardens, note the deed of sale for the original purchase of land for MLG.
- Basketball Panel on South Wall Before walking onto the escalator:
 - Note: The first NBA game was played at MLG. New York Knickerbockers against the Toronto Huskies on November 1st 1946, attendance was 7,090 for the game.
 - There was a contest, if you were taller than 6 foot 8 inches you would get into the game for free.

-Fourth Floor-

- Right of the escalator is our Ryerson Skate Training (Skate Treadmill)
 - For people of all ages and skills. Players or goaltenders, team sessions or individual session.
 - Helps focus on the players skating, strides, power, endurance and stick handling
- Last Leafs game in Maple Leaf Gardens was in 1999 when Toronto played the Chicago Blackhawks. Losing 6-2.
- The Toronto Rock won two back-to-back championships at MLG, and were the last-ever professional sporting event held at Maple Leaf Gardens
- Entering the West concourse, panels to the right:
 - Shows the look of the Maple Leaf Gardens Back in 1931.
 - Upgrading the seating in the arena in 1983
 - And in 2010 when they were taking everything out of the facility.
- As you enter into the bowl, you'll recognize the legendary rafters and unique dome shaped ceiling.
 - The rafters are original; however they were stained yellow after years of smoke, and dirt has absorbed into the lead based paint and had to be repainted rivet by rivet during the renovation.
 - Additional supports needed to be put in to support the heating and cooling system that is on the roof. The original structure wasn't strong enough to hold the system, which is obviously much larger, heavier and more advanced than the original system.
- The seating capacity of Mattamy Home Ice is 2,539. Our stadium seating would be where the "greys" were at Maple Leaf Gardens.
- Our NHL sized ice pad is 3 levels above ground, with center ice located directly above center ice of the original ice pad (**now located in aisle 25 of Loblaws!**)
- The fourth level features additional concourse space, two concession stands, media seating, and extensive accessible seating.
- Ryerson's RTA School of Media, media production centre
 - All the behind the scene and webcasts for all Ryerson Rams games.
 - Have done a lot of work with hardwiring the building to improve set-up for when Rogers or Sportsnet comes in to broadcast.
- Some other events that happen in our "main bowl"
 - In 2017 We will host the CIS Women's National Volleyball Championships
 - Grand Slam of Curling Players Championship- Both in 2013 and 2015
 - Pan Am/ Parapan Am for both basketball and wheelchair basketball.
- Our north and south balconies feature original "blues" from Maple Leaf Gardens.
- As you view the arena from the 4th level Alumni lounge, you'll notice the exquisite layout and brightly lit ice surface, accented with the Ryerson Rams blue and gold.
- Step out onto the North balcony and have a seat in the original blues!
- Exit our facility through the east concourse, and down the stairs, or using the elevator on the west side of the building.