

Thayer Tutt Sportsman Award

The Thayer Tutt Sportsman Award is presented annually by the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation to an individual or organization in recognition of exceptional philanthropic and community sports support, as well as on the national sports stage.



El Pomar Foundation

El Pomar is a private foundation established by Spencer and Julie Penrose in 1937 to enhance and promote the current and future well-being of the people of Colorado. The Foundation provides more than \$21 million annually in grants and programs for large projects, including sports that help shape the landscape of Colorado Springs.

Thayer Tutt, as Chairman of El Pomar, played a key role in bringing the United States Olympic Committee to Colorado Springs in 1978. And in 1994, when the original Broadmoor World Arena was closed, El Pomar Trustees took the lead and invested \$32 million, the Foundation's largest grant ever, to help build the new Broadmoor World Arena. El Pomar has continued to make investments in sports institutions and venues, including the new USOC downtown headquarters, Olympic Training Center improvements and buildings, office space for national governing bodies, and the El Pomar Youth Sports Park.

El Pomar has taken a major role in attracting the Rocky Mountain State Games and State Games of America to the region, providing support to move numerous USOC National Governing Bodies and International Federations of Olympic sport to Colorado. El Pomar has also funded the headquarters for the National Collegiate Hockey Conference, the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation and more recently launched a new statewide youth health and wellness initiative with the Broncos Salute to Fans tour. It has provided substantial funding for the United States Olympic Museum & Hall of Fame, which will open in 2019.

Penrose envisioned Colorado Springs as a hub of tourism and a thriving community in the Rocky Mountain West. With the establishment of events such as The Broadmoor Pikes Peak International Hill Climb, Spencer and Julie Penrose, and the Trustees of El Pomar, have made sporting events and athletes an important part of that vision.