

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

January 16, 2026

Brian Piccolo Sports Park



Brian Piccolo Sports Park is a 175-acre regional county park located in Cooper City. The land was acquired in 1980 with 1978 bond issue funds and park impact fees. Brian Piccolo opened on October 29, 1989, in time to coincide with the westward extension of Sheridan Street in Hollywood. Originally slated to be called the South Broward Sports Center, the park was named in honor of Chicago Bears halfback Brian Piccolo, who graduated in 1961 from Fort Lauderdale's Central Catholic High School

(now known as St. Thomas Aquinas High School), where he lettered in baseball, basketball, and track as well as in football. Piccolo died of cancer in 1970 at the age of 26, only five seasons into his National Football League career.

Current amenities include two (2) lighted basketball courts, two (2) cricket fields (one with an artificial turf pitch and the other field with a natural turf pitch), biking/jogging paths, eight (8) lighted softball/baseball fields, three (3) lighted multipurpose fields, one (1) multipurpose field, one (1) playground, one (1) fitness zone, one (1) pavilion, twelve (12) lighted clay tennis courts, six (6) lighted racquetball courts, and a meeting room that includes a warming kitchen. In addition, the county has partnered with private businesses to operate two areas within the park: the above-mentioned tennis center operated by Lakeshore Tennis Incorporated and a mini soccer complex operated by Soccer 5.



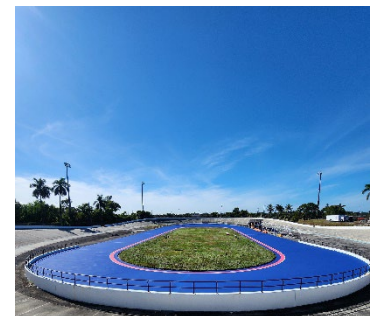
Brian Piccolo Sports Park is also part of the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail, which is a network of nearly 500 sites throughout the state of Florida selected for their excellent birdwatching opportunities.

Quick Facts:

- Brian Piccolo staff consists of 19 full-time employees and 20 part-time employees.
- The Velodrome at Brian Piccolo opened in 1992. The velodrome comprises a 333.3-meter cycling track and a 200-meter banked track for in-line skating.
- Most recently, the County received a donation from an organizer, Patricia Leazier, to resurface and apply a coating to improve the traction on the inner track of the velodrome.
- USA Roller Sports hosts several inline skating events during the year at our velodrome.
- We have increased the number of youth inline skating groups by 200%. These groups use our velodrome at a minimum of 2 days per week with scheduling coordinated by park management.
- Brian Piccolo hosts the annual Cooper City Founders Day event each year in March. The event consists of fun family activities, games, local groups performing dance and karate routines, as well as a local band playing music. At the end of the night, the event is capped off with a 10–15-minute firework display.

Recent Improvements include:

- Resurfaced and applied coating to inner track of the velodrome.
- Increased the number of cricket pitches from 2 to 3.
- Resurfaced the road course.
- Laser graded softball fields

**Planned Improvements include:**

- Install canopy at playground
- Laser grade 12 clay tennis courts
- Relocate several owl burrows to a nearby location
- Tennis Contract is out to bid
- Repair of the raised edges that form between the infield dirt and outfield grass.