

## CROWN SPORTS CENTER

FRUITLAND, MARYLAND

Gillis Gilkerson’s construction and development teams joined forces to complete extensive renovations at Crown Sports Center, a hub for sports and recreation in the Mid-Shore region. The state-of-the-art complex features 120,000 square feet of temperature-controlled environment that includes six indoor turf fields, hard-surface courts, batting cages and family entertainment areas, plus an additional ten and a half acres of outdoor Bermuda grass sports fields. Gillis Gilkerson’s development team purchased Crown Sports Center in April 2021, and have been working to transform the athletic and entertainment facility with a variety of enhancements and additions.

Improvements made to the family recreation complex include new turf fields, batting cages, pickleball courts, basketball courts, refreshed interiors and an exciting ‘Clip ‘N Climb’ feature that combines unique shapes, bright colors, and cutting-edge safety technology that makes indoor rock climbing exciting and accessible to everyone ages four and up. The exterior received a fresh coat of paint paired with an exciting mural done by local artist duo We Are Limitless Studios, giving the center a vibrant, modern look.

“These new physical improvements are the icing on the cake,” said Joey Gilkerson, Principal of Gillis Gilkerson. “We are thrilled with the job our Gillis Gilkerson construction team did to make these transformations come to life. The Crown Sports team has done such a great job working with us to modernize and strengthen Crown’s service to its community.”

The GGI team has introduced futsal, pickleball and wiffleball and kickball tournaments, and expanded its youth and adult sports leagues, social leagues, and drop-in offerings. “Crown Care” before and after school programs have been redeveloped, as well as summer camps and education classes and the in-house eatery, Striker’s Café, has been overhauled with a new look and menu. The team has even brought in Salisbury’s very first Major Arena Soccer League 3 (MASL3) semi-pro arena soccer franchise – The Salisbury Steaks.

