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# SPORTS TRAVEL MARKETING AND IMPLICATIONS



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### AGENDA

- The Competitive Context: More choices and More Complex Decisions
- Why Multi-Generational Marketing Could be the Next Big Thing in Sports Travel Marketing
- From the "Me" Generation to the "Pay Attention to Me" Generation
- An Emerging Model for the Sports Traveler Destination
- Building Customer Loyalty with a "2C2R" Approach
- A Directional Outlook on Sports Travel Market Conditions



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### More Choices and More Complex Decisions



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"PRIOR SLRG RESEARCH OUTLINES THE PROCESS OF TRAVEL DECISION MAKING. WE CAN APPLY THOSE INSIGHTS TO THE ACCUMULATION EFFECTS OF A CAMPAIGN, THROUGH ONGOING MEASUREMENT."



Source: 2005-2008 Process of Vacation Planning Studies conducted by Sports & Leisure Research Group principals



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"...AND ADAPT MORE RELEVANT QUESTIONING TO METRICS SPECIFIC TO THE VACATION TRAVEL CATEGORY AND TO THE ROLE OF TV ADVERTISING IN PROVIDING INSPIRATION."



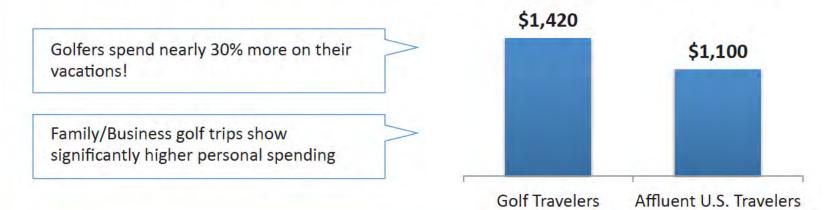
- Ideas about where to go, what to do
- Encourages me to seek out more information
- Sparks my imagination
- Increasing my desire to engage



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The Importance of The Sports Traveler: Outspending Affluent Americans on Non Endemic Components of their Vacations



	Golf Travelers	Affluent U.S. Travelers	Golfer Advantage
Lodging	\$400	\$300	+33%
Transportation	\$250	\$200	+25%
Entertainment	\$200	\$122	+64%
Food & Beverage	\$200	\$200	-



Source: Outlook for Sports Tourism

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### Why Multi-Generational Marketing Could be the Next Big Thing in Sports Travel Marketing

#### **PROJECTED POPULATION BY GENERATION**

Note: Millenials refers to the population ages 18 to 34 as of 2015 Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of U.S. Census Bureau population projections released December 2014



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### ZOOMING AHEAD...

#### GODSPELL

MEETS

God's Waiting Room



#### A Redefinition of Retirement

- Active, relevant and engaged in a variety of unique experiences
- Health conscious: 60 is the new 40
- Adventure Travel
- Flexibility -- Country Club for a day vs. Country Club communities



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### The "Sandwich Generation" Comes of Age

• Aged 40-49, they aren't "Boomers" or "X-ers," but have attitudinal values of both

#### VALUES

**Child Centricity** 

Self Entitlement Reality Check

Survivor's Guilt and New Definitions of Community

Caring for aging parents as well as their own kids in a new competitive paradigm

#### IMPLICATIONS

Meet demands for value, simplicity and efficiency

Provide a "Safe Haven" for the family"

Bridge the gap between multiple generations

Don't Ignore the "greater good"

Build an enriching "community"





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### ...And What About those Millennials?

- More fashion and image conscious than older cohorts
- More apt to engage in digital media, particularly for purchase transactions
- Perceive themselves to be more innovation seeking and self indulgent
- Value their families and the "safe haven" of "the nest"





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### Boomers And Millennials Aren't As Different As Some Might Lead You To Believe!

### MARKETING:sports

From The 'Me' Generation To The 'Pay Attention to Me' Generation

Last month in this space, I spoke to a need for sports marketers to think about multi-generational approaches in their brand development and communications strategies. Noting that the sheer size of Boomers and Millennials have created an almost singular focus on these two generations, at vasity different life stages, I drew parallels across them, culled from some of our recent fon and consumer research. Subsequently, in froming remarks for a meen conference presentation, Twe thought further about how while on the surface appears to be ditroctionage

#### **AS YOUNG ADULTS**

#### **Boomers**

Individualistic self expression through civil disobedience "Don't work for 'the man'" The power of community

#### Millennials

Individualistic self expression through social media sharing and citizen journalism

Frustration with "under-employment", "I should be running the company by the time I'm 35"

The power of community

#### LATER IN LIFE

#### Boomers

Self actualization through collection of experiences and a redefinition of retirement

Sports as a manifestation of community

#### Millennials

Similar generational values=???



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### Coming Together: Why Multi-Generational Travel Makes Sense:

- Optimize precious time commoditization
- Meet each generation's need for activities with purpose and self-actualization
- Convergence of the formerly disparate disconnect of family time and "me time"
  - Have your cake and eat it too
  - Entry Ramps to Life long activities





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### An Emerging Model for the Sports Traveler Destination

#### The Vacation as Sanctuary:



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### The New Destination Paradigm—Adapting To New Realities



- Personal Concierges
- Portability
- Social Spaces
- The Health Club Model
- Family Programming
- Create the ultimate Community —Literally and Figuratively



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### Self Actualization Through:

• Building Poignant and UNIQUE memories/experiences





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Foundations of Customer Loyalty: A 2C2R Sports Travel Marketing Approach

### LOYALTY MARKETING FOUNDATIONS



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### A Directional Outlook on Sports Travel Market Conditions

#### Media Proliferation: More is More

With the proliferation of new media—those most engaged see new media as additive rather than as replacements for traditional, trusted sources.



In fact, it appears to have FUELED the consumption level of sports fans.





- November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013



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### A Directional Outlook on Sports Travel Market Conditions

#### Media Proliferation: How Sports Travelers are Consuming Media

#### **VORACIOUS.**

Sports travelers are increasing their usage of all media channels to enhance their travel experience, and television, print and websites are most prevalent.

#### **ADDITIVE.**

In a fragmented environment, new media channels have seen slow but steady adoption. However, new media consumption isn't coming at the expense of traditional media.

#### **DIVERSE.**

Cross platform usage patterns show sports travelers perceiving different media having unique strengths across various content areas.

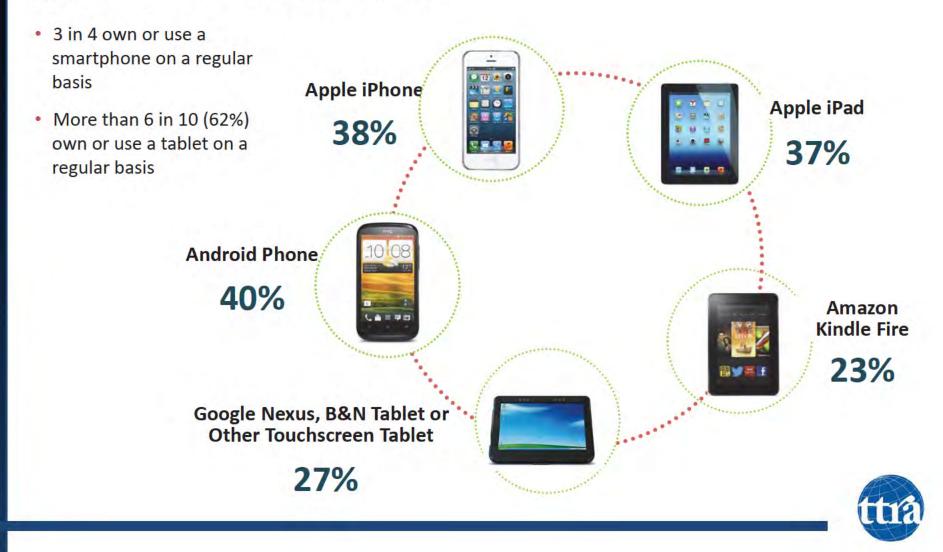
#### ENGAGEMENT.

Print media shows particular strength in delivering content in an undistracted environment, while heavy DVR usage and multi-tasking behaviors create a conundrum for television advertisers.



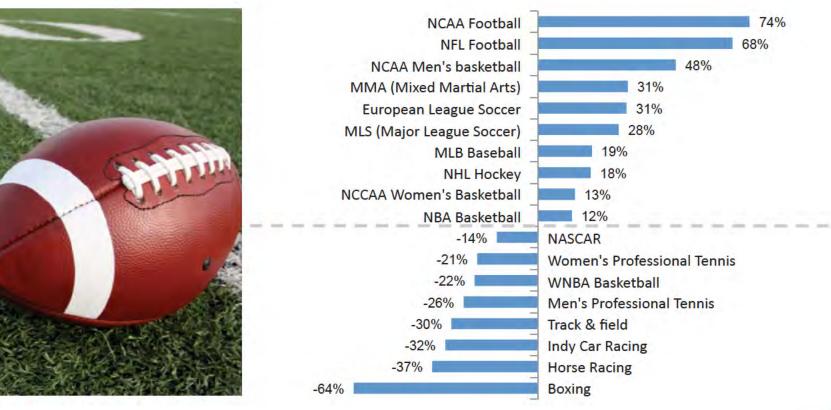
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### **High Rates Of Device Adoption**



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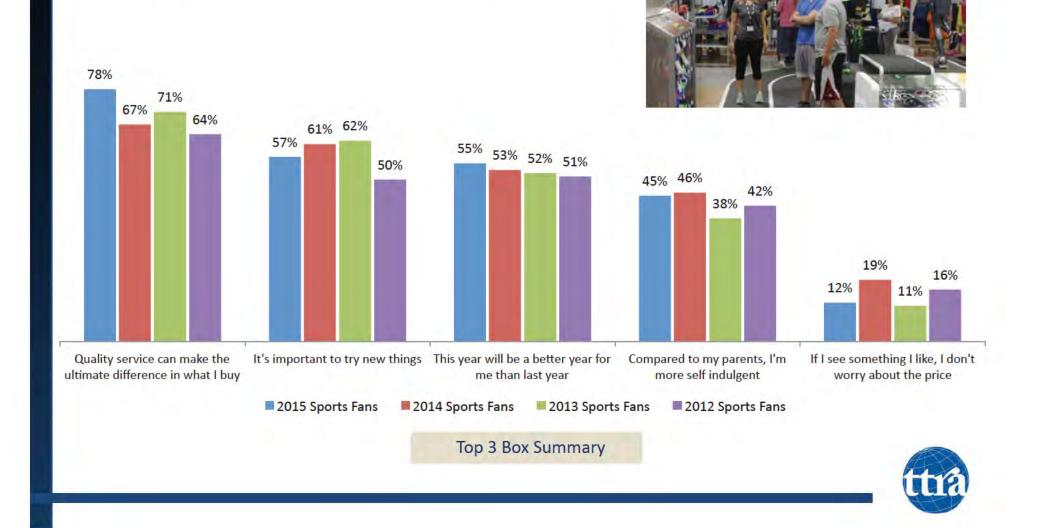
# A Look at Spectator Sport Popularity Shifts: Bring on More Football





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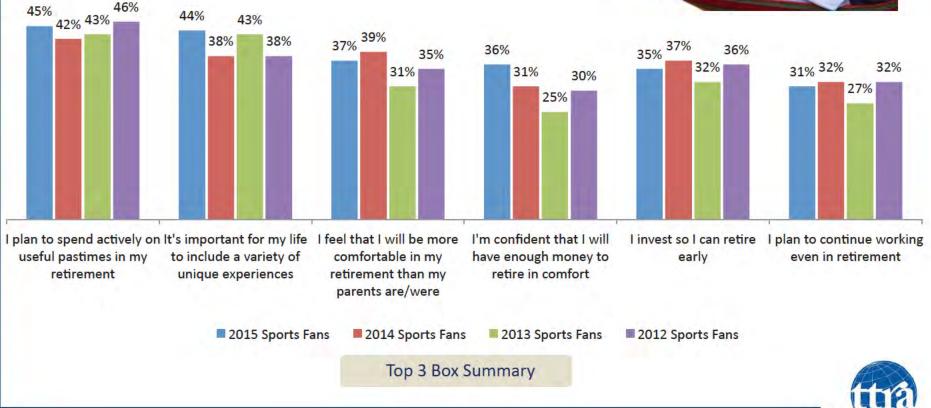
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#### Sports Fan Attitudes: More Confidence

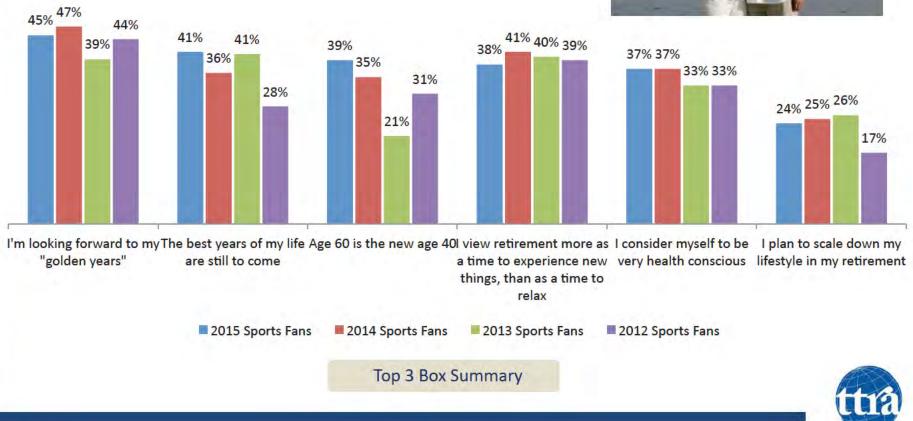


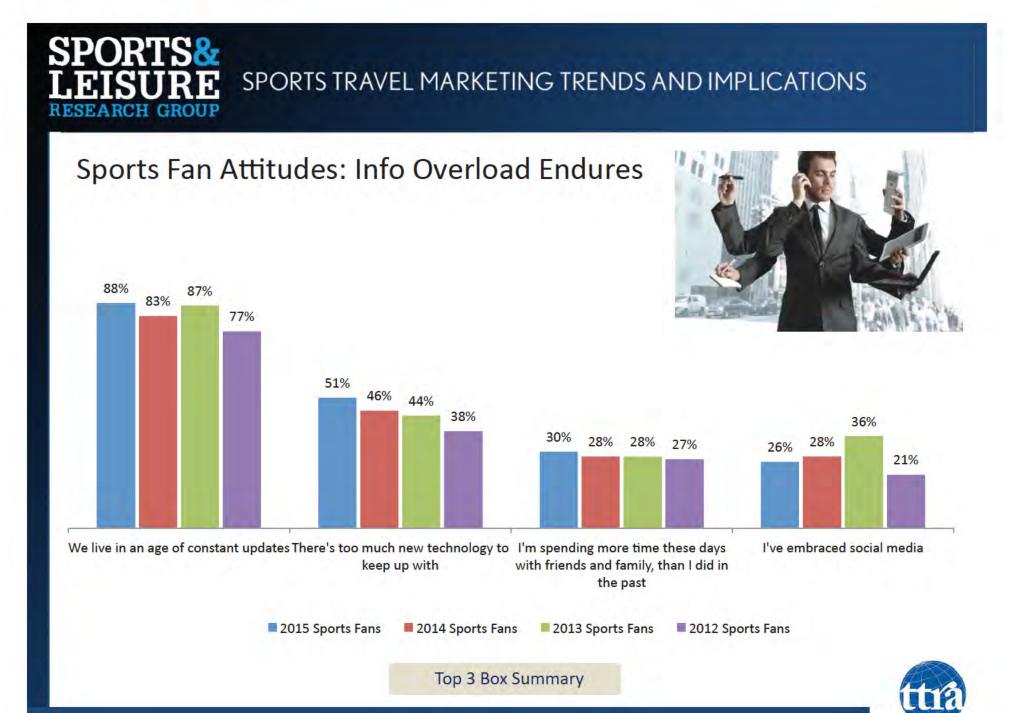


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#### Sports Fan Attitudes: On to the Future







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### Sports Fan Attitudes: Caution Persists, Amidst Greater Faith in The Labor Market

There's really no such thing as job security any more

The gap between the "haves" and "have nots" has become more problematic in the US in recent years

I'm more budget conscious today than I was two years ago

Today, I have to make more difficult decisions about discretionary purchases than I did five years ago

I feel better about my financial situation today than I did a year ago

There are so many good deals these days, that I rarely ever pay full price anymore

We have seen the U.S. unemployment rate reach bottom, and the economy will add jobs this year

People will go back to spending freely on luxuries again this year

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2013 Sports Fans





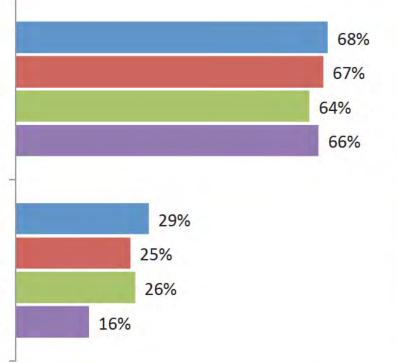
Top 3 Box Summary

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### Sports Fan Attitudes: A Growing Focus on the Family

The world is less safe for children, today than when I was growing up

Spending time with and caring for children and aging parents will reduce the time I can dedicate to playing sports and attending sporting events







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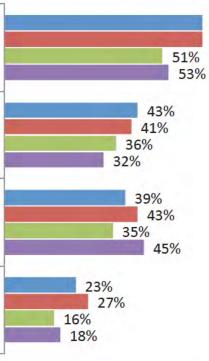
### Sports Fan Attitudes: Family Focus Continues to Fuel Leisure Priorities

I'd rather spend time with family than with friends or business associates

I'm spending more time at home than I did two years ago

> I'm planning to take a major vacation this year

I find that I'm taking more vacations of shorter duration than I used to





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### THANK YOU!



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