It’s hard to believe, but the 30th annual Community Cup is upon us!

Please find attached information for the Kick-Off weekend of the Community Cup. Included is information for the Pep Rally/cheer Competition, the Banner Competition and the Bocce and Kickball tournaments. Please keep in mind that these schedules/details are subject to change by the day of the actual event.

Also included is a copy of your official waiver roster. This roster is based on the waivers that you have already turned into the Cup office. Please make sure it’s accurate and call us by Wednesday, August 7 with any discrepancies. If you did not receive a waiver roster, the Cup office has not received any waivers for your team. Remember, if someone is not on this list, we do not have a record of their 2019 waiver and they are not eligible to participate or volunteer for any Cup events. In order to volunteer for your team and/or participate a waiver must be filled out and on file in the Cup office.

Deadlines
Very important: The remaining deadline for submitting time predictions is here. The deadline for time predictions is Wednesday, August 14. Please call if you have any problems meeting this deadline. Waivers, Event Rosters, Tent Requests and Volunteer Rosters were due on Wednesday, July 31.

Youngstown Meltdown
The last and final week for weigh-ins is the week of August 19. The last day for weigh-ins will be Saturday, August 24 until 12:00 pm. The last and final weigh-in for your team does not have to be at the Community Cup office, it can be at any of the locations.

Tug Clinics
Don’t forget to encourage your teams to attend the tug clinics on two Thursday evenings in August at 6:00 pm at Bears Den Meadows in Mill Creek Park. This year the tug clinics will be held on August 22, and 29. Al Leonhart, our resident “Tug Meister,” will cover proper tugging techniques and lead participants in a few practice tugs. Make sure to plan on attending!

Divisions
Here’s a recap of the division breakdown for 2019 placement was determined by previous performance and rules stated in the Rules Booklet.

Red Division:
- Children Services Board (CSB)
- Cohen & Company
- Farmers National Bank
- Hill Barth and King (HBK)
- Mahoning County Juvenile Justice Center (JJC)
- Meridian HealthCare
- ms consultants
- YMCA Central
- YMCA Davis

White Division:
- Packer Thomas
- Simon Roofing
- Youth Intensive Services (YIS)
- Zidian Group
**Blue Division:** (*Denotes Partial and Single Event Teams*)

- Aflac
- *City of Youngstown
- Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC)
- Northeast Ohio Correctional Center (NEOCC)
- ONE Health Ohio
- Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS)
- *Potential Development
- Public Library
- Rich Center for Autism
- *YMHA

**Opening Ceremonies**
The 30th annual Youngstown Area Community Cup officially begins with the torch lighting during the Opening Ceremony on **Friday, August 9** at 6 pm in the Community Gym of the Central YMCA. Also included in the Opening Ceremonies will be the Banner and Pep Rally/Cheer Competitions. Be sure to come out and cheer for your favorite team! Captains, if you are participating in the Pep Rally/Cheer Competition, don’t forget to turn in your CDs so we have the music for your team for the competition. They can be turned into the Cup Office ASAP! Wednesday, July 31 was the deadline for your music.

**Banner Competition**
**Friday, August 9,** the Banner Competition will be held in the Upper Gym of the Central YMCA after the Opening Ceremonies are completed. If any teams are in need of an electrical outlet for the Banner Competition, please notify the Cup office. There are outlets available for your use if need be.

After the allotted hour, a panel of judges will be around to score the banners. We ask that one member of your team stay with your banner in case any questions need answered by the judges. Once the judges are done you may take your team banner with you or leave it at the YMCA. The banners will be hung in the Community Gym for the Preliminary Events so if you take the banner with you we ask that you please return it by **Monday, August 19.** Community Choice voting will also take place that night and will continue via voting on the YMCA’s website, www.ymayo.org. The winners of the Banner Competition will be revealed on Friday, August 23, the first day of the Preliminary Events.

**Pep Rally/Cheer Competition**
Also on **Friday, August 9,** starting at approximately 7:30pm in the Community Gym of the Central YMCA is the Pep Rally/Cheer Competition. Each team will have up to 3 minutes to shine and show their team’s spirit with a panel of judges watching and awarding scores. For those of you that have asked, the size of the stage is 17’ x 28’. So that is 28’ wide and 17’ deep.

*Note: Also on Friday, August 9 after all the events, you can continue the celebrations with your team at Party on the Plaza in Downtown Youngstown.

**Bocce**
The Bocce Tournament will be held on **Saturday, August 10** at the MVR restaurant in Youngstown. **Red Division** will begin at 9 am, **White Division** at 12 pm and **Blue Division** will start at 2 pm. A blind draw will determine the bracket for each division. The restaurant will be open during the event in case you get hungry or thirsty.

There have been a few questions about the team composition for the Bocce tournament. In the Rules booklet on page 21 it states that teams will consist of a minimum of 4 players, 2 males and 2 females. To help clarify that, there does not have to be equal males and females if you have a team of 8 people. You must have at least two females on your team. We have also provided a copy of the MVR house rules with these Clips in case you have any other questions.
Kickball Tournament
Our Kickball Tournament is scheduled for **Saturday, August 10** also. Games will begin at 10am at the Harrison Common in Smokey Hollow, which is located across the street from the MVR. **White Division** will begin at 10 am, **Blue Division** will start at 12 noon and the **Red Division** will begin at 2 pm. This will be a single elimination tournament, so once your team loses your are done. We are planning on having three fields set up so that we can have three games at a time. The brackets will be determined by a blind draw. If you are coming to cheer your team on, don’t forget to bring your lawn chairs and blankets. The MVR Restaurant, located across the street, will also be open in case you get hungry or thirsty during the tournament.

Preliminary Events
The Preliminary Events start on **Friday, August 23** at the Youngstown YMCA with the Basketball “Hot Shot” Competition in the Upper Gym at 6pm and the Scavenger Hunt at 7:30pm in the front of the YMCA on the patio. On **Saturday, August 24**, the Golf Scramble will be held at Mill Creek Park at 8am and the Bowling at Camelot Lanes at 4pm. **Sunday, August 25**, Volleyball will be at the Youngstown YMCA in the Community and Upper Gyms at 9am for the **Red Division**, 12pm for the **White Division** and 2:30pm for the **Blue Division**. Check your next Captain’s Clips for all the exciting details, schedules and line-ups.

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**Reminder: Also on Sunday, August 25 is the Panerathon that starts at 8:00 am, this could possibly lead to road closers and making it difficult to park. The Y lot will be open.

Final Note
We are looking forward to a great Opening weekend for the Cup! Good luck to all the teams and participants! Call or e-mail Julie or Rosann if you have any questions: (330) 742-4794; cup@youngstownymca.org.

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30 Years of Fun, Sweat and Cheers!
Community Cup 2019