Captain's Clips

The only publication written for Community Cup Captains

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Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of the 2025 Community Cup Captain's Clips. Captain's Clips will be sent periodically to captains for use in guiding your team to a Community Cup victory. Each issue contains valuable information that you and your team members will need in order to meet deadlines and have a rewarding Community Cup experience. Please review it carefully and share this newsletter with all your participants too.

Company Applications

Company Applications are due any time between now and Saturday, July 1. Even if you aren't ready to make your teams payment, please mail, email, or drop off the application so that we have it on file. A great big THANK YOU to all of the teams who have already turned in their applications. (We've attached an application to the Clips, just in case you need it.)

Captains' Rules and Regulations Handbooks

The Captains' Handbooks and Rules and Regulations Handbooks are available online at https://ymcayo.org/community-cup/

YMCA Facility Usage

If you are participating in the Community Cup you are eligible for 12 pass card to the Central YMCA in Youngstown. Bring your drivers license and proof that you work for the company participating to get your card. If you are a spouse of an employee participating then you have to come in together.

Find a NEW TEAM Challenge

We always need new teams to make the Community Cup bigger and better than ever. You, the past participants are the Community Cup's most cherished friends to do this. You are the best at talking up the Cup and personal experience. I have a surprise to award to any current team that introduces the Community Cup to a new team and gets them to sign up and be a part of the 2025 Community Cup as a full team. Let me know who you find. Good Luck!

Event Schedule

The Torch Lighting/Kick-Off Ceremony, Banner Competition, and Pep Rally will take place on **Friday, August 8.** Bocce and Kickball Tournaments will take place on **Saturday, August 9**. Preliminary events will take place **Friday, August 22 thru Sunday, August 24** . Cup weekend events will be held **Saturday, September 6**, with the Awards Ceremony following the final tug. The full Schedule of Events for the 2025 Cup season is attached with these Clips.

Volleyball and Basketball Practices

As of June 9, the courts are open and available for volleyball and basketball practices. If your team would like to practice on the courts, please call the Cup office to schedule a time for your team. Just as previous years, we are asking each team captain to call in on a weekly basis to reserve the courts. This will give other teams more of a chance to get on a court.

Captains' Contact List

Included with this edition of Captains' Clips is a contact list of all the Team Captains for your use. We have found that many of the teams like to practice with the other teams. Please feel free to give each other a call. This is what the Community Cup is all about. If you find that any information on the list is incorrect, please notify me in the Cup office. Teams are still registering for the Community Cup, so updates with more contacts may be coming.

Waivers

Every participant and volunteer needs to fill out a waiver before they are eligible to participate. Thanks to all the participants that have been on the ball with filling out waivers early. We really appreciate your attention to detail! Keep in mind, everyone MUST fill out a waiver. The waiver deadline is **Thursday, July 31, 2025.**

Roster Worksheet

As you're thinking about matching team members with events, you might find the attached roster worksheet to be helpful. These are strictly for your use. They do not need to be returned to the Cup office.

Event Roster

Also, attached is the Event Roster. Please fill this out and return it to the Cup office. The deadline for the event roster is **Thursday, July 31, 2025.**

Event Changes

*Golf Scramble will not be held this year at the 2025 Community Cup.

*With the Pep Rally there will now be a T-Shirt Fashion Show/Competition at the same time on Friday, August 8th at approximately 7:30 pm. More details to follow.

*Volleyball will be back as an event on Sunday, August 24th at 12:00 pm after the Panerathon. So, you can participate in both.

*Cornhole is now an official event. It will be at Henry Stambaugh Golf Course on their green space, just like last year. It will be held on Saturday, August 23rd at 8:00 am.

*My office got moved, again. The front desk will direct you to a my new place. I am in the third hallway past the front desk, in a large office with four desks.

*The Bonus Card is back for the Youngstown Meltdown. Ask Julie for details and to get yourself one if you are participating in the Youngstown Meltdown.

Clinics

Clinics are designed to help your team members learn the proper techniques for a specific event. For example, anyone who has ever competed in the Tug-O-War knows there's more to the event than just pulling a rope. While the maps in the participant handbooks may seem self-explanatory, a run through will ensure that all walkers and runners are practicing the correct courses. Please feel free to contact the Cup office to set up a clinic, where the team can learn the ins and outs of ANY of the events.

Tug Rope Rental

It is the most anticipated event of the Cup, the Tug-O-War! Yes, you can practice for the big event, not only by attending the tug clinics, but also by renting the tug rope for your own team practice. For all Community Cup participants, there is a $100 deposit that is required to borrow the tug rope. When you bring it back you will get $50 back, if it is dry and not damaged. Contact the Cup office for further details.

Youngstown Meltdown

The Youngstown Meltdown is off to a great start. Way to go everyone! Starting week #5 (June 30), the current standings will be posted outside the Community Cup office from the previous week. Standings for the previous week will also be sent to the Meltdown Captains via email. Keep an eye out to see how well your team is melting away on the Community Cup page as well.

I would like to clarify the eliminations that take place with the event. If a participant misses two **consecutive** weeks (AKA: 2 weeks in a row), they are eliminated from the competition. A team will **not** be eliminated from the competition if their team falls short of the six people required for the team. Having fewer participants on the team, due to disqualifications, just makes it a little more challenging for the team. We will continue to use the ghosts weights this year. If a male or female is disqualified, an average weight will be added into the total percentage. The Male Ghost weight is 150 and Female Ghost weight is 130.

Ask Julie about the BONUS CARD for the Youngstown Meltdown.

Contact Us

If you need assistance at any time, please give Julie a call at (330) 742-4794 or e-mail at **cup@youngstownymca.org.** Can't wait to work with you and your team!



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