Captain's Clips

The only publication written for Community Cup Captains

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The 2025 Community Cup will be here before you know it! The sweating, grunting, huffing and puffing is well underway. As your team continues to train, please take a look at the following deadlines and updates.

Thursday, July 31 Deadlines

Waivers: Thanks to the Captains who have done a great job of getting their teammates to fill out and turn in their waivers. If you have not done so already, please turn them into the Cup office. Feel free to turn them in as you get them…a lot of teams do that. Don't forget that anyone who has turned in a waiver is eligible to act as a volunteer. As long as a team member has filled out and signed a waiver form, they can be a volunteer the day of an event.

Event Rosters: The event roster form was sent to you in June with the Captains Clips. When filling out the roster, please indicate the events in which your team intends to participate. Be sure to include additional single event teams so they may be included in the event schedule. Single event teams may be added until Monday, August 4.

Tent Requests: The Cup office will be handling the tent requests. A flyer with all the details is included with this newsletter. Tent locations will be announced with the wave assignments at the end of August.

Volunteer Rosters: The volunteer rosters and a brief description of all volunteers' duties are also attached to this newsletter. These rosters are used as guide to see the volunteers we will have for each event. Don't forget that anyone who has turned in a waiver is eligible to act as a volunteer even if their name is not listed on this roster. As long as a team member has filled out and signed a waiver form, they can be a volunteer the day of an event. Please remind volunteers that check-in is available 1 hour prior to the start of the event. They must check in at least ½ hour before the start of the event to receive points.

Saturday, August 30 Deadline

Time Predictions: Be sure to properly calculate your times. Remember its is every participants time walking all added up, not just one person's time. The total time calculated should be in hours.

Clinics

Tug-O-War: Tug Meister, Al Leonhart, will demonstrate proper tugging techniques and equipment to prepare your team for this fun event. Call into the Cup office to schedule your team practice with Julie and she will check Al's availability. This clinic will be held at Mill Creek Park across from Bears Den Cabin.

Time Prediction Walk: Call into the Cup office to schedule your team practice with Julie. All clinics will be held at Wean Park, Downtown Youngstown. A practice will depend on concert dates there for availability.

10K Relay: Call into the Cup office to schedule your team practice with Julie or one of our runner gurus. All clinics will be held at Wean Park, Downtown Youngstown. A practice will depend on concert dates there for availability.

Volleyball Clinic: Call into the Cup office to schedule your team practice with Julie or one of our volleyball gurus. All clinics will be held at the Youngstown YMCA in the Community Gym.

Basketball and Volleyball Practices

Just a reminder, the courts are open and ready to be reserved for your team to practice. Please, call the Cup office to make your team's court reservation. We do ask that team captains call in on a weekly basis to reserve the court so that all teams have the same advantage.

Kick-Off Weekend

On **Friday, August 8** the Community Cup will start with the Torch Lighting and Kick-Off Ceremony at the Central YMCA. Immediately following will be the Banner Competition. The Banner Competition will last one hour, ending around 7 pm. After 7 pm the banners will be judged and the Community Choice voting will take place. After the voting, teams can leave their banner with Julie or take it with them. If a team decides to take the banner with them, please return it to the Cup office by Monday, August 18. The banners will be hung at the Central YMCA for the Preliminary Events of the Cup, August 22, 23, and 24. After Friday, August 29, the banners will be at the front desk at the Central YMCA to be picked up by the teams. Teams will be able to use their banners at their tents in September. All of the banners that are not picked up prior to September 6, will be at the YMCA tent for teams to pick up.

Following the Banner Competition will be the Pep Rally/Cheer Competition. This event will also be held in the Community Gym of the Central YMCA. Along with the Pep Rally, the Community Cup is bringing back the T-Shirt fashion show and making it a fun competition as well. As a team you can choose to participate in the Pep Rally, T-Shirt Competition or both simultaneously.

On **Saturday, August 9** the Bocce Tournament will take place at Cassese's MVR in Youngstown. The MVR will be hosting the event for us with a bar and full menu available to Cup participants just in case you get the munchies. All teams will start at the same time, 9:00 am.

Also on **Saturday, August 9** will be the Kickball Tournament will take place. The event will begin at 12:00 am at Harrison Common, the field across from the MVR. Teams will play based on a blind draw with single elimination, so once your team loses, you are done. We have received a few calls in regards to both Bocce and Kickball being held at similar times on the same day. In order to avoid any conflicts for your team, it is probably best to try to have different employees participate in each event. We know for some that may be a little more difficult. We have tried our best to alter the times of both events so that all teams can participate.

Awards & Festivities

The Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 6 after the tug finals at the tug field. Be sure your team makes plans to stick around. The ceremony will most likely conclude by 4pm. In addition to the "Most Spirited Team Award", the Awards & Festivities judges will bestow the "Best Tent Award" during the Awards Ceremony. Committee members will take an informal survey to see which tent has the best food, atmosphere, enthusiasm and amenities (how about free company give aways, mascots, photo booth??).

Company Mascots

If your team/company has a mascot or knows of one that is from any company or organization, then please feel free to bring them to the events on Saturday, September 6 at Wean Park from12pm to around 4pm. There are always families there with their children and friends. What a great way to have fun at the Cup!

Community Cup Guest Pass Card

*All who plan on participating in Community Cup 2025 can come into the Central YMCA and receive a Guest Pass Card, good for 12 guest visits to our downtown location, 17 N. Champion Street Youngstown, OH 44503, good through 9/6/25.
*To pick up the card, have your photo ID and proof that you work for the company you are representing in the Cup. (Examples: pay stub, ID card, business card)
*If you have a spouse who is participating in the Cup but does not work for that company, come in together to get your cards. Your spouse will also need their photo ID.
*You may only use the Guest Pass at the Central YMCA location.
*Once you have made 12 visits with your card, keep that card, bring it in, and receive another 12 pass card.
*Concluding the September Community Cup events, there will be special offers for YMCA membership for anyone that participated in the Community Cup.

Youngstown Meltdown

The 14 teams that are in the Youngstown Meltdown have lost an incredible 378.5 pounds total as of week #5 Wow! Very impressive! There are 7 weeks left in the competition and anything can still happen. Way to go teams!

Don't forget to get your Bonus Card from the Cup office to get bonus pounds off at the end for the competition.

Teams

The Teams for the 2025 Community Cup are as follows:

Alta Care Group
Children Services Board (CSB)
City of Youngstown: Parks & Rec/Health Departments
Cohen & Company
D G Perry
H D Growth Partners
Mahoning County JJC
*Mahoning County Commissioners
Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS)
Packer Thomas
Sapphire Aesthetics and Wellness
SSB CPA's & Strategic Advisors
YMCA of Youngstown

*denotes partial team

Cornhole is now an official event in the Community Cup

Cornhole will take place on Saturday, August 23rd at Henry Stambaugh Golf Course. All teams that participate in this event will all receive places this year for points, not just a point for participation like last year as a preliminary event.
Teams that sign up will be asked to bring a set of cornhole boards and set of bags, if they can of course. You will then play on another teams cornhole boards to be fair. Teams will not play on their own. I will bring a couple sets of cornhole boards too but can not bring them all nor is there access to that many.
There will be adult beverages for sale at this event.

Volleyball is back!

Volleyball is returning this year and will be played out on Sunday, August 24th at 12:00. The tournament will be held at the Central YMCA, Youngstown, in the Community and Upper Gyms. This event will begin after the Panerathon so that teams can participate in both. Be careful of parking on this day and please plan accordingly.

Contact

It's getting close to game time! Don't forget about those deadlines. If you think of any questions as you prepare, feel free to contact Julie at (330) 744-8411 ext.143 or cup@youngstownymca.org.

Live, Strive, and Thrive in 2025!



Youngstown Area Community Cup