



S p o r t s T a l k

Basketball/Gymnastics

Happy Joyous New Decade (which technically starts in 2011!)—and, yes, it's **time to talk about Basketball & Gymnastics!**

- **REVIEW THE RULES**, pay special attention to **uniform guidelines**. They have not changed but there were several basketball infractions last year especially with numbers. Uniforms will be checked at the E.C. Affair and March 13 Tournament, and you will forfeit games(s) if you cannot comply at the March 13 tournament.
- **Eau Claire Affair**—attached please find the registration form. Due to the increase in teams, you can expect Feb. 20 and March 13 to be longer days. **Rosters must remain the same for this tournament and district.**
- **Regional Team Basketball**—new this year. Tournament time for paperwork is going to be tight—watch for more information on this.
- **Gymnastics**—rhythmic routines have changed and level B has been added for some events. Check the rules.

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| Feb. 1 | Medical Deadline Indoor Sports |
| Feb. 1 | Intent to play soccer due |
| Feb. 20 | "Eau Claire Affair" Team Basketball Invitational (Register by Feb. 3) |
| Feb. 24 | Entry Deadline District Basketball & Gymnastics |
| Mar. 13 | District Basketball & Gymnastics Tournament (UW-Stout Menomonie) |
| Mar. 15 | Entry Deadline Regional Team Basketball |
| Mar. 20 | Regional Team Basketball Tournament, Stevens Point |
| Mar. 22 | Entry Deadline State Indoor Sports |
| April 9-11 | S.O.WI State Indoor Sports Tournament (Oshkosh) |

Certified Coaches Training:

REMEMBER: You can check online to see if your coaches are Class A and certified. Best to do it now and not wait until registration deadline time to find out someone is not registered. If in doubt, phone our office, and we'll look it up.

We will be planning spring athletics and aquatics coaches' training. Anyone interested in hosting one, please let Patti know.

Alps—Athlete Leadership Program

We would like to offer either the Global Messenger or Athletes As Coaches training in our area in April. Several agencies have expressed an interest. We need at least 4 or 5 athletes (plus their mentors) in order to run a training. There is no cost for the training. Please notify our office ASAP with names of prospects and date preferences. It's most likely we would only have enough athletes to run one program, and we're leaning towards the Global Messenger training. Athletes & their mentors would need to be committed once they sign up.

If we have enough interest, a date will be picked and paperwork will be forwarded to those interested.

Thanks, we hope we can get this together!

“Fun” Raising



Thanks to all of you for helping us to reach our financial goals in 2009. Somehow we did it raising over \$250,000. Now of course, we start all over again!

Several agencies went above and beyond in selling **raffle tickets**. Thanks Polk County, Spooner, and Thorp for an outstanding job. It's pretty amazing that an agency like Thorp with less than 10 athletes can sell over \$1,500 worth of raffle tickets!

I would like to make some adjustments in the raffle for this year. First, would you be in favor of having the raffle in May at the track and field meet again? If so, you would pick up raffle tickets at the basketball and gymnastics meet in March. This doesn't give me much time to put raffle items together. Anyone interested in helping to secure some nice prizes? If so, contact me ASAP. We'd be looking for overnight stays, a nice bike, television, etc. I did budget for cash prizes but Fanny Hill will not be available.

Second, I'm thinking we would give any agency 25% of what they sold if they sold a minimum of 300 books. Otherwise it would be 15%.

The reason we have an area raffle is to help our local programs raise some money with the Area taking on the responsibility of managing the raffle. If your agency is not interested, please let me know, and we will print less tickets. I would like each agency to give me a yes or no about participating, and if yes, how many books you think you'd want. **I would like to know by January 25, please.**

It's polar plunge time. We will host two plunges this year with Elk Point Resort holding the first one on Saturday, February 6, on Lake Tainter in Menomonie. The 11th annual Eau Claire plunge is Sunday, February 28, at Half Moon Beach. Both start at noon with the Eau Claire plunge live on Charter Channel 7. Remember your agency receives 25% of what their plungers raised, but we have to know who they are. Please have them mark clearly on their plunge registration that they are an athlete, member of the family, whatever, and the agency name so that we can credit your agency. Your teams can call for plunge times now.

Join us for lunch or dinner at **Noodles & Co** on Friday, January 15, from 4-10:00 P.M. We will receive 10% of whatever you spend during that time. I'm looking for athletes to help by greeting customers. If you know of any interested, have them contact me ASAP!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 27, as we'll be sponsoring **Wrestling for Respect!** Area wrestlers will put on quite a show. More details to follow!

Thanks for all you do. We are certainly fortunate to have such great agency managers and coaches.



BENCH TALK

- **Master Calendar** and current Time Out are always posted on the web site.
- **Volunteers** – attached please find registration forms for the E.C. Affair and Area Indoor Tournament
- **Basketball Scorers**—if you have people interested in helping to score for our tournament, please have them fill out a registration form. They would have to commit to entire shift and could not score for your teams.
- **PRIDE**—UWEC Kinesiology Department is once again running for children with disabilities ages 5-16 providing instruction in skill development, fitness and sport/recreational activities. Program starts end of March. Phone 836-3948 for registration information.
- **Team Practice Logbook**—One of our sports directors has put together a nifty logbook (for any team sport) which I have attached for your review. If you have trouble printing this, I'd be happy to mail you a copy.

Young Athletes Program

Our Young Athletes Program continues this winter with the following 2 programs:

Tuesdays, 4:00-4:45 pm at CESA 11 Head Start in Chippewa Falls, Starting, January 26

Collaborative effort by C.F. River Source Family Center, CESA 11, and SOWI
Phone 720-1841 to register

Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 pm at Eau Claire YMCA Starting February 25

Collaborative effort by E.C. Family Resource Center & YMCA and SOWI
Phone 833-1735 to register

Awards

Some of you submitted award nominations at the September agency conference. We will be reminding you who you submitted. Feel free to submit additional information. Nominations forms are attached for additional nominations. Please submit to our area office by March 1.

Thanks.

OFFICE CLOSINGS
January 18, February 15

ATTACHMENTS
EC Affair Registration, Volunteer Registration forms, Award Nomination forms, Team Logbook



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