



Captain's Clips

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The 2024 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.

Wednesday, 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 5.

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 31 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.

This is the first year that time predictions are due 1 week prior to the event. This should give companies/teams plenty of time to practice and walk together in the gorgeous weather.

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.

Basketball 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 9** 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 19. The banners will be hung at the Central YMCA for the Preliminary Events of the Cup, August 23, 24, and 25. After Friday, August 30, 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.

On **Saturday, August 10** 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 this year, 9:00 am.

Also on **Saturday, August 10** 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 7 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 7 at Wean Park from 12pm to around 4pm. There are always families there with their children and friends. What a great way to have fun at the Cup!

New in 2024; Community Cup Guest Pass Card

*All who plan on participating in Community Cup 2024 can come into the Central YMCA and receive a Guest Pass Card, good for 10 guest visits to our downtown location, 17 N. Champion Street Youngstown, OH 44503, good through 9/7/24.

*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)

*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.

*Team practice times for basketball do not count toward your 10 visits. You will still need to call and reserve a court through the Community Cup office for those.

*Once you have made 10 visits with your card, keep that card, bring it in, and receive another 10 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 17 teams that are in the Youngstown Meltdown have lost an incredible 318.9 pounds total as of week #4 Wow! Very impressive! There are 8 weeks left in the competition and anything can still happen. Way to go teams!

Teams

The Teams for the 2024 Community Cup are as follows:

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
Mercy Health
ms consultants
Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS)
Packer Thomas
*Sapphire Aesthetics and Wellness
SSB CPA's & Strategic Advisors
YMCA of Youngstown
Zidian Group

* denotes partial team

Cornhole

The NEW Preliminary event this year is Cornhole!!

This event will take place on Sunday, August 25th at Henry Stambaugh Golf Course. This event is replacing Volleyball for this year. Like any preliminary event, we are going to work out all the kinks and see how it goes and if we want to keep it as an actual event. All teams that participate in this event will all receive the same amount of points. A paper will be posted with how teams place but will not receive place points. We do this with any preliminary event in the case that something does not go according to plan and something is not fair for all that participate.

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. Further information, closer to the event will be out, as far as what teams can bring and what teams can not.

For 2024, since cornhole is made up a 2 person team, teams will get a 2 teams for 1 deal. Included in the initial \$700 team fee instead of just getting an "A" team only teams that sign up for cornhole will get an "A" and "B" team if they choose. Then if they have more teams that want to sign up if will still be a 2 for 1. Example; \$100, will get you a "C" and "D" team and so on. Any questions about this or the event roster just ask, Just trying to make this event as fair as possible.

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.

Do the Challenge, Be the Challenge!



**Youngstown Area
Community Cup**