



Captain's Clips

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It's hard to believe, but the 34th 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 Competition, T-Shirt Competition, 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 **Thursday, 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 2025 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. I will have blank copies of the Waiver form with me at each event if need be.

Deadlines

Very important: The deadline for submitting time predictions is almost here. The deadline for time predictions is **Saturday, August 30**. Please call if you have any problems meeting this deadline. Waivers, Event Rosters, Tent Requests, and Volunteer Rosters were due by **Thursday, July 31**.

Youngstown Meltdown

The last and final week for weigh-ins is the week of August 18. The last day for weigh-ins will be **Saturday, August 23** 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 either YMCA location.

Tug Clinics

Please contact the Community Cup office to arrange your team tug clinic with Al "Tug Meister" Leonhart. One team has already signed up for his expertise so make sure your team does too.

Teams Participating in 2025

Children Services Board (CSB)
City of Youngstown: Parks and Rec/Health Department
Cohen & Company
D G Perry
Mahoning County Juvenile Justice Center (JJC)
Mahoning County Commissioners
Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS)
Packer Thomas
SSR CPA's & Strategic Advisors
YMCA of Youngstown

Opening Ceremonies

The 34th annual Youngstown Area Community Cup officially begins with the torch lighting during the Opening Ceremony on **Friday, August 8** at 6 pm in the Community Gym of the Central YMCA. Also included in the Opening Ceremonies will be the Banner, Pep Rally Competitions and the back by popular demand, T-Shirt Competition. Be sure to come out and cheer for your favorite team! The team that has the most participants show up is going to receive a bonus.

Banner Competition

Friday, August 8, 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. Also, if you would prefer to complete your banner on a table verses the floor let me know. I will arrange two tables for your team.

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 the judges have any questions. 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 **Friday, August 15**. Community Choice voting will also take place that night and will continue via voting on the YMCA's website, www.ymcayo.org. The winners of the Banner Competition will be revealed on Friday, August 22, the first day of the Preliminary Events.

Pep Rally/Cheer Competition

Also on **Friday, August 8**, 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 who have asked, the size of the stage is 17' deep x 28' wide.

T-Shirt Competition

Coinciding with the Pep Rally will be the T-Shirt Competition. The T-Shirt Competition used to be a Fashion show in past Community Cup's. We have not had it as part of the Community Cup since 2012. Back then it was fashion show and all participants got a point if they participated. This year, 2025, the Community Cup is making it a competition. This will go along with the Pep Rally if your team chooses to participate. If you choose to participate you will have to write up a fun write up about your team's t-shirt to be read while a participant(s) from your team model it.

Note! You can either participate in the T-Shirt Competition, the Pep Rally or both. You just have to let the Community Cup office know.

Bocce

The Bocce Tournament will be held on **Saturday, August 9** at the MVR restaurant in Youngstown. All teams will start at 9:00 am. A blind draw will determine the bracket. The restaurant will be open during the event in case you get hungry or thirsty. 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 9** also. All games will begin at 12:00 pm at the Harrison Common in Smokey Hollow, which is located across the street from the MVR. This will be a single elimination tournament, so once your team loses your are done. We are planning on having two-three fields set up so that we can have two-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 or blankets, and coolers. The MVR Restaurant, located across the street, will also be open in case you get hungry or thirsty during the tournament.

50/50

The 50/50 drawing is back again for the 2025 year. Cash ONLY! At each event day there will be tickets sold for the following costs

1 ticket for \$1.00

6 tickets for \$5.00

Community Cup Directors arm length (approximately 40 tickets) \$20.00.

Announcements will be made after every event weekend on how much is currently in the pot. The winner will be drawn on Saturday, September 6, right before the awarding of the Community Cup to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. A check will be cut by the YMCA and presented the following week.

****EXTRA INCENTIVE!****

Whatever team has the most participants show up for opening ceremonies, banner and pep rally on Friday, August 8th will receive an arm length of 50/50 tickets for free. If the team ticket gets pulled on Saturday, September 6th then the team can have that money for a luncheon at work, Community Cup fees for 2026, etc... So, get your teams to the Y on Friday, August 8th whether you are competing or not.

Preliminary Events

The Preliminary Events start on **Friday, August 22** at the Central 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 23**, the Cornhole will be held at Henry Stambaugh Golf Course at 8am, and the Bowling at Camelot Lanes at 4pm. **Sunday, August 24**, Volleyball will be held in the Community and Upper Gyms at the Central YMCA at 12pm for all teams. Check your next Captain's Clips for all the exciting details, schedules and line-ups.

****Note:** Also on Sunday, August 24, the Panerathon starts at 8:00 am. Therefore the Volleyball Tournament was pushed back so people could participate in both events. Let me know if you have participants and both and I will try my best to put the bracket together accordingly.

Final Note

Looking forward to a great Opening weekend for the Cup! Good luck to all the teams and participants! Call or e-mail Julie if you have any questions: (330) 744-8411 ext. 143 or cup@youngstownymca.org.



**Live, Strive, and Thrive
in 2025!**

**Youngstown Area
Community Cup**