

Vision

The Miami-Dade Sports Commission welcomes Fall, so many exciting events and the latest edition of *Vision*, the e-newsletter designed to keep you up-to-date on the latest sporting events and activities taking place in Miami-Dade County and at your local Sports Commission.

WE ARE READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL

The Road to Miami

As Summer comes to a close, the residents of Miami-Dade County look to the Fall for cooler nights and the thrills and excitement of high school football. Second to none, Miami-Dade County High Schools, along with Broward and West Palm produce one of the highest recruited pools of talent in the 50 states.

This year for the first time in over 20 years (since adopting a neutral site format) the FHSAA Football Finals presented by Dodge will come to Miami-Dade County. High school football at it's best. Come out to see the next Anquan Boldin, Antonio Bryant, Travis Henry or Sean Taylor.

You can now watch as teams travel the exciting and competitive "Road to Miami" at www.MiamiSports.org/Football today! Visit the website each week to follow teams from throughout the state and keep track of who the competition is.

16 teams, 8 games and more than 50,000 fans. Don't miss your chance to see the 2005 FHSAA Football Championships for the first time in Miami!

Brackets 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B will play December 2nd and 3rd at FIU Stadium.

Brackets 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A will play December 8th and 9th at Dolphins Stadium.

Visit www.MiamiSports.org/football to get your game schedule and tickets today!

FENCING TAKES OVER THE FAIR EXPO

2005 US Fencing NAC Tournament

[US Fencing](http://www.MiamiSports.org/Fencing) will bring the 2005 NAC Tournament to the Miami-Dade County Fair Expo, October 7 - 10, 2005. This event will feature nearly 800 participants of all ages from throughout the country and Canada competing for points toward selection to international teams.

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Fencing is fast and athletic. The movement is so fast that the touches are scored electrically. Unlike the battles we have seen in the movies, two fencers will compete on a six foot-by-40 foot strip. Excitement intensifies with each strike!

For more information on this event please contact your [Miami-Dade Sports Commission](#) or visit www.USFencing.org today!

ESCAPE TO MIAMI A SUCCESS

Inaugural Year for PR Racing's Newest Triathlon

With more than 700 athletes, the first ever Escape to Miami Triathlon proved to be a great success, September 17, 2005.

Participants were "abandoned" on Escape Island off the shores of Miami's Margaret Pace Park. As the sun rose participants faced a .9 mile swim to shore, a 24.8 mile bike ride over the Julia Tuttle Causeway onto Miami Beach, and finally a 6.2 mile run over the MacArthur Causeway to end at Bicentennial Park.

The Escape to Miami not only brought participants from around the country to compete but it also brought out our local celebrities! It was the first Olympic distance triathlon for a popular local sports celebrity, Florida Marlins President David Samson. The novice triathlete finished his race with a time of 3:58:13.

For more information on this exciting event, please visit www.trimiami.com or call 305-278-8668.

USA JUDO

2005 Fall Class & Ladder Tournament

Held at FIU's Pharmed Arena, September 3rd and 4th, USA Judo's 2005 Fall Classic and Ladder Tournament proved to be exciting with over 300 participants from throughout the US.

Local athletes from Johnny Prado's (North Lauderdale, Fla.) Ki-Itsui-Sai claimed four of 16 gold medals and nine medals overall in the Fall Classic and Ladder Tournament.

The Fall Classic was a senior "D" level National Championship event. Athletes placing in the top 3 earned Senior Elite classification and points, and those athletes of Junior age (born in 1985 or later), earned Junior Elite classification and points. The Ladder tournament was open to athletes who did not already have points in the weight class that they entered. Placers qualified for the US Open.

This is the first of four USA Judo events that will take place in Miami-Dade County over the next two years.

For more on the results of this event or how you can participate in Judo locally please visit www.USJudo.org.

RUN THE RICK

Miami Seaquarium Announces Race For Manatees

Miami Seaquarium commemorates Manatee Awareness Month in November with the "Run the Rick" 5k Run/Walk and 10k Run to be held on Saturday, November 19th at 7:30 a.m. across Rickenbacker Causeway on beautiful Biscayne Bay. The run will benefit rehabilitated and released manatees through the Manatee Rehabilitation Partnership (MRP).

The "Run the Rick" 10k and 5k walk/run will have staggered starts at beginning at 7:30 am. Both races will start and finish by Miami Seaquarium and proceed over the bridge on Rickenbacker Causeway.

Registration for the races is \$25 prior to race day and \$35 the day of the race. Registration includes a race t-shirt, complimentary admission for race participant to Miami Seaquarium and a 50% discount for up to 4 guests to the park. Race registration materials will be available on-line starting October 1, 2005 at www.maimiseaquarium.com or by calling 305- 361-5705 x530 or x298.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2005

US Fencing NAC Tournament - October 7-10 at Miami-Dade Fair Expo Center

IPF World Championships / Pan Am Championships - November 8-13 at James L. Knight Center

Run The Rick - November 19 at Miami Seaquarium

FHSAA Football Finals - December 2-3 at FIU Stadium

FHSAA Football Finals - December 9-10 at Dolphins Stadium

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks go out to our friends at the Miami Beach Convention Center and all of our facilities throughout Miami-Dade County. Thank you for your assistance in all our upcoming events and bids.

We continue to work on several prospective events each day, and are always interested in new sports and new events. If you have any events or sports that you would like us to work on, or you are just curious as to other events we are considering, please feel free to email your [Miami-Dade Sports Commission](mailto:hwasek@miamisports.org).

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Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I don't like that attitude. I can assure them it is much more serious than that. ~ *Bill Shankly*