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SPORTS COMMISSION TO LAUNCH FIRST INAUGURAL MIAMI-DADE SENIOR GAMES

MIAMI – The Miami-Dade Sports Commission (MDSC), in partnership with the Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department, and the Miami-Dade County Mayor’s Office, will announce the inaugural year of the Miami-Dade Senior Games, Wednesday, May 24th at 10:30 AM at Goulds Park located at 21805 SW 114 Ave., Miami, FL, 33170.

The Miami-Dade Senior Games will begin November 8 -12, 2006. Created to promote a healthy and active lifestyle for Miami-Dade County residents over the age of 50, this event will provide the senior community with the incentive to train and an opportunity to compete in a true Olympic-style sports competition. “It is my pleasure to partner with the Miami-Dade Sports Commission and the Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department to create the Miami-Dade Senior Games,” said Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Alvarez. “One of my administration’s priorities is to support senior citizen programs. The Senior Games encourages healthy and active lifestyles, which in turn, improves the health of the community overall. Whatever I can do to enhance the lives of our seniors, I will.”

The Miami-Dade Senior Games will be a qualifying event for the Florida State Senior Games, which in turn serves as a qualifier for the National Senior Games. In it’s inaugural year, the Miami-Dade Senior Games will include sports such as Archery, Badminton, 3 on 3 Basketball, Bowling, 5k Road Race, 5k Race Walk, and Track & Field. “We are excited to be a part of the development of the Miami-Dade Senior Games, and we look forward to providing this opportunity to promote sports for life,” said MDSC Executive Director, Mike Sophia. “We also hope that our Senior Games will develop into a true destination event that will attract Senior Games athletes from all over the country.”

The Games will be headquartered at Tropical Park with additional venues throughout Miami-Dade County. “We are very excited to be a partner in the Miami-Dade Senior Games,” said Director of Park and Recreation, Vivian Donnell Rodriguez. “Promoting healthy and active lifestyles for our entire community is a primary focus of our department; we look to create outstanding recreational, natural, and cultural experiences to enrich and enhance our community for this and future generations.”

For more information, please visit www.MiamiDadeSeniorGames.org

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