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Without a doubt, this weekend will be the busiest weekend of the year for sports. While all eyes were on Miami in early February for the Super Bowl, there are three major events going on in Miami this weekend. The Doral Golf Resort and Spa will host the World Golf Championships' CA Championship, featuring the world's best golfers. Tiger Woods, Sergio Garcia, Vijay Singh, and the rest will face the Blue Monster in this no-cut event starting on Thursday, March 22, and concluding with Sunday's final round.

On Saturday, a short drive down the turnpike will lead you to the Homestead Miami Speedway, site of the XM Satellite Radio Speed Jam. More than just a race, a full-day of activities will lead up to the first Indy Car race under the lights at HMS. Over on Key Biscayne, the world's best tennis players will start play in the Sony Ericsson Open on Wednesday, with Roger Federer and Svetlana Kuznetsova set to defend their titles.

Each of these events are among the elite events in each of the respective sports, and provide our community with tremendous exposure and economic benefit. We hope to see you on the course, at the track and at the courts to enjoy our Miami sports.

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The AVP Professional Volleyball Tour kicks off in Miami, April 13 -15 at Bicentennial Park with the [AVP Cuervo Gold Miami Open](#). This exciting event brings 150 of the country's top professional beach volleyball players including gold medalists, Kerri Walsh and Misty May- Treanor.

As part of their nationwide tour, AVP sponsor Hilton Garden Inn has enlisted volleyball professionals Todd Rogers, Phil Dalhausser and Sean Scott, to host youth volleyball players in a free clinic that teams local 12 – 18 year-olds with multiple professional beach volleyball players competing in the AVP cross-country tour. The clinics will take place Friday, April 13th at Bicentennial Park from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Beach Volleyball was born in the 1920's on the shores of Santa Monica, California. This exciting genre of volleyball consists of two teams made up of two players on any sand court divided by a net. Beach Volleyball gained Olympic Status at Atlanta 1996 and continued its success at the Sydney Olympic Games 2000 and Athens Olympic Games 2004. Currently, there are about 9.5 million people who play beach volleyball, including both recreational and professional players, states a spokesman with U.S.A. Volleyball, the national governing body for the sport.

For information on how your child can participate in these clinics or the sport of beach volleyball, please contact [avpyouth@avp.com](mailto:avpyouth@avp.com) or call (310) 426-8000 today!

## USA Judo Returns To Miami

2007 Middle/High School Nationals & NCJA Collegiate Nationals



USA Judo returns to Miami March 23rd - 25th at Pharmed Arena for the 2007 Middle/High School Nationals & NCJA

## Collegiate Nationals.

The annual event is the third USA Judo event in a series of five held here in Miami. More than 450 Judo athletes ranging in age from 11 to 25 will visit Miami to participate in these exciting competitions. The event will bring an approximate economic impact of more than \$450,000 to Miami-Dade County.

The Middle School and High School Nationals will be held March 24 at Pharmed Arena with preliminary rounds beginning at 9 a.m. Middle School final matches and high school bronze medal matches will be held during the preliminary session. Gold medal final matches for the High School Championships will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Collegiate Nationals will be held from approximately 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. on March 25. Immediately following the Collegiate Nationals, a team of seven top-ranked high school athletes will face off against a Japanese High-School All-Star Team in a friendly team competition.

The sport of Judo is the most widely practiced martial art on earth and the second most-practiced sport worldwide, behind the most-widely practiced sport of soccer. For information on how you can participate, please visit [www.usajudo.org](http://www.usajudo.org).

## Giving Back To The Community

Each year, Miami-Dade County residents experience economic booms as a direct result of the tourism brought in by events such as the Sony Ericsson Open, ING Miami Marathon, and The CA Championship. The economic impact of these events totals over \$100 million each year. However, in addition to the business and tourism tax dollars brought by these events, they also bring funding to local foundations and charities that directly support many of our youth and community sport programs.

A great example of philanthropic good will, is the CA Championships' relationship with the South Florida Golf Foundation, the beneficiary 501(c)3 of the CA Championship. The South Florida Golf Foundation has donated over \$12 million dollars to charity since its inception, and will continue to provide local charities with additional dollars through programs such as Birdies for Charity. The Birdies for Charity program provides local charities the chance to earn incremental dollars through pledges for the number of total birdies made at the CA Championship.

"The World Golf Championships CA Championship continues the tradition of giving back that has been fundamental to PGA TOUR events in South Florida and nationwide for many years", said Eddie Carbone. "The CA Championship will provide a minimum of \$500,000 to The First Tee program to help fund Golf in Schools and other programs for kids. We also look forward to working with the South Florida Golf Foundation to increase dollars raised for other worthy local charities as well."

For more information on the CA Championship, please visit [www.worldgolfchampionships.com](http://www.worldgolfchampionships.com).

## Getting Your Foot In The Door

Looking for ways to break into the Miami Sports industry? This is your chance to get in and get involved!

Miami is filled with opportunities for you to be a part of the Miami sports scene, and volunteering is your chance to play a role in the exciting sports event experience. There is no better way to connect with the local community and "rub elbows" with the sports and community elite.

It is our goal to best match your interests, talents and availability with the opportunities we have available. Please visit [www.MiamiSports.org](http://www.MiamiSports.org) and check out our events. If an event on our list meets your interests, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you.

For more information on how you can become a member of the Miami Sports Team please contact us at [Info@MiamiSports.org](mailto:Info@MiamiSports.org) today!

## Soccer Ladies?

Miami's Premier Soccer Women's League is now accepting teams and individuals for play in the only all- female soccer league in Miami-Dade County. Women of all ages and levels of skill are welcome to participate in this competitive, safe and family oriented environment.

The league will have a minimum of 7 games plus semi-final and final championship rounds. Teams will play on lighted Bermuda grass fields. To request an application, please contact [Silvia\\_Caviglia@hotmail.com](mailto:Silvia_Caviglia@hotmail.com), today!

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My motto was always to keep swinging. Whether I was in a slump or feeling badly or having trouble off the field, the only thing to do was keep swinging ~**Hank Aaron**

Heather Wasek  
Miami-Dade Sports Commission

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