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Vision

Welcome to 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.

MIAMI SHINES AT THE 2005 US OLYMPIC COMMITTEE ASSEMBLY

The Miami-Dade Sports Commission was one of only 20 Sports Commissions from throughout the country invited to attend the inaugural Assembly of the United States Olympic Committee. Executive Director, Mike Sophia, spent five days in Phoenix, Arizona speaking with Olympic officials and discussing the further development of Olympic programs in the Miami-Dade Community.

"I believe it is our County's, our Board's, and our Sports Commission's commitment to amateur sports and the development of amateur sports programs that makes us an ideal community partner for the United States Olympic Committee," said Sophia. "We look forward to working with the USOC and each of the National Governing Bodies of Sport to create and develop programs in our community that promote Olympism, provide an environment for elite athletes to excel, and create an opportunity for the children of our community to pursue their own Olympic dreams."

The Miami-Dade Sports Commission looks forward to building on the relationships and the opportunities that were generated from these meetings. Olympic sports in our community will not only attract important national/international competitions, but they will also help to create Olympic development programs that will touch the children of Miami-Dade County.

For more information on how you can become involved in the MDSC Olympic Movement, please email info@miamisports.org.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL!!!!

FHSAA FOOTBALL FINALS KICKOFF MEETING

The Miami-Dade Sports Commission, Greater Miami Athletic Conference, Dolphin Stadium and Florida International University will host the FHSAA Football Finals Kickoff Meeting, Tuesday, May 31st at 6:30 PM at Dolphins Stadium.

The FHSAA Football Finals will come to Miami for the first time since the neutral site championship format was adopted. The first four state champions will be crowned on December 2-3, 2005, at Florida International University with the title games for classes 1A, 1B, 2A, and 2B. The second weekend will feature classes 3A, 4A, 5A, and 6A, and those games will be played at Dolphins Stadium on December 9-10. Miami will host the games again in 2006.

If you or any of your associates are interested in attending the upcoming meeting, or learning how to participate in the games, please contact [Heather Wasek](#) today!

POWERLIFTING COMES TO MIAMI

IPF 2005 North American Championship

The [International Powerlifting Federation](#), in collaboration with [North American Powerlifting Federation](#), will be bring the [2005 North American Championship](#) to the [James L. Knight Center](#), June 17 - 19, 2005.

The IPF, the governing body of powerlifting internationally, is comprised of member federations from eighty-three countries on six continents. The 2005 North American Championships is the first of four events that will be brought to the local community. This event will bring athletes from across the United States.

Tickets will be \$5 per person, and can be purchased at the James L. Knight Center. For more information about how can attend this exciting event, please contact your Miami-Dade Sports Commission at info@miamisports.org.

2005 Aeropostale Sun Belt Conference Baseball Championship

Florida International University will host the 2005 Aeropostale Sun Belt Conference Baseball Championship May 25 - 28, 2005 at University Park Stadium.

Come and see your local rising stars of college baseball including players from FIU, Louisiana- Lafayette, South Alabama, New Mexico State, Arizona State, and Middle Tennessee. This is your chance to cheer your FIU Panthers into action in one of the Sun Belt Conference's most esteemed Championships!

All-Tournament Pass are just \$30! Single-Session - Adult - \$6 | Child (Ages 3-12) and

Senior Citizens - \$4.00 | Children 2 and Under - Free
For more information please call 1-866-FIU-GAME today!

ESPN GREAT OUTDOOR GAMES LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Events would not be possible without volunteers!

The ESPN Great Outdoor Games presented by Dodge are currently seeking volunteers to fill a variety of positions for the 2005 event ranging from Venue Support to Information Greeters. The 2005 Games will take place at Disney's Wide World of Sports® Complex (Lake Buena Vista, FL) and the Tenoroc Shooting Sports and Training Range (Lakeland, FL) July 7-10, 2005. All volunteers will receive an ESPN Great Outdoor Games volunteer t-shirt, as well as an invitation to the Official ESPN Volunteer Appreciation Party.

The ESPN Great Outdoor Games, the Ultimate Championship for Outdoor Sports, will showcase athletes in four sport categories including Target Sports, Timber Events, Motor Sports and Sporting Dogs.

Those interested in volunteering can visit the ESPN Great Outdoor Games website at www.gre.atoutdoorgames.com or call Kim Wysocki, Volunteer Coordinator, at 407-566-2277 for more information.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks goes out to Patrick McGrew and all of our friends at the UM Convocation Center! Thank you for your help!

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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"Sports do not build character. They reveal it." ~Heywood Broun