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SPORTS COMMISSION KICKS OFF 2007 MIAMI-DADE SENIOR GAMES

MIAMI – The Miami-Dade Sports Commission (MDSC), in partnership with the Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department, and City of Hialeah, will kick-off the 2007 Miami-Dade Senior Games, on Sunday, November 4th at 7:30 AM with the 5K Road Race and Race Walk at Amelia Earhart Park located at 401 E 65th St., in Hialeah; and with the Archery competition, at the Everglades Archery Range located at 17415 SW 264th St., in Homestead, beginning at 9:00 AM.

The Miami-Dade Senior Games will take place throughout the week of November 4 – 11, 2007 at parks and venues throughout Miami-Dade County including Tropical Park, Crandon Park Tennis Center, Milander Auditorium, and Amelia Earhart Park. Created to promote healthy and active lifestyles amongst Miami-Dade County residents over the age of 50, this event is designed for proud and motivated senior athletes, sharing a common passion for sports. This unique event is an opportunity for the senior community to actively participate in a true Olympic-style sports competition spirited by sportsmanship and a desire to compete.

The Miami-Dade Senior Games is a qualifying event for the Florida State Senior Games, which in turn serves as a qualifier for the National Senior Games. In it's second year, the Games will once again include the sports of Archery, Badminton, Basketball Shooting, Bowling, 5k Road Race/Walk, Swimming, Tennis and Track & Field. The sports of Cycling and Table Tennis have been introduced at the request of last year's participants. "The Miami-Dade Senior Games are an important part of the Miami-Dade Community," said MDSC Executive Director, Mike Sophia. "as we continue to grow and develop The Games we hope to not only have an event that shows the community's commitment to a lifetime of sports activity, but also serves as a destination event for future senior games athletes."

The events are scheduled to take place as follows:

SPORT	DATE	LOCATION
Archery	November 4, 2007	Everglades Archery Club
5K Race Walk	November 4, 2007	Amelia Earhart Park
5K Road Race	November 4, 2007	Amelia Earhart Park
Basketball Shooting	November 5, 2007	Don Shula's Athletic Club
Bowling	November 6, 2007	Bird Bowl
Golf	November 7, 2007	Country Club of Miami
Tennis	November 9-10, 2007	Crandon Park Tennis Center
Swimming	November 10, 2007	Ransom Everglades School
Track & Field	November 10, 2007	Tropical Park
Cycling	November 11, 2007	Amelia Earhart Park
Table Tennis	November 11, 2007	Milander Auditorium
Badminton	November 11, 2007	Don Shula's Athletic Club

For more information including event rules, complete competition schedules and registration options, please visit www.MiamiDadeSeniorGames.org or contact (305) 818-7188.

The Miami-Dade Sports Commission was created by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners in 2003, and opened for business in April of 2004. The Sports Commission promotes sports in Miami-Dade County, and works to secure sports events that will generate economic impact for the community. Since beginning full operation in 2004, the Miami-Dade Sports Commission has secured over 80,000 room nights, \$100 million in economic impact, and more than 26 events, including the 2005 & 2006 FHSAA Football Finals, the 2009 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Regional, US Fencing Summer Nationals, and 2006 Florida's Sunshine State Games.

The Miami-Dade Sports Commission is a proud partner of the United State Olympic Committee's Community Partner program.

For more information on the Miami-Dade Sports Commission, please visit www.MiamiSports.org.

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