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REGISTRATION FOR THE 2006 BAY STATE SUMMER GAMES OPENING SOON

Over 7,000 athletes to compete in the 25th anniversary of the Summer Games

WOBURN, MA-The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation (MASF) is excited to announce that registration for the 2006 Bay State Summer Games will kick off April 1. The annual Olympic-style amateur sports festival features 25 individual and team sports. Opportunities to compete in the Games are available for a wide variety of ages and skill levels. Competitions are offered in archery, badminton, baseball, basketball, baton twirling, diving, fencing, field hockey, gymnastics, ice hockey, judo, juniors' basketball, lacrosse, shooting, soccer, softball, swimming, synchronized swimming, table tennis, tennis, track and field, volleyball, wrestling, 6 v 6 field hockey, and 7v7 soccer.

2006 is a significant year as it marks the 25th anniversary of the Bay State Summer Games. What started as an event with 300 participants in 4 sports has since grown to include almost 7,000 athletes in 25 sports.

"Since our modest beginning in 1982, the Bay State Games have touched the lives of tens of thousands of Massachusetts residents by promoting personal development, education, health, teamwork and sportsmanship," noted Bay State Games Executive Director Kevin Cummings. "Reaching the milestone of our Silver Anniversary is a credit to the thousands of volunteer coaches, officials, sports organizers and medical staffers who donate their time to support the Bay State Games. I am grateful to everyone who has supported the program as a participant or volunteer over the last 25 years, and encourage athletes of all ages and abilities to participate in the very special 2006 Bay State Summer Games," concluded Cummings.

The 2006 Bay State Summer Games will take place July 10-23. The Metro Boston area is home to the first weekend of finals July 10-16, while Central MA plays host to the festival sports and ice hockey July 17-23. Regional qualifiers as well as tryouts for team sports will take place throughout June.

Registration for all sports begins April 1 with varying deadlines by sport. Registration forms and sport specific information can be found in the May 30th issue of the Boston Herald, with your local high school athletic director, or at the Bay State Games' website. For updated information about tryout dates, sport specific information, and registration deadlines, please visit the Games' website at www.baystategames.org/summer or call the Bay State Games' office (781) 932-6555.

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