



To Do List

Putting Together, Promoting,
And Preparing Your Teams



TEAMS – ‘To have or not to have’

- Pray about it
- Meet with leaders
- Communicate information, details, responsibilities, and expectations
- Recruit and get commitments
- Build team(s) – use motivational perks to encourage sign-up
- Communicate kids involvement with parents
- Attend Coach & Line Judge Training
- Complete and mail registration before deadline

WE HAVE OUR TEAM(S) – Now what?

- Incorporate games during Game Time
- Establish practice sessions
- Learn and get to know your team(s)
- Promote with PR and flyers, etc. parents and church family
- Celebrate – reward participants and families with ice-cream or pizza social the night before the games competition.
- Encourage parental participation on the day of the games.
- Receive a completed and parent signed release form for each kid and confirm transportation plans to games.

COACHES – What is their role?

- Know the rules.
- Comply with qualifications for team members
- Be a Godly example.
- Memorize and learn to recite (w/team) – John 3:16 and/or 2 Timothy 2:15
- Learn Chain of Command
- Be well versed regarding – disqualification rules, false starts, interference, floor markings, participation rule, passing zone and rules, possession, spirit of the game, tag rule, and number of games to be played.

SPARKS-a-RAMA and AWANAGAMES DAY – What do we need to do?

- Church representative for team(s) arrive early to check-in at registration table with roster(s), volunteer assignments, and confirm team's color.
- Coaches, Line Judge and other volunteers arrive early for assignment instructions.
- Team members arrive early and check-in with coach.
- Strive to be a Godly example.
- Pray that someone will come to know the Lord as their personal savior during the presentation of the gospel message.

AFTER THE GAMES ARE OVER – What should we do?

- Recognize your team(s) at club and during the following Church service – regardless of how they place – it's not just about winning, but running the race.
- Reflect on how God was glorified and individuals blessed because of those involved and those who participated in this event.

The *secret* of the Sparks-a-Rama and AwanaGames events is not that the kids get to come play and compete against other teams to see who is the best **but** – ***To get the unsaved there to hear the Good News Message so they can come to know, love and serve Him.***

Please *pray about participating* in one of the Coach and Line Judge Trainings so you can learn the 'ins' and 'outs' of these games events – even if you or your church are not going to register an individual Spark or a team.

*“I have fought the good fight...
I have finished the race...
I have kept the faith.”
(2 Timothy 4:7)*