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## Quote of the Month

*"Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."*

- Vince Lombardi

## What to look for next month:

- Youth Basketball Updates
- Spring Sports Signups
- "New" Recreation Software
- Online Evaluation Form
- Moyer Playground Renovations.

## Sports Office Hours:

M-F, 8:00a–5:00p

## Cancellation Line:

375-4094 ext. 6

Check game status  
online at

[www.salemva.gov](http://www.salemva.gov)

## Name our E-Newsletter

The City of Salem Sports Office is starting a monthly E-Newsletter to better inform Salem residents of upcoming programs, park updates, special events and any other youth and adult related events. Being that this is our first issue, we thought a contest would be a fun way for the kids in our program to come up with a name for our newsletter. We're looking for something creative, funny or just unique to Salem. The winning entry will receive a Sports Office hat and pullover. To be eligible to win, you must be between the ages of 6-18. Entries can be emailed to [shall@salemva.gov](mailto:shall@salemva.gov) no later than Friday, February 13.

## Youth Basketball Season Set to Begin

The 2008-09 Youth Basketball season is set to begin on Saturday, January 10, 2009. All league schedules can be downloaded from our website in addition to viewing league standings, reschedules, and other important information. The City currently has 95 teams playing in eight different divisions ranging from 6-18 years of age.



Games are scheduled Monday-Saturday, with most teams playing twice per week. A single elimination tournament for all leagues age 9 and up will be scheduled following the conclusion of the regular season.

Please remember that food and drinks are not allowed in the gyms and to always show proper respect to all those involved in making this an enjoyable season for everyone.

## Youth Basketball Sandlot Nights

The City of Salem Sports Office along with Salem High School will be offering a "Sandlot Night" for all participants in our youth basketball program. All players and coaches listed on a current team roster will be admitted free of charge. Coaches should plan to meet their players at Salem High School no later than 7:00p and enter through the ticket gate as a team. Players should come dressed in their game jerseys.

Girls Sandlot Night will be Friday, January 9, 2009 as SHS plays host to Christiansburg. Boys Sandlot Night will be Wednesday, January 21, 2009 with SHS playing host to Blacksburg. For more information please contact the Sports Office at 374-4094. [\(Click for link to SHS Boys and Girls Basketball Schedules\)](#)

## By the Numbers...

**85**

The percentage of respondents who believe that a professional athlete's behavior impacts how kids act playing sports.

**78**

The percentage of respondents who think that steroid use by professional athletes affects kids.

**21**

The percentage of parents who don't think their child's favorite athlete is a good role model.

**56**

The percentage of respondents who said they have discussed sports scandals with their child.

**42**

The percentage of respondents who believe that professional golfers are the best sports role models for kids. Baseball was the second most popular at 18 percent, while football was third at 17 percent.

**Source:** National Alliance For Youth Sports' "Question of the Week."

## Spring Sports Registration Dates: February 2-27, 2009

### Boys Spring

Soccer: Ages 6-12  
No Participation Fee League Dates: March-May

Boys Baseball: Ages 6-18  
Participation Fee: \$35 League Dates: March-June

Girls Softball: Ages 6-18  
Participation Fee: \$35 League Dates: March-June

**Note:** The participation fee for boys baseball and girls softball covers the cost of a complete uniform that each player will keep at the conclusion of the season.

Online registrations will be taken only during the specified sign-up period. Participants failing to register during this period will automatically be placed on a waiting list and added to a team only if space is available. To register please visit our website at [www.salemva.gov](http://www.salemva.gov) then click the Parks and Recreation Department link. Participation fee is not due at the time of registration. For more information or to sign up over the phone please call the Sports Office at 375-4094.

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