



Greater Louisville SPORTS COMMISSION



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Louisville U.S. Transplant Games June 15-21 - The National Kidney Foundation (NKF), along with its 47 affiliates, is preparing a celebration that will include over 7,000 athletes, their friends and families, living donors, donor families, transplant professionals and spectators from the Louisville and Kentuckiana community. Since 1990, the NKF has organized the U.S. Transplant Games and managed the U.S. Teams participating in the World Summer and Winter Transplant Games. These events, held in Louisville, serve to encourage more organ donation, which can give the "gift of life" to many of the 90,000 people in the U.S. who are in need of a life-saving organ transplant. **Larry Hagman, Ken Howard, Sean Elliott, George Lopez and Chris Klug** are some of the celebrities who will be part of the games. To learn more go to: www.transplantgames.org. * **Media, if you will, please make note that volunteers are still needed for this great celebration.** Please contact **Troy Killian** at tkillian@louisvillesports.org.



Dew Action Sports Tour Panasonic Open June 22-25 @ KEC - Since its debut in June 2005, the Dew Action Sports Tour was quick to be named THE Pro Tour of Action Sports. Including five major, multi-sport events, the Dew Tour offers the biggest competitive cash purse ever seen in action sports - \$2.5 million, with an additional \$1 million bonus pool that is spread based on year-end tour standings. And for the 2006 season, NBC and USA Network will provide TV coverage.

The Dew Tour includes skateboarding (park and vert), BMX (park, vert, and dirt) and FMX (freestyle motocross). At the end of the season the Dew Cup is awarded to the champion in each of the six disciplines. This year, more than 150 of the world's top action sports athletes are back for the second season of the Dew Action Sports at the Kentucky Expo Center. For **ticket information** please go to www.ticketmaster.com or www.dewactionsportstour.com. **Shaun White** (right), the 'Flying Tomato', will be in attendance.



Olympic gold medalist Shaun White



12th Annual Kentucky Pro-Am Exposure Basketball Tournament

July 6-9 - A 40 team, double-elimination tournament will take place at Iroquois High School with former U of L, U of K, Indiana and Western Kentucky players. To learn more about this event, go to: www.brescia.edu/athletic/mbk/buproam.htm



5th Annual Tri-America Triathlon Series July 22-23 -

The Great Lawn at [Louisville Waterfront Park](#), Downtown Louisville. Registration and the Tri-America Festival of Sports and Fitness will take place in a large tent on the Great Lawn. The event consists of a swim, bike and run. The Tri-America Kids Triathlon Venue and

registration location will also be at the Great Lawn. To learn more, go to: www.sommersports.com/events/triamerica/tour/louisville/

The Greater Louisville Sports Commission is dedicated to attracting, producing and supporting the best sporting events available. We support a wide range of events that offer opportunities for a diverse demographic mix of athletes from all age groups and all sports. The Greater Louisville Sports Commission is a not-for-profit entity established in 1999. It is the goal of the Greater Louisville Sports Commission to put Louisville on the map as a nationally recognized "player" for hosting top quality sports activities. *One Riverfront Plaza, 401 W. Main St., Suite 2200, Louisville, KY 40202 - 502-587-7767 - fax 502-587-6767.* **Andy Jugan** - Executive Director, **Jeff Schneider** - Director of Public Relations and Marketing, **Troy Killian** - Operations Manager, **Jennifer Bell** - Administrative Asst.
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-- Volunteers are still needed for U.S. Transplant Games and Dew Action Sports Tour Panasonic Open. Please contact tkillian@louisvillesports.org or by calling 1-866-587-7767.