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COA Launches Championship Festival in Fresno; Women's Golf Championship Opens Inaugural Event

Sacramento, CA . . . The California Community Colleges Commission on Athletics (COA) launched the 2005-06 COA Championship Festival Presented by U.S. Bank this week in Fresno, CA.

The California Community Colleges Commission on Athletics Women's Golf Championship Presented by U.S. Bank marked the official opening of the Festival, during which over 1,500 student athletes will compete in twelve state championship events over eleven days of competition throughout the Fresno region in November and December 2005, and March 2006.

Next on the Festival schedule are the women and men's water polo championships and women and men's cross country championships, which will crown champions November 18-19.

The busiest weekend of the Festival is December 9 - 11, when the state's top women's volleyball, wrestling, football, women's soccer and men's soccer teams contend for a COA championships in Fresno. The women and men's basketball championships, held March 9-12, 2006, will close out the Festival. The Festival also features several youth clinics and community events in addition to the championship competition.

The Festival concept evolved from the efforts of the COA Management Council Subcommittee on Championship Site Selection. The committee, comprised of COA staff, COA management council representatives and COA sport coach's association representatives, was charged with the task of developing standards and procedures for the COA's championship site selection process.

At the Festival's opening event at Riverside Golf Course, Mt. San Antonio College's women's golf team won its second consecutive state championship. Shonna Clark led the Mounties with a two-day score of 157, followed by Tina Eng (167), J. J. Jinawanit (176), Mindy Kimura (177) and Alexis VanSickle (181).

Pam Arjarayutt (Long Beach City College) won the individual title with a two-day total of 155, followed by Tiffany Derken (Fresno City College, 157, second place via tie-breaker), Shonna Clark (Mt. San Antonio, 157), Kim Keaton (Long Beach City College, 158, fourth place via tie-breaker), Belinda Diamond (College of the Desert, 158), and Kristen Janis (Butte College, 163, sixth place via tie-breaker).

To view the latest news, information and updates of all 23 COA-sanctioned sports, and for comprehensive COA Championship Festival information, visit www.coasports.org.

COA Championship Festival Competition Schedule

Date	Sport	Venue
November 14-15, 2005	Women's Golf	Riverside Golf Course
November 18-19, 2005	Men's & Women's Water Polo	Central East Aquatics Complex
November 19, 2005	Men's & Women's Cross Country	Woodward Park
December 8-10, 2005	Wrestling	Fresno City College
December 9-11, 2005	Women's Volleyball	Selland Arena
December 10-11, 2005	Men's & Women's Soccer	Fresno Pacific University
December 10, 2005	Football	Grizzlies Stadium
March 9-12, 2006	Men's & Women's Basketball	Selland Arena

COA Championship Festival Non-Competition Event Schedule

Date	Event	Venue
November 13, 2005	Youth Golf Clinic	Riverside Golf Course, 12-2 p.m.
November 19, 2005	Youth Water Polo Clinic	Central East Aquatics Complex, 8:30-9:45 a.m.
December 8, 2005	Adopt-A-Team Visitations for Women's Volleyball Showcase	Selland Arena, 5-8 p.m.
December 8, 2005	Youth Wrestling Clinic	Fresno City College Gymnasium 6:30 p.m.
December 9, 2005	Football Teams Visit Children's Hospital	Valley Children's Hospital, 2-6:30 p.m.
December 10, 2005	TOPSoccer Clinic and Adopt-A-Team Event	Fresno Pacific University, 12-1:30 p.m.
March 8, 2006	Youth Basketball Clinic	Selland Arena, 1-7 p.m.
March 9, 2006	Youth Basketball Clinic	Fresno City College, 5-6 p.m.

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