

1. Eligibility

The tournament is open to boys born in 1991 and younger. Each player's date of birth must be verified prior to his team's first game but not later than during the Coaching/Technical Meeting on Friday, May 19, 2006. Copies of birth certificates are acceptable. Please, either have all of them sent in advance to the contact person listed below or bring them to the meeting on Friday.

2. Roster

The team roster is due no later than May 1, 2006 and should include: players' names, date of birth, position, and the jersey' number. It is imperative for the printing purposes that we receive the rosters on time as we want to include them in the tournament's program.

3. Format and Tentative Schedule

Below you will find a proposed schedule and a daily time table for the MMS Falcons' Team Handball Challenge Tournament based on 6 participating teams. We will play a simple round-robin schedule with each team playing 5 games all-together. All matches will be two (2) times twenty (20) minutes in length with a ten (10) minute half-time. Wins will count for 3 points, ties will count for 1 point, and loses will count for 0 points. The final standings will be determined as follows: the most points, the most wins, the most goals scored, the difference between goals scored and given up, and the win/lose between directly involved teams.

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2006

3:45 P.M.	EXPECTED ARRIVAL
4:00 - 4:30 P.M.	TECHNICAL/COACHING MEETING
5:00 - 5:10 P.M.	OPENING CEREMONY
5:10 - 5:30 P.M.	WARM-UP
5:30 - 6:20 P.M.	GAME 1
6:20 - 6:30 P.M.	WARM-UP
6:30 - 7:20P.M.	GAME 2
7:20 - 7:30 P.M.	WARM-UP
7:30 - 8:20 P.M.	GAME 3

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2006

THERE WILL BE 10 MINUTES WARM-UP TIME BETWEEN EACH GAME

8:00 - 8:50 A.M. GAME 4
9:00 - 9:50 A.M. GAME 5
10:00 - 10:50 A.M. GAME 6
11:00 - 11:50 A.M. GAME 7
12:00 - 1:00 P.M. GAME 8
1:00 - 1:50 P.M. GAME 9
2:00 - 2:50 P.M. GAME 10
3:00 - 3:50 P.M. GAME 11
4:00 - 4:50 P.M. GAME 12
5:00 - 5:45 P.M. PIZZA PARTY

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2006

7:15 A.M. - GYM OPENS FOR THE FINAL DAY OF TOURNAMENT

7:30 - 8:00 A.M. WARM-UP

8:00 - 8:50 A.M. GAME 13

9:00 - 9:50 A.M. GAME 14

10:00 - 10:50 A.M. GAME 15

11:10 - 11:30 A.M. CLOSING/AWARDS CEREMONY

11:30 A.M. EXPECTED TEAMS' DEPARTURE AND CLEAN-UP

NOTE: All MMS players and their parent(s)/guardians must stay in the building until final dismissal by Mr. Wartalowicz.

4. Game Rules Modification

- ☺ Substitutes will be allowed only when in possession of a ball
- ☺ There will be a running clock except for
 - one 1 minute time-out per half
 - last 2 minutes of each half
 - referee called time-out

5. Awards

Medals will be given to the top 3 teams. A commemorative plaque (one per team) and certificates of participation (one per player) will be given to teams finishing 4th through 6th. Special awards will be given to the MVP, the best scorer, and the most valuable goalkeeper.

6. Coaching/Technical Meeting

The mandatory Technical and Coaching Meeting will be on Friday, May 19, 2006, from 4:00 to 4:30 in the Teachers' Cafeteria (across from the gym's main entrance). Please, be on time and have at least 1 representative from each team present as we will cover the following:

- greetings
- rules modifications
- warm-up procedures
- final schedule including opening and closing ceremonies
- verification of eligibility (date of birth check)
- waiver/photo release liability form check
- final roster check
- identification cards and guest passes
- pizza party

7. Identification cards and guest passes

All players, delegation members, and guests will receive personal identification cards and must present them every day and every time upon entering the Mannheim Middle School's grounds.

8. Additional Requirements

- ☺ Non-marking shoes
- ☺ No resin
- ☺ Warm-up balls
- ☺ Towels
- ☺ 2 sets of uniforms, in 2 contrasting colors, with permanent numbers

9. Hotel Information

The following list of hotels and motels is by no means complete but we hope will be helpful in securing an inexpensive and yet convenient and comfortable place to stay for your team. All three of them provide the shuttle bus from/to O'Hare Airport. Please mention Falcons Challenge to receive the best rate.

Hotel	Manager	Phone
Econo Lodge	Joseph Chang	1-708-681-0220
Super 8 Motel	Linesh Sheth	1-847-288-1251
Comfort Inn	Maria Wolanin	1-847-233.9292

Note: All phone numbers are accurate as of January 15, 2006.

10. Restaurants

There are plenty of inexpensive and more sophisticated eating places within walking/short driving distance of Mannheim Middle School along Mannheim Rd.

11. Directions to Mannheim Middle School (2600 Hyde Park, Melrose Park, IL)

From the North

Take I-294 South, exit the Expressway at Irving Park, turn South into Mannheim Rd, go South to Drummond Ave., turn right into Drummond, go 2 blocks west, turn left into Hyde Park Ave., turn left into the parking lot.

From the South

Take I-90/94 North to I-290 West, go West to Mannheim Rd., go North on Mannheim to Fullerton, turn left, and quickly turn right into Hyde Park, go North 4 blocks, turn left into the parking lot.

From the West

Take I-88 East to I-290, keep right and take it to Mannheim Rd (North, Exit 17B), go North on Mannheim Rd to Fullerton Ave, turn left and quickly turn right into Hyde Park Ave., go 4 blocks North, turn left into the parking lot.

From O'Hare Airport

Take I-190 to Mannheim Rd and go South to Drummond Ave., turn right into Drummond, go 2 blocks West, turn left into Hyde Park Ave., and quickly right into the parking lot.

From Midway Airport

Take 55th street West to Harlem Ave. (Route 43). Turn right into Harlem and go North to Cermak Rd., turn left into Cermak Rd and go West to Mannheim Rd, turn right into Mannheim Rd and go North to Fullerton Ave., turn left into Fullerton and quickly right into Hyde Park Ave., go about 4 blocks North, and turn left into the parking lot.

12. Parking

Please use a parking lot adjacent to the main building, off Hyde Park Ave. Do not park anywhere on the nearby streets as you will be ticketed and/or towed.

13. Concessions and gift shop

There will be a concession stand open to satisfy your appetite as well as a small gift shop with various products for your convenience.

14. Pizza Party

Pizza party sponsored by the Mannheim Falcons' team handball club will take place immediately following Game 12 on Saturday, May 20, about 5 p.m. Please join us for the "Get to know you" event in the gym as we will celebrate your presence and our 2nd annual Handball Challenge Tournament.

15. Opening and Closing Ceremony

All six (6) teams are requested to attend both ceremonies. They will be short but an important and an integral part of the tournament, especially as we expect several guests from civic, political, and business organizations to attend.

16. Medical and Physical Training Services

In-house medical care as well as sport physical training services will be provided free of charge throughout the event. A nominal fee for some extensive taping may be charged.

17. Withdraws

If you decide to withdraw from the tournament before April 1, 2006, you will receive 50% of your registration fee. Yet, to be eligible for the refund, we must receive an email sent to Fryzjer@aol.com, not later than April 1, 2006. If you withdraw after April 1, 2006 no refund will be issued.