



Coaches' Notes 2009-10

A. DEVOTIONS

1. Have your attitude ministry minded as you start this ministry opportunity!

B. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Fill out registration forms for the teams you plan to enter.

They will be sent by email AFTER you view a [Webinar](#) coaches meeting.

2. Each registration form **MUST HAVE** listed at least one (male) circle official from each church (**both for T&T and Sparks**). Officials will be required to recertify by viewing a [Webinar](#) officials meeting. The links are on our Iowa web page. It is recorded so officials can view it at their convenience.

Officials also will be **REQUIERED** to show up **1 hour** before the event starts to review the rules. We also will require each registration to have people **you have checked with (and will show up)** listed as score keepers. If you have trouble-finding people for a particular job, but have an overstock of people for another position, list them. We are always looking for ushers, nurses, and extra people. **We will not accept a registration with only your team on it.** We will be assigning everyone to a job before we send you your circle and color assignments. That would include the Circle Officials etc. You will only be **officially** registered after we assign the people you list as your volunteers, who you have talked to and told them everything that is expected of them. In the past we have called people that Churches have listed as help, and those people didn't even know anything about being volunteered. We cannot have a quality AwanaGames without your help.

3. Registration cost is \$60 per team - There is a late fee of \$15.00 per team if registration is postmarked after February 4, 2010
4. Deadline for registration - **February 4, 2010.**
5. Completely filled out registrations will be **accepted** on a **first** received basis.
When the circles are full, the rest will be on stand by.
6. Return registrations with the proper fees to, (Checks made payable to AWANA),
Emily Leslie, 4107, 154th Street, Urbandale, IA. 50323
7. When you send in your club registration be sure to mark which division you want to be in. Division I, minimum 16 players, (only Available at Ankeny PROVIDED WE HAVE ENOUGH LARGE CHURCHES WANTING IT) or division II, minimum 10 players (see rules for maximum members). There will only be one circle of 4 teams of Boys and 4 teams of Girls in Division 1. It will only be at Ankeny during the **AM** session, PROVIDED WE HAVE ENOUGH LARGE CHURCHES WANTING IT.

C. SPORTSMANSHIP

The purpose of the AwanaGames program is to benefit the Clubbers, **not the Coach.**

This is an opportunity to assist young people with their mental, physical and spiritual development. **Winning is not what's important.**

Some fundamentals of **GOOD** sportsmanship include the following:

1. Show respect for opponents and officials at all times.
2. Remember you represent **CHRIST** to **ALL** (maintain self - control).
3. Show encouragement for all your Clubbers, (not based on ability or outcome).

D. PROMOTION TICKETS FOR PRESELLING

1. Order what you want to sell. Please email the form filled out back to **Emily Leslie, 4107, 154th Street, Urbandale, IA. 50323. She will send them to you.**
2. **On AwanaGames day** you will pay \$1.50 **for all** tickets that you presold. **SO DON'T SELL THEM TO ANYONE BUT ADULTS. You must turn in all unsold tickets on AwanaGames day.**
3. Tickets will be sold at the door for: Adults: \$3.00 Students: \$1.50 Sparks: \$.50 Cubbies age and under are FREE.
4. The more tickets you **presell (to adults)** the lower your cost to compete. Also the more families ... the more ears we have to hear the message, and see Christians having fun.

E. DRESS CODE

1. **NO SHORTS PERIOD!** This includes Coaches and ALL the help on the floor. This is a safety, modesty, and health issue.
2. Gym shoes are required! This includes coaches and team members.
3. Coaches must wear either one of the official Awana uniforms, or their team's uniform.
4. Teams. . . Colored shirts or white T-shirts are approved. Scarves will be available for teams without color team shirts, or if your shirts are one color and we have to put your team on a different color line.
5. Ladies should wear dress slacks, long dresses, long culottes or decent blue jeans.
6. Men should wear dress slacks or decent blue jeans.
7. Official shirts will be provided for Line Judges.

F. WHAT TO BRING

1. A garbage bag for shoes and extras brought along. We suggest you don't put coats and hats in garbage for health reasons however.
2. Permission slips from all team members. Coaches must have a permission slip in their possession, for every clubber. NO, it does not have to be the one in this kit. If your church has it's own that is great! The permission slips are for YOUR protection! **However Awana says if a coach has a child without one that child can not compete.** That is correct, you can not say, "Oh I know the parents they will not care".

G. UPON ARRIVAL..... AND GENERAL THINGS THAT ARE GOOD TO KNOW

1. **Coaches ONLY** check in at the registration table. This is where you will turn in your last minute roster changes and get directions as to where your circle is. You will also need to turn in all unsold pre-sold tickets, (see registration form for more info).
2. Take your team immediately to the locker rooms (bathrooms) after you register to change.
3. Have your team lines up **on your team line** at least 15 minutes before starting time. We will have a coaches meeting then and we will not wait!
4. Be sure everyone used the restroom before going on to the floor. **NOBODY is to leave the floor without a line official's permission.**
5. **NO GUM ALLOWED ON THE FLOOR.** We get to use these gyms because we are so careful.
6. No rags or adherents for use on shoes or hands. This includes spit!
7. Coaches will stay behind their team during the games. **DON'T APPROACH A SCORE KEEPER WITHOUT THE CIRCLE DIRECTORS PERMISSION.**
8. Ask question. If something is in question **ASK YOUR LINE JUDGE THEN.** Don't wait till later. Once an event is over don't come back to your line judge and say, "I have a question about event number 1". Get all question resolved before you go on to the next

event. Remember all CIRCLE DIRECTORS CALLS ARE FINAL.

H. AWARDS Timothy, Meritorious and Citation award earners only

1. Turn in a list of awards and award winners at the trophy table, which is usually in the middle of the gym floor. Place the clubbers, or leaders name and church name on the back of the award and be sure to put their name on the correct form so we can read it off, and present their award in front of everyone. **We will be presenting Excellence, Timothy, Meritorious and Citation award earners only.** With Citation award winners we ask that the parents come down and present it to the young person if possible.

J. SETUP

1. We need more help setting up before the AwanaGames if you church or youth group could help be involved in this ministry opportunity please, please let Ron know!

K .BAND

1. We need a pep band for the AwanaGames! If your church has a band and they would like to come and play songs such as the Awana song, and the Sparks song, and maybe get the crowd going with things such as Charge, please let Ron know.