



Northwest Badminton Association

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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Northwest Badminton Association (Region 4 - USA Badminton¹) and Washington State Badminton Association, I am writing to request your support for the upcoming Classic tournament on October 08–10, 2004. Your support will help us to develop junior badminton in the Spokane area and to help the careers of potential Olympians who may one day come from the Spokane area. We currently operate an active youth badminton program and each year the program grows stronger as more people “discover” the sport. Some of our young athletes have won state championships in their age groups, and all are learning life skills on the court.

There are only five Classic series tournaments in the U.S. every year and Spokane has been given the tremendous opportunity this year to host a Classic series tournament. **This tournament attracts many of the national team members and potential Olympians and we anticipate that many of these top-level athletes will play in our tournament as they begin to prepare for the 2005 World Championships in Anaheim and the 2008 Olympics.** It should also be noted that this is the first time in history in which the World Championships will be held in the US.

Badminton is the second most popular sport in the world and has usually been the first sport to sell out at the Olympics since its inception in 1992. We are expecting close to 200 participants and we want to educate the American public about the sport of badminton, its uniqueness and its life-long benefits. Sponsors may submit banners, posters or publications to be displayed at the venue and sponsorship could be in various forms ranging from in-kind donations to financial support. (Checks should be made out to WSBA if claiming a 501(c)3 deduction.)

All banners and posters will be displayed in the gym for the three full days of the tournament. Additionally, sponsorship recognition will also be provided on the official website (northwestbadminton.org) and on all registration forms.

Thank you for your consideration with the development of badminton in Spokane and the USA. Please contact me if you have any further questions at (509) 242-9285 or via the email address at the top of the page.

Sincerely,

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1. USA Badminton is officially recognized as the National Governing Body for the sport of badminton in the United States of America by the United States Olympic Committee and the International Badminton Federation