

Questions and Answers for the Tin Can Rally Basketball Tournament 2010

Q) Are my donations tax deductible?

A) Yes, donations by players and sponsors of players are able to write off contributions. Consult your tax advisor on how this can be done. You will need to obtain receipts for donations from Jon Lazarus, Eric Lampert, or a designated committee member. The reason official receipts are needed to be given from a committee member is for accountability purposes and for them to verify funds or cans donated.

Q) Who do I make my Check out to?

A) Checks should be made out to “**ODOT Tin Can Rally**”. We have an account with the Oregon Employees Credit Union. They have been gracious enough to help us with check donations by providing a checking account for use in conjunction with this charity event. All proceeds are accumulated in this account to pay for the tournament expenses and then divided amongst the individual Food Banks, depending on the placement of each team and the county Food Bank they represent (see tournament rules for how the money is divided).

Q) Why do we have sponsorship forms when there is a team fee?

A) Remember this tournament is in support of the Governor’s State Employees Food Drive. We are raising money for the hungry. The team fee provides the committee with a set amount of money they know they will have to be able to pay refs, facility fees, etc. Any extra money raised over and above the team fee goes into the total ‘pool’ for the charity event. The tournament has been a proud part of the overall food drive.

In the past, some team captains choose to pay the \$300.00 fee and collect from their players later. Other teams set a minimum contribution per player (depends on number of teammates), and tally the total at the start of the tournament.

The committee wants to encourage everyone **to raise more money than just the minimum team fee and use the sponsorship forms to document individual contributions.**

Q) Who are the players and teams involved playing in the tournament?

A) Most people involved in this tournament are state employees from various agencies, friends, and families. According to the tournament rules, under section Team Rules, part 1, “For a team to qualify for tournament play, the roster must contain a majority of STATE employees as players.” Please refer to the Rules document, Player Eligibility and Team Rules sections for more information. The committee has granted waivers for teams that have been associated with state employees, for example a contractor’s team. Waivers may be granted on a case by case basis, however they will need committee approval before being allowed to participate. If you would like to submit a team under this exception, contact OregonTinCanRally@Gmail.com before May 1, 2010.

Q) Are jerseys required to play in the tournament?

A) Yes. Appropriately numbered jerseys are required to play in the tournament. You have the option to work with Lloyd Bledsoe and submit an order for your team jerseys or bring your own. The tournament has a standard jersey with the Tin Can logo that we use and they cost about \$11 each, depending on the number of jerseys ordered. If you have your own, you must register the color with Lloyd Bledsoe to ensure that it does not conflict with other teams.

Q) When do I need to submit my team roster and pay the fee?

A) Team rosters need to be submitted by **May 1, 2010**. Please contact the tournament committee if you are unable to meet this date. Rosters are able to be changed as the tournament gets closer, but a **final roster is needed by May 5th**.

Team fees will not be collected until the week of the tournament. The committee wants to extend as much time as needed for players to collect more funds and gather last-minute donations for the tournament. All funds will need to be collected by **Saturday May 8th at 6pm.**

Q) Who do I contact during the tournament for issues with scheduling, refs, interpretation of rules, etc.?

A) The committee has a designated tournament coordinator especially to handle issues like this. The person has not been identified yet, however, will be wearing a recognizable hat. He will be available the entire tournament, specifically for these issues.