

ZOROASTRIAN SPORTS COMMITTEE

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Dear Fellow Zoroastrians,

Greetings from the Zoroastrian Sports Committee (ZSC). Our committee has been active in organizing sports events for over thirteen years. Each year our events grow, and participants from all over the United States and, in fact, all over the world come to compete, meet friends, and form long-lasting memories to cherish for years to come.

Like you, we feel the need to increase unity within our community and, particularly, amongst the Zoroastrian youth. We have entered a new millennium, a millennium in which globalization is increasingly erasing all boundaries and turning our world into a huge melting pot. Though Zoroastrians must take part in this globalization, we must not forget our roots, our heritage, our people and, most importantly, the great religion that has been placed in our care by our prophet.

We believe that nothing has the power to unite Zoroastrian youth as does sports. Our records show Zoroastrians of all ages, cultural and geographic backgrounds enthusiastically travel hundreds, sometimes thousands, of miles to participate in sports events. The most successful of these events has been the Zarathushti Games, which occur during the summer of even years. These games, usually held on a college campus, last for several days and include various sports and social activities. If you have ever participated, you know that the memories and the fun times that we share last for a lifetime. These events provide Zoroastrians with a time span of just a few days, in which they can compete, play, forget about the daily stresses of life, and more importantly, communicate and create lasting bonds with fellow Zoroastrians from all over the world.

So, if you are wondering what you can do to increase unity amongst our youth, wonder no more. **We are asking you to form teams and plan to participate in the Zarathushti Games in July 3-7, 2002 in Los Angeles, California. Also, encourage your local Zoroastrian organization to sponsor your teams so that your team's name along with that of your organization can be displayed at the next Games.** In this way, Zoroastrian participants will recognize the many different organizations that are active all over the world. They will realize that despite the fact that we are scattered across the globe, Zoroastrians are actively working to advance our community and guide our youth to cherish the good religion for generations to come.

You will receive more detailed information about the 2002 Games in the near future. In the meantime, we thank you in advance for considering our proposal. We are always open to your suggestions, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at zsc@fezana.org, call us at 310-219-8811, or fax us at 520-395-5748. We hope to see all of you and your sponsored teams at the 8th Zarathushti Games, July 3-7, 2002 in Los Angeles, California.

Sincerely,
Zoroastrian Sports Committee