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State Senator Malcolm Smith Announces "Jump & Ball" Tournament For Queens Kids

MALCOLM A. SMITH August 8, 2005

State Senator Malcolm S. Smith (D-Queens) today announced Todd Smith's "JUMP & BALL" basketball and double-dutch tournament will take place through the month of August into Labor Day weekend. Specifically, the basketball tournament will consist of 2 divisions with 80 kids per division, playing in a "Win or Go Home" game. The double-dutch competition, which is primarily female, will consist of 8 teams, showcasing their creativity, skill and talent. Both tournaments will be held at the Daniel M. O'Connell Park) OCP, located at 196th Street and Murdock Avenue in St. Albans.

"I am so pleased to see that LL Cool J is still giving back to his community and this is just the beginning. Sports such as double-dutch, which rarely have a venue to be performed and competed in, have now found a home. I know that this tournament will serve as an exciting summer sporting event to the children and families of St. Albans, and I would like to commend LL Cool J for his dedication to the Queens community" said Senator Smith.

In addition to the basketball and double-dutch competitions, there will be surprise showcases. Every week a different activity or demonstration will be featured, such as: karate, arts & crafts, self defense and dance. All of the companies participating in the weekly showcases will be donating their time and staff to the tournament to present their

demonstration.

The tournament event schedule is as follows:

August 6th - Try out

August 7th - Try out

August 13th -

August 14th - 3rd, 4th season game

August 20th - 1st, 2nd playoff game

August 21st - 3rd playoff game

August 27th - 4th playoff game

August 28th - 5th playoff game

September 3rd - 6th playoff game

September 4th - Championship games and Trophy Award

1st , 2nd season game

"I hope that the entire community will come out to enjoy these games and support their local athletes and LL Cool J. There will be prizes and trophies, but more importantly these tournaments will provide the youth of St. Albans a place to showcase and development their athletic talent, as well as a place to enjoy community and friends," said Senator Smith.

To sign up or for more information about the tournament please contact Shaun "Blacker" Bell at 718-772-8302. As always, if you have any other questions, please contact the district office of Senator Malcolm A. Smith at 718-528-4290.
