

# ALL-CHURCH OLYMPICS

Here's a way for your church to have its own summer Olympic games. Place participants in nations or countries (or just make the youth group one country and the rest of the church the other country).

Create an Olympic committee to organize and schedule events over a period of a month, with different events slated for each week. Kick things off with an opening ceremony; finish with a closing ceremony. Purchase or create awards (gold, silver, and bronze medals) for the winners in each event.

Events can include both individual and team competition—volleyball, racquetball, tennis, pool, bowling, ping-pong, tug-of-war, Frisbee throwing, cow chip tossing, anything that you can think up. Provide horseshoes and dart games for the more sedentary crowd, relays and bike contests for children, and especially competitive games for teens and active adults. These Olympics can truly perk up a dull summer and draw together your entire congregation. *John Herbert Jaffry*