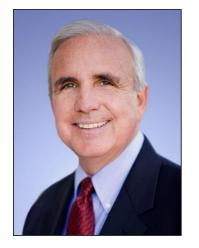


## Youth Sports Championship Series Executive Summary

The Youth Sports Championship Series, featuring the newly coveted Miami-Dade County Mayor's Cup, is the vision of Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez who as a father, grandfather and volunteer youth sports coach believes in the values and benefits children derive from participating in organized sports.





An advocate of the short and long term health benefits of regular exercise for children, the Mayor knows first-hand the strength of character that can be developed from the continuous involvement in athletics, including self-confidence, resiliency, problem solving, strategic thinking, leadership abilities, a healthy sense of competition, and valuing teamwork and the support of others. Awarded the 2014 National Association of Counties Achievement Award, The Mayor's Youth Sports Championship Series aims to build and support a strong foundation of organized sports throughout Miami-Dade County through a series of sport championships coordinated by the Miami-Dade Parks Department and local youth sports organizations. In 2013-2014 champions were crowned in 10 sports at 15 events, predominantly at Miami-Dade County owned parks and facilities.

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