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**FAMILIES CAN HAVE A BALL AT THE
NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER’S SPORTS FAMILY FUN DAYS
Presented in conjunction with *Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers***

Philadelphia, PA - Presented in conjunction with the new summer exhibition, ***Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers***, the National Constitution Center will host *Sports Family Fun Days* one Saturday each month from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. throughout the run of the exhibit, May 26 through August 20, 2006.

Sports Family Fun Days will give children the opportunity to participate in family-oriented activities that complement the *Sports* exhibit experience. *Sports Family Fun Day* activities are FREE and do not require museum admission tickets. The schedule of *Sports Family Fun Days* is as follows:

Saturday, June 17: Girl Power Day

Celebrate female athletes throughout history! Encourage a girl in your life to join in sports. Visitors to the National Constitution Center will have the opportunity to meet different local women’s sports clubs and hear from female athletes about their personal sports triumphs. The Philadelphia Girls Rowing Club will be on hand with a rowing machine and scull and Temple University’s Department of Kinesiology will talk to girls about movement and muscles.

Saturday, July 15: Coaches Day

Who are the people who get athletes motivated, teach them the game, and encourage sportsmanship? The coaches! Visitors to the National Constitution Center will learn about the other side of sports as they hear from the people behind the athletes, including the University of Pennsylvania’s volleyball coach and many more! Visitors will learn about the battles devoted coaches have fought to support their sport and players, and learn a few new moves as the coaches teach them how to compete.

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Saturday, August 12: Day of the Dance

Not only do athletes learn to work together and respect their fellow athletes, but they also learn posture and poise. Visitors to the National Constitution Center will have the chance to watch the beautiful art of dance and find out more about the history of this very social and sometimes controversial sport. The Society Hill Dance Academy, Universal Dance Center, and tango dancers will be on site to lend their expertise.

From May 26 through August 20, 2006 the National Constitution Center is hosting ***Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers***, a Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition that tells the stories of 35 athletes and their performances in 17 different sports. The exhibit also features an exclusive National Constitution Center created section, *Local Legends*, as a tribute to hometown heroes who have made a difference in the Philadelphia sports community.

Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers is free with regular museum admission of \$9 for adults and \$7 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and active military personnel. Children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers was developed by the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES). Audi is the exclusive national sponsor of the exhibition.

The Constitution Center's showing of the *Sports* exhibit is sponsored in part by the *Philadelphia Daily News*. The *Daily News* has a longstanding tradition for excellent sports coverage by an award-winning staff. *Daily News* sports writers also are seen each weekday on *Daily News Live* from 5-6:30 p.m. on Comcast SportsNet. The show is currently in its ninth season.

Located at 525 Arch Street on Philadelphia's historic Independence Mall, the National Constitution Center is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is a museum, an education

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center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising".

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