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USYCA Schools Program to be part of 2012 Physical Education Summer Institute (PESI) June 19-20-21 in Indianapolis.

From Indiana University:

"Indiana University and Dr. Donetta Cothran (School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation) are excited to welcome Jatin Patel and United States Youth Cricket back to the Physical Education Summer Institute. This annual workshop for physical education teachers attracts teachers from across the state of Indiana. Our collective goal is to promote and provide physical education programs that meet the needs of today's youth and prepare them for a lifetime of physical activity and wellness. The sport of cricket offers great potential in helping teachers meet that goal. The motor skills and strategy involved in the game challenge students in new and fun ways. Additionally, cricket's worldwide popularity offers teachers an opportunity to use the sport as a multicultural learning opportunity. The game provides physical education and classroom teachers many opportunities for academic integration with various curriculum concepts such as social studies, language, and history.

Mr. Patel and colleagues shared their expertise with the teachers and demonstrated basic game rules and skills at the conference in 2011. They also shared information about the United States Youth Cricket program and the multiple types of support available to teachers. In this year's workshop we will build on that foundation and share with the teachers additional teaching best practices and support materials. The United States Cricket program provides curricular and equipment support to help teachers and their students be successful. We are grateful to US Cricket for their support and their generosity in providing teaching DVD's, lesson ideas, and equipment to everyone that attends this year's workshop.

The potential impact of these presentations is great. By calculating the number of teacher participants (over 100 during the two years of presentations) and their probable teaching load (most teachers are responsible for 100-600 or more students per year!), it is clear that this US Cricket program can potentially impact the lives of thousands of students across the state of Indiana. Several theorists have declared sport as a "global language" and this is a unique opportunity to include many students from Indiana in learning to speak that language more fluently."

Jatin Patel, USYCA 2nd Vice-President, said, "This will offer us a very important opportunity to expand youth cricket with a highly-regarded university-level continuing education program for physical education instructors. Indiana University is one of the leading academic institutions for PE and Health Science teachers. The sport of cricket is now an additional option for teachers to take back to their school programs, and through this program we will be able to reach many teachers from many districts in Indiana. IU is the academic standard-bearer here in Hoosierland, and Indiana Youth Cricket is very happy with the new partnership to promote cricket education in Indiana."

The Physical Education Summer Institute (PESI), is a physical education workshop that is co-sponsored by Indiana University and the Indiana Department of Education. The conference is designed to celebrate youth and the importance of developmentally appropriate physical activity. Presenters include national and state teachers of the year as well as leading professionals from universities, the fitness and leisure industry, and equipment manufacturers. Participants learn the latest information about effective physical education programs via active, hands-on sessions. College credit of 1-3 undergraduate or graduate hours is available.

For more details and registration, please visit <http://www.indiana.edu/~kines/undergraduate/pesi.shtml>



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