



# CITY OF PITTSBURGH

"America's Most Livable City"

*Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl*

Dear Competition Attendees:

On behalf of the residents of the City of Pittsburgh, I am honored to welcome the participants of the World Sports and Martial Arts (WSMA) 2008 Pennsylvania State Title Event for Miss Martial Arts and Mr. Martial Arts to "America's Most Livable City" from July 18 - 20. We are thrilled to host you and your families for this extraordinary event.

This exciting competition is a formal martial arts event that promotes respective behavior, individual discipline and social acceptance in all participants. I applaud all of the competitors and commend you on your determination and commitment to excellence.

Pittsburgh is filled with many historical, recreational and social attractions. It's a city that has something for everyone. Take a ride on the inclines and check out the spectacular views from Mount Washington. An eclectic array of restaurants and entertainment venues in the Strip District or Station Square offer a relaxing atmosphere to socialize with colleagues. In addition, our museums offer everything from dinosaurs to Andy Warhol, and our Cultural District - the largest of any such arts district outside of New York's Broadway - offers spectacular shows and cutting-edge galleries.

As we commemorate our 250<sup>th</sup> year as a city, Pittsburgh is at a particularly exciting point in its history. We have exceptional universities and medical facilities, a diverse economy, cutting edge research and technology facilities and Downtown revitalization projects in the works. Our Neighborhoods First campaign is in full swing, aimed at making our City one of the cleanest and safest in the country.

Pittsburgh is celebrating its 250th Anniversary with events throughout the region. Now is a perfect time to discover the treasures that surround us each day here in Pittsburgh, as well as the individuals in our communities who make it a special place to live, work and play.

We hope you enjoy your stay in Pittsburgh and that you will come back and visit us often. Best of luck to all of the competitors!



Sincerely,

Luke Ravenstahl  
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh



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