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Dear Coach:

I hope you are having a great season and are starting to think about getting ready for an even better season next year. Here at USM, we are enjoying another highly successful season. Our record presently stands at 12-1, 3-0 in Little East Conference play, we are ranked 20th in the nation. If all goes as planned this will be our 29th consecutive year of 20 or more wins, an NCAA Women's Basketball record.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you and your team to Girls Swish Summer Shoot-Out. We are seeking 48 teams for this three day event, June 26th – 28th at the University of Southern Maine. Teams from Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont participated in last year's Shoot-Out. We expect the Shoot-Out will fill up quickly so you need to register early if you plan to participate this summer.

Girls Swish Summer Shoot-Out will be divided into divisions to accommodate schools of different sizes and levels of play. The format for the weekend will be 4 divisions of 12 teams per division, with 2 pools of 6 teams within each division. Teams will play a round robin schedule within their pool on Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday morning. On Sunday afternoon the two top teams from each pool will advance to a single elimination tournament for each division.

We are trying to provide you and your team the opportunity to face competition that you would not ordinarily play during the year, as well as provide a competitive fun-filled way to begin your summer program. USM will provide a minimum of five refereed games, Shoot-out t-shirt for each player up to 10 players, lecture for the players, coaches' chalk talk and several other competitions and awards for the champions. The registration fee for the weekend is \$385 per team.

Housing and meals in the University residence halls and dining room can be provided for you and your team at a cost of \$83 per person. A coach must stay with the team and one coach per team will be provided housing and meals free of charge. The meal plan will include breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday.

If you are interested in entering your team, please complete and return the enclosed registration form along with a \$100 deposit to the Dept. of Athletics, 37 College Ave., Gorham, ME 04038.

We are looking forward to a great Girls Swish Summer Shoot-Out. Don't be left out! Register now-- the Shoot-Out is limited to the first 48 teams to register and for the last 10 years we had a waiting list. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (207) 780-5179.

Sincerely,

Michael McDevitt  
Women's Basketball Coach