
MWC Email Addresses

Posted by Gunk - 2008/03/17 13:23

Okay, hearing about the violence at the MWC tourney game got me all riled up. :angry: It's one thing to have the tournament location favor a particular team it's another to have it be a hostile location for fans. That's inexcusable. I almost shelled out the cash to fly to LV and watch the games, but I am certainly glad I didn't now.

For those wanting to let the MWC know of how sick we are of having to go to Las Vegas and put up with religious intolerance, below are the email addresses of several key MWC officials. Let them hear it.

Bret Gilliland, Deputy Commissioner, 488-4045 bgilliland@themwc.com
Jim Andrus Associate, Commissioner, Business and Finance, 488-4042 jandrus@themwc.com
Kelly Banet, Director of Championships, 488-4054 kbanet@themwc.com
Kim Melcher, Director of Communications, 488-4050 kmelcher@themwc.com

Re:MWC Email Addresses

Posted by Gunk - 2008/03/17 14:17

Also, if anyone is interested, here is the email address for UNLV's athletic director, Mike Hamrick. I'm definately going to let Mike know about how pleasant his fans are to be around.

mike.hamrick@unlv.edu

Re:MWC Email Addresses

Posted by Gunk - 2008/03/17 15:21

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Well written, Gunk! I prob won't send an email in, to be quite honest, but I agree with EVERYTHING you wrote. Especially going to it as a family, as that's prob how lots of people went down to enjoy the event- that behavior is uncalled for. Absolutely. I'm a single student, but if I DID have a family, I'd feel the same way. That's MY safety at risk as well as fans of both teams as well. It's JUST a game, and even though UNLV fans wanted revenge against us from mid february in Provo, BOTH teams were in the NC double A tourney, regardless of the outcome of that game. Improvements HAVE to be made.
Go cougs on thursday, baby, and spring ball this week. Lets enjoy both!

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Couldn't have said it better! I went down to the tournament and I promise I will not be back until they can somewhat control their fans. It really was embarrassing...

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Posted by Illinois1Cougar - 2008/03/17 15:47

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Posted by UliUli79 - 2008/03/17 16:08

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This is pretty good actually.

I e-mailed the MWC as well. Said some of the things that Gunk said. Unfortunately I had to experience it first hand :(.

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Posted by Gunk - 2008/03/17 16:17

Thanks, all. Here is the email I wrote to UNLV's athletic director. I'll let you know if I get any responses.

"Mike,

Although I am well aware you have no control over the actions of individuals, as Athletic Director for UNLV you do hold a very public position and are hence able to sway public opinion. Consequently, I am writing to you to let you know how dumbfounded I am at the behavior of UNLV fans at the MWC Men's Basketball Championship game.

I am certainly in favor of spirited, competitive athletic events and even the celebratory rushing of the court or field, but violence and derogatory yells and signs toward a particular religious group are an entirely different matter. I hope at the very least you publicly encourage UNLV students to abstain from such behavior. I, as well as many others I know, will not be attending any more UNLV MWC hosted events."

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Posted by UliUli79 - 2008/03/19 10:51

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Wow! Very cool. Tom will be able to take your letter into his meeting. UNLV or the MWC haven't responded to me. :(Guess they don't want to admit we're right.

If the comments and actions of the UNLV fans were directed towards homosexuals or Jews, you can bet UNLV would be issuing all sorts of apologies and requiring all incoming freshman to take a diversity class.

