

Sports Assignment 2

Due: April 17

Specifics:

- Five of your best shots from one sporting event
- Don't overlap with a News Event
- Captions for photos
- Handed in via Flickr

We're now in Iowa Cubs season! I'd like everyone to try to shoot at an I-Cubs game.. if not, you have the usual ideas....

Energy, Drake, Grand View or DMACC basketball

Hockey

Off-road bike race/cyclocross (bikeiowa.com for calendar)

Soccer

Dance/cheerleading

Mixed Martial Arts

Media pass:

Unless you have an "in" or know you can get on the sidelines at a high school game, you'll need to get a media pass:

- Call the media relations office for the team.
- Say a photojournalism student and you're interested in a media pass. They will take your name and usually leave the pass at the ticket window.

Other tips:

- Put your camera in aperture priority -- if you don't have a lot of light, set it to the smallest f-stop setting. This will automatically give you the fastest shutter speed available.
- If the scene is too dark and you're having trouble getting a fast shutter speed (1/500 or faster is ideal for sports), set your ISO up to 1600, or sometimes higher (depends how well your camera does with "noise" at higher ISO settings).
- Flashes are usually prohibited, although sometimes they are allowed (ask media relations).
- Shoot the scoreboard occasionally so you know what quarter/period the play happened in.
- Take notes during the game for your captions, especially when you get an important shot.
- Try to figure out if there are any stars on the team and try to focus on them throughout the game. Watch for interesting interactions with the referees or the bench, or any interesting characters in the crowd.
- For all games... STAY SAFE! Watch for flying players or objects!