

County Says No To Lingerie Football League

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St. Charles County, Missouri - Contrary to some news reports, St. Charles County will not be renting the Family Arena to a franchise of the Lingerie Football League, which is planning to play two games in St. Louis next year. A request from a similar league was turned down last year.

When Family Arena officials are contacted for an event, a committee of three, appointed by the county executive, reviews the request to determine if it would violate a long-standing county policy not to host events that advocate "violence; suicide; sexual depravity; illegal behavior; violence against or the degradation of" certain groups.

When the committee ruled that this league did not violate this policy, arena management entered into discussions with the franchise, but could not come to terms acceptable to County Executive Steve Ehlmann.

"We owe it to the taxpayers to look at every event, and that's what we did with this," Ehlmann said. "We did our due diligence and talked with the ownership. In the end, we just felt it wasn't a good fit and didn't make sense from a business, or a public relations, standpoint."

Ehlmann stressed, "The administration is committed to bringing family entertainment to the building. But just because it is called the "Family Arena," that does not mean that every event there is suitable for every member of the family. We've had Bill Maher and Dennis Miller there, and I wouldn't recommend their acts for children."

The Family Arena will be home to a new professional men's indoor football league team next year. The United Indoor Football League will begin play in February, and play seven home games and seven away games commencing in April.

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