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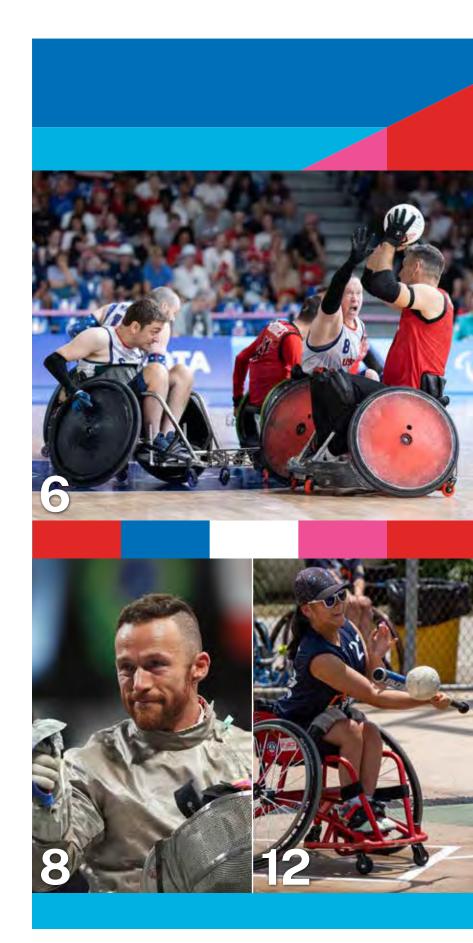
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Wheelchair Rugby = Collisions + Camaraderie

Getting Into the Sport

Trying to describe the sport of wheelchair rugby may be difficult. You just have to see it. Better yet, you just have to play it.

It is not like ambulatory rugby, according to Sarah Adam, who became the first woman to win a medal in the sport for Team USA at the 2024 Paralympic Games. "We don't play on grass and there is no scrum," she said. "The only commonality is the physicality of the sport."

Wheelchair rugby is a contact sport, which is what draws players to the game. "It is high speed, high intensity competitive athletics. It is full speed bumper cars as we are going full speed at each other in wheelchairs," Adam said.

"It's chaos," said 2024 Paralympic Silver Medalist Mason Symons. "I love the physicality and intensity." As a contact sport, expect some collisions. Because it is a contact sport, please note that a physician clearance may be required to play. It is because of this that the sport is so appealing to those who play.

The collisions may be a draw, but so is the camaraderie according to Adam and Symons. Adam, who started playing the game with DASA, a Move United member organization in the St. Louis, Missouri area, fell in love with the game first because of the community and how welcoming it was. "They were like 'come on in," she said. Then she was drawn to the physicality and strategy of the game. "As a smaller athlete, I need to be strategic," she said. "I need to be three steps ahead. The game is really a mix of basketball (picks), hockey, and football (following your blockers)."

What You Need to Know

Wheelchair rugby is played on a basketball court with the regulation size of 94 feet by 47 feet. It is four on four, with four players per team on the court at one time. All players have a point classification assigned to them based on their disability in .5 increments, ranging from .5 for someone with lower amounts of function to 3.5 for someone who may have more function. Each team cannot have more than 8 points on the court. The sport is co-ed, so teams that have a female athlete on the court get an additional point allocation.

The object of the game is to take the ball (a volleyball) and advance it from one end of the court to the other end. "You have to bounce or pass the ball every 8 seconds," Symons said. You might find some rules that are like the rules of basketball.

For example, you have a set clock and must score within that timeframe, or it is a turnover. You have some common fouls that might apply in the game of hockey, where you may have to serve in the penalty box if you've committed one.

Two cones, 24 feet apart, make up the goal line. A team earns a point, or try, if you go over the baseline with any two wheels while having possession of the ball. Anyone can score, but some players may focus on offense or defense.

Games are 32 minutes in length (four 8-minute quarters) but typically lasts $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour in total time after you factor in the stop and go clock, the 10-minute halftime, and time outs.

It is a fast action, up-and-down-the-court kind of game. Strong athletes can push from one end to another in about 5.5 seconds, so that equates to up to 15-20 miles an hour, so when there is a collision, you see it and you hear it. Each team can score 50-60 points per game.

Equipment Needed

Obviously, the main piece of equipment every player needs to play wheelchair rugby is a sport chair. Most local teams have program chairs that players can use at the beginning. It is important to have the right chair and to get properly fitted into a chair. "Our chairs are our shoes, so you are comfortable, safe, and fluid in your movement," Adam said.

Chairs do have straps and belts to secure players in, which could include a lap belt, foot belt, or chest strap to keep you in your chair. "We use straps, Velcro, and foam to make the chairs work for the individual athlete," Adam said.

After a year of playing the game, Adam recommends getting a customized chair, important if you want to progress in the sport. "Grants and resources are available out there to do that," she said.

The chair is built to both give and absorb impact. It is for this reason that it is a relatively safe sport. The most common injury we have typically involves the hands. But people do occasionally flip over. "You can't hit behind the axle," Symons said. Players will also likely need gloves and sleeves for protection as well.

Taking It to the Next Level

To compete in the sport, players should work on cardio and build endurance. You stop and go, but you do that continuously for an hour and a half, so it is an aerobic sport.

According to Symons, it is an offensive and defensive sport but primarily offensive. "It is all about the angles and there can be some really cool passes and catches," he said.

Players need to focus on pushing, throwing, and catching skills. Adam agrees, reiterating the importance of fine tuning your push technique and focusing on propulsion.

Once you've determined that wheelchair rugby is the sport for you, find a local club team to join. There are three divisions at the club level. Division 1 is the top competitive level, and there is a difference in play between each division. Of course, you can always try out for the national team, which is headquartered at the Lakeshore Foundation, a Move United member based in Birmingham, Alabama. Learn more at *usawr.org*.

Find a Program

There's a place at the table for everyone in the sport. There are over 30 Move United member organizations that offer the sport. "Jump into it and try it out," Symons said. You can locate one by visiting moveunitedsport.org/chapters/location-map/ and searching for "wheelchair rugby."

For Adam, the sport really helps to break down stereotypes of people with disabilities. "We're not fragile," she said. ■



Mason Symons Photos by Wheelchair Sports Federation

Garrett Schoonover:From Army Linguist to Paralympic Fencer

Garrett Schoonover's path to the 2024 Paris Paralympics began long before he ever picked up a fencing sword. Growing up in Utah with a military family legacy, Schoonover was destined for service, following in the footsteps of his grandfather who flew Cobra helicopters and his uncles in the Navy.

After his college plans were derailed when his new music major program wasn't ready to accommodate his timeline, Schoonover enlisted in the Army and found his calling in military intelligence. His natural aptitude for languages led him to the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, where he spent 14 months mastering Persian Farsi.

"When I took the test, they said, 'Pick whatever language you want. We'll teach it to you,"
Schoonover recalls. "So I picked Persian Farsi." Schoonover served with the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion in Salt Lake City, where his unit's linguistic capabilities made them a valuable resource.
"We were a pick and pull

unit because unique missions would come up with language requirements or interrogation requirements or counterintelligence requirements," he explains.

Seven years into his military career, Schoonover's life changed dramatically during a motorcycle accident on the 405 freeway in Los Angeles. "I was lane splitting [when] a guy from New York who hadn't driven in five years decided he really wanted to drive from LA to a wedding in Napa," he remembers.

The severity of the accident was immediately apparent. What followed was a grueling four-month battle to save his leg, involving eight major surgeries at UCLA Ronald Reagan



Medical Center and later at the University of Utah. "We realized we were fighting a losing battle," he said. "There was an infection that had made it to the bone, and my tibia was the consistency of peanut butter, according to the doctor."

The transition to life as an amputee presented unexpected challenges beyond the obvious physical adjustments. "Something as small as having to pee in the night — I can't just get up half asleep, shuffle to the bathroom, shuffle back and wake up in the morning and forget that I even did it," Schoonover explains. "At that point you're having to expend so much energy just using crutches or a walker to get to the bathroom or go get a glass of water."

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Despite these challenges, Schoonover was determined to continue his education and career. He returned to UCLA to complete his graduate degree in opera, even performing his final recital during the early days of COVID-19.

Schoonover's introduction to para fencing came through a colleague at Hanger Clinic, where he worked helping new amputees adjust to life with prosthetics. His coworker, a para strongman competitor, had accidentally discovered para fencing at a tournament venue.

"He came back from a tournament in San Jose with a bronze medal and just the biggest smile on his face," Schoonover recalls. "And he said, 'when are we going to get you in a chair? When are you going to come fence? You were in the Army. You know how to fight, dang it."

The first practice session in November 2021 was revelatory. "I was hooked almost immediately," Schoonover said. "I was like, 'This is so much fun.' And I go back and I watch the video of it, and I was terrible. I had none of the right instincts, none of the right movement patterns, but I was smiling the whole time in all the videos."

His natural athleticism and competitive spirit, honed through years of football, wrestling, and military training, translated remarkably well to fencing. Just two months after his first practice, he won two bronze medals at his first national event in January 2022. As a result, his rapid improvement caught the attention of national coaches, who invited him to a training camp in Colorado Springs. It was there that another elite athlete encouraged him to set his sights on Paris 2024. "She said, 'I think if you really want to make a push for Paris, you should start now," Schoonover remembers.

The path to Paris wasn't smooth. A hand injury about a year before the games threatened to derail his Paralympic dreams. But Schoonover's resilience shone through. After focusing on recovery, he swept gold at the national championships and pulled off a surprise gold medal at a final qualifying tournament.

Competing at the 2024 Paris Paralympics fulfilled a childhood dream that began during the 2002 Salt Lake City Games. "Growing up in Salt Lake, having the games here in '02 was an amazing thing to be a part of," he said. "Our teachers actually focused a lot of our history classes around the Olympics because they knew that it was going to be there."

The experience of representing Team USA was transformative. "Getting to go and actually represent Team USA and compete at the games in front of that crowd — it was hard to beat," Schoonover said. "It was a high that was definitely hard to come down from."

Today, Schoonover uses his platform to advocate for community and inclusion through sport. His message emphasizes how athletics can break down barriers and create understanding.

"We use sport as a catalyst for that end goal. Through sport, people see the event more than they see the disability. They see people coming together to support other individuals more than they see the disability," he explains. "So it puts people who would otherwise be less inclined to consider things that people have to go through on a day-to-day basis, unless they're interfacing with it firsthand."

Reflecting on his journey, Schoonover credits the Utah fencing community for embracing him and providing opportunities. "I had a fantastic group here in Utah that really opened up the doors and brought me into their circle and made me a part of their family. They said, 'We want to support you in this. We will open every door for you that we can. We just ask that you pay it back to the community."



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Wheelchair Softball: Breaking Barriers on the Diamond



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Brendan Downes wants you to close your eyes. Now imagine entering the batter's box at the bottom of the ninth inning. Two outs, and two on base. It's up to you to deliver. You see the pitch come in and you hit it to right field. "Nowhere in there did I tell you 'did you see yourself in a wheelchair?' No, you're playing the game," said Downes. "That's what wheelchair softball is all about."

Wheelchair softball combines the beloved American pastime of baseball (and softball) with the speed, strategy, and athleticism that makes it accessible to athletes with mobility impairments. Far from being a slower-paced version of traditional softball, wheelchair softball demands exceptional skill, lightning-quick reflexes, and strategic thinking that rivals any sport.

Adaptations in the Game

While wheelchair softball shares fundamental similarities with traditional softball, the biggest difference is the field of play, according to Downes, who was born with spina bifida and plays with a team associated with Courage Kenny, a Minnesota-based Move United member organization. "We play on black top or concrete," he said. "Some teams have their own wheelchair softball fields across the nation, which is like a tennis court painted like a softball diamond." Others may just play in parking lots.



Photo by Timothy Brown

"We play with four outfielders, so you have 10 players in the field," Downes said. The fences range from 160 to 170 feet and 70 feet in the corners. "And there are guys that hit it over from their chair," Downes said.

Individual athletes are classified on a point structure with one point for someone with less mobility up to 4.5. The team can only have a maximum of 28 points out on the field at any given time. "One of the cooler differences about wheelchair softball is, I contend, that it's one of the more inclusive wheelchair sports across all disabilities," Downes said. "In that starting 10, we have a quad. It is a requirement that a quad has to start. So what you're talking about is quad participation all the way up to single leg amputees."

But when it comes down to the gameplay itself, it's the same thing. "We do have little cages that we'll put in the batter's box to keep our wheels from moving as we're swinging through, to keep your momentum stationary," Downes said. But once you hit the ball, you move your own chair. "There's no power chairs in wheelchair softball, so as soon as I hit it, I am sprinting to first to try and beat the throw," he said.

Bats, Balls, and Other Equipment

Wheelchair softball is underhand softball, and the game is played with a 16-inch softball. "Don't get me wrong — that thing is a rock trying to catch one," Downes said.

A lot of the equipment is handled by the teams, including the bats and balls, although any player is welcome to bring along his or her favorite bat. Many players also play bare handed. "It's usually only the first baseman that has a glove, Downes said. "So you're talking about people that are sprinting, catching, throwing, all of it bare handed out there

in the outfield, turning double plays. It's all done bare handed."

Most players do use a sports chair in order to play the game. "You'll find some newbies that show up and they're probably playing their first game or two in a day chair," Downes said. "But as the competition level heightens, and your skill level heightens, and your interest heightens, sports chairs are the way to go."

These sports chairs are designed for maximum performance. They feature cambered wheels for improved stability during

quick turns, lower seats for better balance, and lightweight frames that allow for explosive acceleration.

The equipment represents a significant investment for serious players, with high-end sports wheelchairs costing several thousand dollars. But there's also program chairs that you can borrow and there are grants out there that allow players to purchase their own as well.

Getting in the Game

The season typically runs from mid-April to August. There are regional tournaments throughout the summertime and teams can often get in four to six games in two days. The season typically wraps up by the second week in August, culminating with the World Series. Eighteen teams played at the 2025 event with over 300 athletes coming together to play. Even if you don't have a team, Downes says it is an open invite. "We'll find you a team to play on," he said.

Downes, who is past president of the National Wheelchair Softball Association, says if you have a passion for baseball or softball, then give the sport a try. "Come find us and try the sport," he said. "We're here ready. Because a lot of the people that come out and try it have been playing for now 30, 40, 50 years now."

Twenty-four Move United member organizations offer the sport. To find a program near you, visit <u>moveunitedsport.</u>
<u>org/locations</u> and search "wheelchair softball." To find other teams, visit <u>wheelchairsoftball.org</u>. If you enjoy the crack of the bat, the cheer of teammates, and the thrill of racing toward home plate, then get off the sideline and get into America's favorite pastime. ■

From Therapy to Team USA: Genevieve Rohner's Journey to Paralympic Dreams



"We both went, and he hated it, and I loved it, and I've just kept riding from then on," Rohner recalls.

Her mother Lexi explains the profound impact horses had on her daughter's development: "When she got around horses, it calmed her down," she said. "It really balanced her out. It was a complete 180."

The transformation was remarkable for a child who struggled with sensory processing disorders due to being born so prematurely. "When I'm on the horses, I just feel a lot better, just in general," Rohner explains. "I love the feeling of being on the horse and the feeling the horse gives me."

What began as therapy evolved into passion when Rohner attended CalNet, a California show where riders compete in various events. "I participated in all the events, and I rode the horses, and I had so much fun. I think I just wanted to keep competing from there," she remembers.

At age seven, a chance encounter would change everything. Hope Hand from the US Para Equestrian Association spotted Rohner riding and saw potential that would eventually lead to international competition. "She sought out Rohner's coach and asked to meet us because she saw her ride," her mother recalls.

At just 17 years old, Genevieve Rohner has already made history as one of the youngest para dressage competitors in the world. Born a triplet at 28 weeks with cerebral palsy, her path to the elite equestrian sport began not with competitive aspirations, but with therapy at age four.

Rohner's introduction to horses came through necessity rather than choice. When her brother was invited to hippotherapy at Ride On, an equine therapy program in California, her mother decided to bring Rohner along. When she was nine, Rohner was classified as a Grade 4 para dressage rider (on a scale where Grade 1 is least ablebodied and Grade 5 is most able-bodied). She also moved to Utah, where she began training at the National Ability Center, a Move United member organization in Utah.

Her breakthrough came in 2020 at nationals in Tryon, North Carolina, where she placed first and second. There, she met Paralympic veterans Becca Hart and Kate Shoemaker, who would become mentors and role models.

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"Kate invited us to her barn in Florida, and so we went down there, and got to talk more about goals and stuff," Rohner says.

In 2022, at just 14 years old, Rohner competed in her first international competition in Wellington. Her rise continued as she earned placement on the emerging athletes list and later moved up to the development list. Her mother proudly notes: "There's about 15 people in the country that do what she does, and she's the only minor. She became the youngest in the world at 14 when she started competing."

A particularly special moment came when Shoemaker allowed Rohner to ride her Paralympic horse in competition. "That horse is fantastic," Rohner said. "And I think even though I've done other international competitions, I think I would consider that one my biggest because I got to ride this amazing horse and be coached by Kate during that."

Currently, Rohner competes with Caspar, whose name means "treasure" in German — fitting for a horse imported from Germany who has become her perfect partner. "He's more cuddly than my previous horse," Rohner said. "He just wants to lick everything and cuddle all the time. I think he would be happy to just hang out all day and do nothing and lick everything," she laughs.

But when it comes to competition, Caspar transforms: "I think he gets serious when it's competition time, but he's kind of happy either way," Rohner said.

Rohner's approach to improvement is methodical and consistent. "I try to ride as much as I can. And then I also work out every morning, and I try to have nonzero days," she explains. "Even doing one push up is better than zero pushups. I just try to do something every day."

She also runs for fun, which helps her stay fit for the physical demands of dressage — a sport she describes simply as "where the rider makes the horse dance."

Outside of riding, Rohner pursues photography and has trained her dog, as she enjoys working with animals beyond horses. She's also a police explorer, learning about various aspects of law enforcement as she considers future career paths.

With the 2028 Paralympics set for Los Angeles — not far from where her equestrian journey began in California — Rohner has her sights set on representing Team USA on home soil. "It would be nice to be able to have family so close, and it would be really, really cool if I could do that," she said.









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Upper Marlboro, MD Promiselandingfarm.org

Team River Runner

Rockville, MD teamriverrunner.org

USA Lacrosse

Sparks, MD UsaLacrosse.com

Massachusetts

AccesSportAmerica

Acton, MA accessportamerica.org

Bionic Project

Cambridge, MA Bionic5K.com

Boston Athletic Association

Boston, MA Baa.org

Adaptive Sports New England

Austin, MA

adaptivesportsne.org

Community Rowing

Brighton, MA Communityrowing.org

South Coast Wheelchair Tennis Foundation

Attleboro, MA southcoastwheelchairtennis.org

Spaulding Adaptive Sports Centers (Spaulding Rehabilitation Network)

East Sandwich, MA sasc.spauldingrehab.org

U.S. Volt Hockey Association

Franklin, MA VoltHockeyUsa.org

Waypoint Adventure, Inc.

Lexington, MA waypointadventure.org

Webster Waterski Collective

Webster, MA websterwaterski.org

Michigan

Adaptive Ski Association-West Michigan

Ada, MI skiccsa.org

Kentwood Parks and Recreation

Kentwood, MI

kentwood.us/city_services/ city_departments/parks_and_ recreation/index.php

Mary Free Bed Wheelchair and **Adaptive Sports**

Grand Rapids, MI maryfreebed.com/rehabilitation/ sports-rehabilitation/wheelchairadaptive-sports/

Michigan Adaptive Sports

West Bloomfield, MI Michiganadaptivesports.com

Michigan Sports Unlimited

Essexville, MI misprtsunlimted.com/ misprtsunlimited.com

Michigan Victory Games

Grand Rapids, MI MichiganVictoryGames.org

Mount Brighton Adaptive Sports

Program Brighton, MI

mtbadaptivesports.org

Moving Mountains Adaptive Program

Iron Mountain, MI movingmountainsap.org

Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan Foundation

Detroit, MI Rimfoundation.org

Therapeutic Riding Inc. Ann Arbor, MI

therapeuticridinginc.org

University of Michigan Adaptive & Inclusive Sports Experience (UMAISE)

Ann Arbor, MI

medicine.umich.edu/dept/pmr/ patient-care/therapeutic-otherservices/university-michiganadaptive-inclusive-sportsexperience-umaise

University of Michigan Adaptive Sports & Fitness

Ann Arbor, MI ssd.umich.edu/adaptive-sports

Wheels in Motion

Fenton, MI wheelsinmotion.org

Minnesota

Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute

Golden Valley, MN allinahealth.org/adaptivesports

EA Therapeutic Health

Rochester, MN exercisabilities.org

HOPE. Inc. Moorhead, MN hopeinc.org

Northland Adaptive Recreation

Duluth, MN mdfoundation.org

PVA Minnesota Chapter

Minneapolis, MN mnpva.org

U.S. Electric Wheelchair Hockey Association

New Hope, MN powerhockey.com

Missouri

Disabled Athlete Sports Association (DASA)

St. Peters, MO dasasports.org

Gateway Disabled Ski Program

Fureka, MO Gdspstl.org

Midwest Adaptive Sports

Dearborn, MO midwestadaptivesports.org

Show Me Shooting Sports

Independence, MO facebook.com/people/ Show-Me-Shooting-Sports/61560761046155/

Montana

Ability Montana

Helena, MT Abilitymt.org

DREAM Adaptive Recreation

Whitefish, MT dreamadaptive.org

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Eagle Mount Billings

Billings, MT eaglemount.us

Eagle Mount Bozeman

Bozeman, MT eaglemount.org

Eagle Mount Great Falls

Great Falls, MT eaglemount.net

Nebraska

Nebraska Adaptive Sports

Omaha, NE nebraskaadaptivesports.org

Nevada

City of Las Vegas Adaptive Recreation

Las Vegas, NV lasvegasnevada.gov

City of Reno

Reno. NV

reno.gov/government/ departments/parks-recreationcommunity-services/adaptiverecreation

DRIVEN Neurorecovery Center

Las Vegas, NV drivenLV.org

Nevada Paralyzed Veterans of America

Las Vegas, NV nevadapva.org

New Hampshire

Adaptive Sports Partners

Franconia, NH adaptivesportspartners.org

Granite State Adaptive

Mirror Lake, NH gsadaptive.org

Lakes Region Disabled Sports at Gunstock

Gilford, NH lradaptive.org

Mount Washington Valley Adaptive Sports

Bartlett, NH mwvas.org

New England Disabled Sports

Lincoln, NH

nedisabledpsports.org

New England Healing Sports Association

Newbury, NH nehsa.org

Northeast Passage

Durham, NH nepassage.org

Seven Hills Foundation

Greenfield, NH sevenhills.org

Waterville Valley Adaptive Sports Helen Hayes Hospital

Waterville Valley, NH watervilleadaptive.com

New Jersey

Children's Lightning Wheels

Mountainside, NI childrens-specialized.org/sportsconnection

Navigators Adaptive Sports Club

Bayonne, NJ navigatorsadaptivesports.com

Tri-State Wheelchair Athletic Association

Mountainside, NJ Tswaa.com

New Mexico

Adaptive Sports Program New Mexico

Santa Fe. NM adaptivesportsprogram.org

All Season Adaptive Sports

Ruidoso, NM allseasonadaptivesports.com

Center of Recreational Excellence (CORE)

Hobbs, NM Corehobbs.com

New York

Able Athletics

Scarsdale, NY ableathletics.org

Adaptive Sports Foundation

Windham, NY adaptivesportsfoundation.org

American Amputee Soccer Association

Stony Brook, NY Usampsoccer.org

Burke Rehabilitation Hospital Adaptive Sports Program

White Plains, NY burke.org/community/ adaptiveprograms

Capital Region Nordic Alliance

Albany, NY capitalregionnordicalliance.org

CNY Adaptive Sports

Oswego, NY cnyadaptivesports.org

GallopNYC

Forest Hills, NY gallopnyc.org

Greater Buffalo Adaptive Sports

Hamburg, NY sledhockeyfoundation.org

Greek Peak Adaptive Snowsports

Endwell, NY gpadaptive.org

West Haverstraw, NY helenhayeshospital.org/hospitalservices/adapted-sportsrecreation/

Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program

Ellicotville, NY lounsburyadaptive.org

Para-Cliffhangers, Inc.

Brooklyn, NY Paracliffhangers.org

Rochester Accessible Adventures

Rochester, NY rochesteraccessibleadventures.org

Rochester Community Inclusive Rowing

Rochester, NY

STRIDE

West Sand Lake, NY stride.org

USA Boccia

Bay Shore, NY Usaboccia.org

Western NY Watersports

Grand Island, NY wnyadaptivewatersport.org

North Carolina

ACCESS of Wilmington

Wilmington, NC accessilm.org

Bridge II Sports

Durham, NC bridge2sports.org

ComMotion-Community In Motion

Raleigh, NC Commoutionnc.org

Greensboro Parks & Recreation

Greensboro, NC greensboro-nc.gov/departments/ parks-recreation/adaptiveinclusive-recreation

North Carolina Adapted Sports

Cary, NC ncadaptedsports.org

Salvage Life

Jacksonville, NC Salvagelifevi.org

Unbroken Spirit

Bryson City, NC Unbrokenspirit.org

North Dakota

Dreams in Motion

Mandan, ND facebook.com/dreamsinmotioninc

Prairie Grit Adaptive Sports

Minot, ND

prairiegritsports.com

Adaptive Sports Connection

Powell, OH

adaptivesportsconnection.org

Adaptive Sports Program of Ohio Wooster, OH

adaptivesportsohio.org

Cincinnati Tennis Foundation

Cincinnati, OH

CincinnatiTennisFoundation.org

Rec2Connect

Cleveland, OH rec2connect.org

The Bridge Adaptive Sports & Recreation

Cincinnati, OH Thebridgeadaptive.org

Three Trackers of Ohio

Middleburg Heights, OH 3trackers.org

Youth Challenge

Westlake, OH youthchallengesports.com

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Adaptive Sports Association

Oklahoma City, OK okasa.org

Oklahoma City Parks & Recreation

Oklahoma City, OK okc.gov/departments/about-okc-

The Center for Individuals with **Physical Challenges**

Tulsa, OK tulsacenter.org

University of Central Oklahoma **Center of Adaptive Sports**

Edmond, OK

uco.edu/wellness/sr/trainingsite/ index.asp

Oregon

Adaptive Sports Northwest

Beaverton, OR adaptivesportsnw.org

Adventures Without Limits

Forest Grove, OR awloutdoors.org

Bridge City Inclusive Sports

Portland, OR BridgeCityInclusive.org

Oregon Adaptive Sports

Bend, OR

oregonadaptivesports.org

Pennsylvania

Blue Ridge Adaptive Snow Sports (BRASS)

Fairfield, PA brasski.org

Envision Blind Sports

Mercer, PA envisionblindsports.org

IM ABLE Foundation

Wvomissing, PA imablefoundation.org

Pennsylvania Center for Adapted Sports

Philadelphia, PA centeronline.com

Three Rivers Adaptive Sports

Pittsburgh, PA traspa.org

Two Top Mountain Adaptive Sports Foundation

Mercersburg, PA twotopadaptive.org

South Carolina

Adaptive Expeditions

Charleston, SC AdaptiveExpeditions.org

Clemson Adaptive Sports

Clemson, SC clemson.edu/cbshs/departments/ prtm/programs/clemson-adaptivesport-recreation/index.html

Grand Strand Miracle Leagues

Myrtle Beach, SC GrandStrandMiracleLeague.com

Roger C. Peace Rehabilitation Hospital

Greenville, SC facebook.com/events/roger-cpeace-rehab-center-greenvillememorial/roger-c-peace-adaptivesports/763384843997012

Tennessee

Sports, Arts & Recreation of Chattanooga (SPARC)

Chattanooga, TN sparctn.org

Texas

Ability Skateboarding & Action Sport

San Antonio, TX AbilititySkateboarding.org

Kinetic Kids

Austin TX

San Antonio, TX kinetickidstx.org

Lone Star Paralysis Foundation

lonestarparalysis.org

Find the program closest to you.

Morgan's Wonderland Sports

San Antonio, TX morganswonderlandsports.com/ straps

One Chair at a Time

Amarillo, TX onechairatatime.org

RISE Adaptive Sports

Irving, TX riseadaptivesports.org

Service Members Undertaking Disabled Sports (SUDS)

San Antonio, TX sudsusa.org

Southwest Wheelchair Athletic Association

Fort Worth, TX Swaasports.org

Texas Paralyzed Veterans of America

Crosby, TX texaspva.org

Texas Parasport

Wimberley, TX texasparasport.org

Utah

Common Ground Outdoor Adventures

Logan, UT cgadventures.org

National Ability Center

Park City, UT discovernac.org

Ogden Valley Adaptive Sports

Huntsville, UT ogdenvalleyadaptivesports.org

Salt Lake County

Midvale, UT slco.org/adaptive

Wasatch Adaptive Sports

Snowbird, UT wasatchadaptivesports.org

Vermont

Adaptive Sports at Mount Snow

West Dover, VT adaptiveatsnow.org

Central Vermont Pioneers

Montpelier, VT CentralVermontPioneers.org

EDD Adaptive Sports

Williston, VT eddfund.org



Green Mountain Adaptive Sports

Hyde Park, VT greenmtnadaptive.org

Kelly Brush Foundation

Burlington, VT Kbf.org

Northeast Disabled Athletic Association

Burlington, VT disabledathletics.org

Vermont Adaptive Ski & Sports Association

Killington, VT vermontadaptive.org

Warrior Soar

Shelburne, VT WarriorsSoar.org

Virginia

Adaptive Fitness Legion

Fairfax, VA AdaptiveFitnessLegion.org

Adventure Amputee Camp

Falls Church, VA adventureamputeecamp.org

American Canoe Association

Fredericksburg, VA Americancanoe.org

Lake of the Woods Watersports

Locust Grove, VA adaptivewatersports.org

Patriots For Disabled Divers Occoguan, VA

patriotsfordisableddivers.org **Pursuit Adaptive Sports and**

Recreation Alexandria, VA

Pursuitadaptivesports.org

Sportable

Richmond, VA sportable.org

Therapeutic Adventures

Charlottesville, VA TAonline.org

Virginia Amateur Sports

Roanoke, VA Commonwealthgames.org

Wintergreen Adaptive Sports

Charlottesville, VA Wintergreenadaptivesports.org

Washington

Footloose Sailing Association

Mercer Island, WA footloosedisabledsailing.org

Outdoors for All Foundation

Seattle, WA outdoorsforall.org

ParaSport Spokane

Spokane, WA parasportspokane.org

Seattle Adaptive Sports

Seattle, WA

seattleadaptivesports.org

Washington, D.C.

Medstar NRH Adaptive Sports & **Fitness Program**

Washington, D.C. medstarnrh.org/sports

West Virginia

Challenged Athletes of West

Virginia

Snowshoe, WV cawvinthevalley.org

Wisconsin

Adaptive Mobility Providers

Germantown, WI AdaptiveMobilityProviders.org

Dairyland Sports

Madison, WI dairylandsports.org

Paralyzed Veterans of America -WI Chapter

Milwaukee, WI wisconsinpva.org

Southeastern Wisconsin Adaptive Ski Program

Cedarburg, WI sewasp.org

Sports, Therapeutic and Adaptive

Recreation (STAR) Association La Crosse, WI couleeregionsledhockey.com

Wauwatosa Curling Club

Wauwatosa, WI WauwatosaCurlingClub.com

Wisconsin Adaptive Sports Association (WASA) Brookfield, WI

wasa.org **Wyoming**

Teton Adaptive

Teton Village, WY tetonadaptive.org



ASO Offers a Chance to Play Wheelchair Basketball

Wooster, Youngstown, and Cleveland, Ohio

Adaptive Sports Ohio is excited to continue its interscholastic wheelchair basketball program this November. Founded in 2015, the Ohio Interscholastic Adaptive Sports (OIAS) league currently features teams from school districts across the state, providing students



with physical disabilities the opportunity to compete on their school's wheelchair basketball team.

The co-gender program serves students from 1st through 12th grade and focuses on skill development, teamwork, and inclusion. By partnering with schools statewide, Adaptive Sports Ohio aims to expand access to adaptive sports and promote physical activity among youth.

In addition to the league, Adaptive Sports Ohio offers PE Takeover sessions that bring wheelchair basketball directly into physical education classes. These interactive sessions and assemblies help raise awareness and foster inclusion within school communities.

Adaptive Sports Ohio is actively seeking new school districts interested in joining the league or hosting PE Takeover sessions.

For more information or to get involved, contact Kayley Underwood, Community Engagement Manager, at <u>Kayley.</u> *Underwood@AdaptiveSportsOhio.org.*

Cincinnati Wheelchair Tennis Hosts Camp

Cincinnati, Ohio

Move United members, mark your calendars for a tennis camp taking place in Cincinnati this fall!

For youth wheelchair tennis athletes, we are hosting a USTA All-Comers Wheelchair Tennis Camp at the Cincinnati Open Tournament Site September 20-21. You can register at tinyurl.com/ywaj4xkw for this fun, FREE event. All levels are welcome.

What's Happening at Adaptive Mobility Providers (AMP)

Elkhorn, Wisconsin

AMP Adaptive Sports is working hard behind the scenes to build a year-round, sustainable adaptive sports program, picking up where Adaptive Adventures left off in the Midwest.

- · Extended Water Season:
 - Plans underway to add kayaking and paddleboarding opportunities through September
 - Locations: Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois
 - Visit <u>adaptivemobilityproviders.org</u> for the most up-to-date information

- Fall Programming:
 - Fall hikes may be added—stay tuned!
- · Winter Alpine Ski & Ride Program:
 - · Returns to Wilmot Mountain Resort (Wilmot, WI)
 - Volunteer training begins in December
 - Program runs Mondays and Wednesdays in January and February

Get out. Get active. AMP it Up! For more information, contact Julie Davis at <u>julie@AdaptiveMobilityProviders.org</u> or 847-828-9793.



GLASA Expands Para Tennis Opportunities

Bannockburn, Illinois

The GLASA Chicago Wheelchair Classic will expand in 2025, adding junior divisions and a Para-Standing tournament. Registration for both tennis tournaments is open for the September 12-14 event hosted at Midtown Athletic Club in Bannockburn, Illinois. To register, visit the USTA site at *tinyurl.com/bkx4ytc3* today!

The tournament is in memory of Melissa Kress, who built the competition and gifted it to GLASA to continue to serve athletes with disabilities. Each year the tournament honors an outstanding contributor to the adaptive and wheelchair tennis community, recognizing Melissa with the inaugural award. Lynn Bender and Jason Allen received subsequent awards for their tremendous leadership and dedication to the sport. To submit a nomination for the Melissa Kress award, please contact <code>JLiban@GLASA.org</code>. Candidates are encouraged to volunteer or compete at the Classic.

To participate in this USTA Level 3 Open Tournament, athletes must have an active USTA membership. The \$80 registration fee includes the option to participate in singles and/or doubles for one fee. Veterans are always free to participate in GLASA competitions.

For a free Veteran registration or for any questions regarding the tournament, please contact Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association (GLASA) at 847-283-0908 or *JLiban@GLASA.org*.

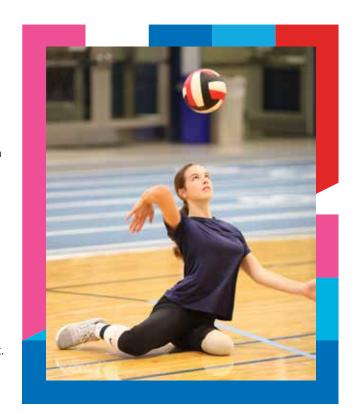
World Paravolley Sitting Volleyball World Cup to be Hosted at Turnstone

Fort Wayne, Indiana

For the first time ever, the WPV Sitting ParaVolley World Cup is coming to the U.S. — and Turnstone Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana is the proud host city! From October 12–18, 2025, Turnstone will welcome nearly 500 elite athletes and officials from over 20 countries for this premier international competition.

Featuring both men's and women's sitting volleyball divisions, this World Cup will be a key pathway for international teams and athletes preparing for the LA 2028 Paralympic Games and a showcase of athleticism and the global power of inclusive sport.

Fans, volunteers, and sponsors are key to making this historic moment unforgettable. Whether you're cheering in the stands or helping behind the scenes, you'll play a vital role in welcoming the world to Fort Wayne and shining a spotlight on adaptive sport. Turnstone and the Fort Wayne community will need your help to make this event a world-class celebration of sport and inclusion! You can get involved by visiting VisitFortWayne.com/Volunteer.



Get on the Ice with Wauwatosa Curling Club

Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

The Wauwatosa Curling Club will be hosting a free event with the BOLD group in southeastern Wisconsin for anyone who identifies as low vision or blind on December 13. The on-ice time will run from 12-2 p.m. and then there will be opportunity for a great curling tradition of "broomstacking" — aka socializing — afterwards that include drinks and snacks until about 4 p.m.

This event is meant for anyone — no matter their skill level — and is a great opportunity to learn about curling. This event will take place at the Wauwatosa Curling Club in Hart Park in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. If you are interested in the event or have questions, please email adaptive@wauwatosacurlingclub.com.



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Learn to Ski Scholarships Available

Durango, Colorado



Each winter, the Adaptive Sports Association (ASA) in Durango, CO, offers transformative Learn to Ski scholarships, empowering individuals with physical disabilities to experience the freedom and joy of skiing and snowboarding. These scholarships remove financial barriers and open the slopes to those wanting to learn or improve their skill.

Scholarships include four days of one-on-one adaptive snow sport instruction at Purgatory Resort, lift tickets, all necessary equipment, five nights of lodging, transportation to and from Durango, and most meals.

ASA's scholarship program is made possible through the generosity of several dedicated partners. The New Dimensions Scholarship provides new skiers a catalyst for achieving growth in a new sport. The Ross and Sue Ehrhardt Scholarship honors the legacy of inclusion and adventure by supporting individuals in the San Diego area access to winter recreation. The Madison West Kiwanis Scholarship helps individuals in the greater Madison area gain more than just ski skills, but also build confidence, independence, and a lifelong love of the outdoors. ASA also proudly supports military veterans through a Veteran Retreat Scholarship, providing camaraderie and access to time on the mountain.

Applications are open now. More information can be found at *asadurango.com*.

Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center Celebrating 50 Years of Inclusion

Breckenridge, Colorado

The Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center (BOEC) is turning 50 — and we're inviting you to be part of the celebration!

For five decades, the BOEC has been a place where individuals can discover their strength, build confidence, and experience the freedom of outdoor adventure, regardless of their ability. Whether it's skiing, rafting, climbing, or just finding belonging in the mountains, BOEC's programs have transformed lives since 1976.

The upcoming year will feature mountain takeovers, community celebrations, and special events — each one spotlighting the people who make the BOEC story so

powerful: the instructors, volunteers, participants, and partners who believe in adventure for all. Don't miss The Hartford Ski Spectacular this December in Breckenridge, proudly hosted by BOEC in partnership with Move United as part of our 50th anniversary celebration.

If you've ever wondered what a day with the BOEC feels like, there's no better time to experience it. Come celebrate with us, meet the community, and be part of the next 50 years of outdoor inclusion.

To learn more about our story and join the adventure, visit *BOEC.org*.

Get Active With Common Ground Outdoor Adventures Logan, Utah

As we come to the end of another fantastic summer, we can't help but look forward to what we have coming up this fall! Common Ground Outdoor Adventures (CGOA) in Logan, Utah provides outdoor recreation opportunities for people of all abilities, some of our favorites being our destination trips.

On top of our destination trips, CGOA also offers skiing, hiking, whitewater rafting, biking, archery and much more! Our participants bring so much joy to the amazing atmosphere while engaging in outdoor recreation! CGOA seeks to help individuals of all abilities have the opportunity to fully participate with low fees and scholarship opportunities.

We cannot wait for you to join us this fall! For more



information, contact us at 435-713-0288 or <u>info@</u> <u>cgadventures.org</u>.

Fort Collins Hosts Paralympic Program & Equipment Expo Fort Collins, Colorado



Spend an evening testing out adaptive equipment and participating in Paralympic sports. Experience a GRIT Freedom Chair (for hiking), adaptive cycles (including handcycles), wheelchair rugby, Paralympic boccia, wheelchair tennis, adaptive pickleball, and more.

Hosted on Wednesday, September 10 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Fort Collins Senior Center, this event is open to all ages and free. If you are an organization that supports the adaptive community and would like to learn more about how to get involved with this event, please contact Sarah Olear at solear@fcgov.com. Learn more at FCgov.com.

Adventure Awaits at National Sports Center for the Disabled's September Camp!

Golden and Grandby, Colorado





Looking for an unforgettable adaptive adventure this September? The National Sports Center for the Disabled (NSCD) invites women with disabilities to a unique camp experience designed to challenge limits, build community, and embrace the outdoors.

Women's Weekend Camp (Overnight Camp) takes place September 18–21, 2025, at Snow Mountain Ranch in Granby, CO. Open to women ages 18+ with physical disabilities, this weekend adventure includes horseback riding, paddling on Grand Lake, rafting the Colorado River, yoga, and more. Whether you're pushing your limits or simply enjoying the peace of the outdoors, this camp offers meaningful connection, personal growth, and plenty of fun in an empowering and inclusive setting.

This camp fosters growth, movement, and lasting friendships in a supportive, inclusive environment. Come rethink what's possible with the NSCD! Learn more and register today at NSCD.org.

Clinb the Gunks with Paradox Sports

New Paltz, New York

Paradox Sports is dedicated to transforming lives and communities through adaptive climbing opportunities that defy convention. This mission is achieved through three distinct program types: local programs, which focus on community and skills building in Colorado, the Adaptive Climbing Initiative (ACI) program, which focuses on training disability etiquette and adaptive rope systems, and national trips, which include rock and ice climbing programs across the United States.

This September, please join us in one of the most majestic climbing destinations in the world, The Gunks! Experience premier historic east coast climbing. We'll focus on routes from 5.5 to 5.10 to make sure this is something for everyone. Enjoy two days of climbing, great food, and community under the stars near beautiful New Paltz, NY.

Paradox Sports is the industry leader in adaptive climbing and offers participants specialized equipment, instruction, and the opportunity to build community. Paradox Sports



offer climbing programs for everyone from beginners to experienced climbers. The Gunks climbing trip features two days of top-rope climbing for individuals of all ages, ability, mobility levels, and types.

This year's trip will be held from September 19-21, 2025. For more information, check out *paradoxsports.org/trips/gunks/*.

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Enjoy Fall Adaptive Football with Able Athletics

Westchester, New York

Able Athletics is proud to offer two adaptive football programs this fall in Westchester, NY, beginning October 19, 2025. The six-week season features both a wheelchair football program and an adaptive flag football program — each designed to meet the needs of different athletes.

Our wheelchair football program is open to athletes who use mobility devices. All sport wheelchairs are provided, and no prior experience or equipment is necessary. This program is led by experienced coaches and focuses on gameplay, movement, and fun in a fully inclusive setting.

Separately, our adaptive flag football program is designed for athletes with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This program is run by professional coaches and supported by physical and occupational therapists to ensure a safe, supportive, and empowering experience.



Both programs promote belonging, teamwork, and access to sport. Learn more or register at ableathletics.org.

Adaptive Outdoor Education Center Multi-Day Programs

Carrabassett Valley & Brunswick, Maine

As we head into the second half of the year, our calendar is bursting with opportunities for outdoor exploration, new friendships, and plenty of fun along the way. Whether you're seeking adventure, connection, or a new experience, we have something for everyone! Check out some of the multiday programs on our horizon:

- September 12 14: Horizons Paddle Trip a weekend of camping and paddling in Maine's scenic, coastal DownEast region.
- October 9 12: Caregiver Retreat a powerful weekend retreat dedicated to the amazing caregivers!
- **December 5 7:** Horizons Ski Program Volunteer Training join us for a weekend of learning,



community, and of course skiing before our ski program season kicks off in January.

Don't miss out on our regularly schedule programs as well, including rock climbing, music, sailing, and more! To learn more about upcoming programs and to register, please visit adaptiveoutdooreducationcenter.org/calendar.

Weekly Virtual Classes Offered Through PCAS

Around the Country, Online

Are you looking for a unique fitness journey that blends dance, yoga, mind-body awareness, and exercise to help you build strength, flexibility, and over well-being – all from a seated position?

Consider joining the Pennsylvania Center for Adapted Sports (PCAS) weekly virtual online classes offered by Laura Baehr, PT, DPT, PhD.

Laura leads an innovative seated fitness program that combines creative movement, breathwork, and mindful awareness. Her classes emphasize present-moment awareness, using mindful breathing exercises to help regulate stress and improve concentration, supporting both physical and psychological well-being.

Seated fitness classes like this offer tailored, accessible exercise options for people with disabilities, supporting mobility, self-efficacy, and social connection.

Join PCAS for live virtual classes weekly on Thursdays at 5 p.m. EST. You can sign up on the PCAS website using the following link: *centeronline.com/virtual-programs*.

Play Sled Hockey with CNY Adaptive Sports

Syracuse, New York

CNY Adaptive Sports' CNY Flyers Sled Hockey invites athletes of all ages and abilities to experience the thrill of sled hockey this fall and early winter. Weekly practices run every Sunday from October to March at SunnyCrest Ice Rink in Syracuse, NY. All equipment, including sleds, is provided, and there is no participation fee. Whether you're a seasoned player or picking up your first stick, our coaches and volunteers ensure a supportive, inclusive environment for youth, adults, veterans, and anyone with a lower-body mobility impairment.

Cap off the season at the Syracuse Sled Hockey Classic, a three-day tournament featuring teams from Albany, Buffalo, Fort Drum/Watertown, Central New York, and beyond. Athletes compete on regulation-size rinks under official USA Hockey sled hockey rules, using two-ended sticks



for puck handling and propulsion. Past participants rave about the camaraderie, competitive spirit, and life-changing confidence that sled hockey brings.

Ready to join us on the ice? Email team manager Jamie Favata at *jamie_favata@cnyadaptivesports.org* to register by November 15.

CRAB Hosting Recovering Warriors Sailing RegattaAnnapolis, Maryland



Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB) is proud to host the fall Recovering Warriors Sailing Regatta (RWSR) with the US Naval Academy Sailing Team and sponsored by Move United on Saturday, September 20. Held twice a year, this competitive regatta celebrates the resilience and determination of recovering service members as they test their abilities and sailing skills. To prepare for the regattas, veterans can take part in CRAB's monthly Military Sailing Days and build confidence and experience sailing. The more able-bodied veterans are sailing on six Navy Colgate 26's and CRAB sails six Beneteau First 22A's in a two heat, five race format at the mouth of the Severn River.

Following the regatta, veterans enjoy a delicious lunch provided by Mission BBQ followed by the awarding of medals to the top sailors. RWSR exemplifies CRAB's mission of making the freedom and joy of sailing accessible to all, especially those who have given so much in service to

our country. Learn more at crabsailing.org.

IM ABLE Hosts Games and Ruck & Roll

Reading and Wernersville, Pennsylvania



The 2025 IM ABLE Games: Races and Reps on the Runway is touching down at the historic Mid-Atlantic Air Museum at the Reading Regional Airport on September 20.

This one-of-a-kind event returns with five thrilling athletic challenges designed for athletes of all abilities. Whether you're an adaptive athlete, weekend warrior, or enthusiastic spectator, there's something for everyone: Sprint Duathlon, Kaaginator Fitness Challenge, Trifecta Triple Crown, 2-Mile

Fun Run, Walk, or Roll, and the Klinger's Hot Wing Hustle. Register or learn more at: runsignup.com/imablegames.

On November 2, get ready to ruck, roll, or stroll your way through an inclusive, fall-themed fitness challenge supporting veterans and adaptive athletes! IM ABLE Foundation's Ruck & Roll, held in Wernersville, PA, features something for everyone — from competitive endurance ruckers to adaptive athletes and families out for a fun walk. Choose your challenge:

- Ruck: 7K (1 loop), 14K (2 loops) or 21K (3 loops) with divisions for weighted and social (non-weighted) participants
- Roll: Adaptive Athlete Division using handcycles (4.3 challenging course or 2.5 mile easy course)
- Support Squad Stroll: A 2.5-mile family-friendly fun walk.

Compete solo or as a team. Awards will be given to top finishers across divisions. Register or learn more at: imablefoundation.org.



Fall Hiking in the Lake Sunapee **Region of New Hampshire!**

Mount Sunapee, New Hampshire

New England Healing Sports Association (NEHSA) provides outdoor recreation opportunities for individuals of all ages with a wide range of varying disabilities. This fall, NEHSA will be continuing our hiking program in the Sunapee Region. Hikes continue until late October so be sure to check out our calendar and join us if you are in the area!

NEHSA is looking forward to another amazing winter season at Mount Sunapee Resort! NEHSA offers skiing, snowboarding, and snowshoeing beginning December 27, seven days a week until the snow runs out. Whether you are new to winter sports or have been on the slopes for years, we have trained instructors to help you have a safe and fun day on the mountain.

As always, NEHSA is actively recruiting both on and off snow volunteers to help with all our programs. Volunteer schedules are extremely flexible! NEHSA also provides several weekends of instructor training in various disciplines of adaptive alpine skiing and snowboarding. Stay tuned for announcements regarding training opportunities in early December.

To receive more information about our program, visit us at nehsa.org, call 603-763-9158, or email info@nehsa.org.

Get Outdoors with New England Disabled Sports

Lincoln, New Hampshire



From late summer through peak foliage season, New England Disabled Sports (NEDS) offers dynamic adaptive programs that keep athletes of all abilities moving, learning, and exploring the outdoors.

Programming through the fall includes cycling on scenic

trails, golf, pickleball, downhill mountain biking, kayaking, and paddleboarding. Each sport is customized with specialized equipment and led by experienced staff and volunteers to support individuals with physical, cognitive, or developmental disabilities.

NEDS also offers year-round programming for veterans with disabilities at no charge. These activities provide opportunities for skill-building, physical challenge, and camaraderie in a supportive environment.

Whether it's navigating mountain trails, paddling across serene waters, or scoring big on the pickleball court, NEDS athletes experience independence, confidence, and joy through adaptive recreation.

Looking ahead, our nationally recognized winter sports program begins in mid-December, offering alpine skiing, snowboarding, Nordic skiing, and snowshoeing.

At NEDS, every season is a new opportunity to grow, thrive, and break boundaries. Visit *NEDisabledSports.org* for more.

U.S. Amputee Soccer Cup Returns September 12-14

Weymouth, Massachusettes

The American Amputee Soccer Association (AASA) proudly presents the 2025 U.S. Amputee Soccer Cup, the premier national amputee soccer tournament, taking place September 12–14 in Weymouth, Massachusetts. This marquee event will bring together top adaptive athletes from across the country to compete in the largest amputee soccer competition in the United States. The weekend will feature intense matchups between elite amputee soccer clubs, showcasing speed, skill, and resilience. Beyond competition, the event will also include a Youth Amputee Soccer Clinic, offering young athletes with limb differences the chance to learn from national team players and experienced coaches in an empowering and inclusive environment.

The U.S. Amputee Soccer Cup is more than a tournament; it's a celebration of adaptive sport, community, and the growing movement to expand access to competitive opportunities for individuals with limb loss or limb difference.

Come experience the energy, witness the talent, and support the future of amputee soccer. To learn more or get involved, visit usampsoccer.org.



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Join Team River Runner for the 2025 TRR Biathlon! Washington, D.C.

Get ready to paddle and push yourself at the 2025 TRR Biathlon on Sunday, October 5, 2025! This unique event combines a 1-mile kayak with a 3-mile run, jog, walk, or handcycle, making it perfect for all fitness levels and abilities.

We'll be racing at the Washington Canoe Club, just upstream from Key Bridge in Georgetown. Not in D.C.? No problem — join virtually and race your own race from wherever you are! Just do 90 minutes of activity!

Why race? Your participation helps Team River Runner (TRR) continue its mission to support veterans across the country through health, healing, and community. The following is some more information about the race:

- · Race solo or with a team.
- It is adaptive and accessible for all participants.
- Registration is just \$40 (Veterans race FREE—select your discount at checkout!).
- All racers receive a T-shirt, race bib, and swag bag.
- Meet our 5 Outtasight Veteran Racers (blind or visually impaired) invited and sponsored by Boeing!



Ready to make waves and make a difference? Register today at <u>runsignup.com/Race/DC/Washington/</u> TeamRiverRunnerBiathlon.

If you have any questions, please contact us at <u>biathlon@</u> teamriverrunner.org.

STRIDE Adaptive Sports Hosts Snowfest

Hancock, Massachusettes

Held December 12-14, the 21st STRIDE Wounded Warfighters Snowfest is a three-day event designed to engage veterans with disabilities and their families or caregivers with a rejuvenating and empowering experience through adaptive winter sports instruction. Snowfest consists of a Friday evening Meet & Greet dinner and live show. The following two days are dedicated to adaptive skiing and snowboarding instruction at Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort. Each participant receives individualized lessons tailored to their unique needs and abilities, ensuring a safe, supportive, and enjoyable experience on the slopes. These lessons not only introduce veterans to the excitement of winter sports but also support physical fitness, skill development, and confidence-building.

Veterans and their family members or caregivers receive comprehensive support throughout the event. This support extends beyond the weekend, as participants are encouraged to commit to future events and programs offered by STRIDE. Snowfest not only benefits the veterans but also allows them to give back by helping children with disabilities in future STRIDE programming, fostering a sense of purpose and service.

STRIDE's Wounded Warfighters Snowfest stands as a powerful and uplifting experience for disabled veterans and their families, offering not only physical and recreational benefits but also a gateway to ongoing engagement, healing, and connection through adaptive sports.

Contact abrame@stride.org for more information.



Hike with Catalyst SportsGreat Smoky Mountains, Tennesee

Adaptive Hiking in Great Smoky Mountains National Park: October 25, 2025

Join a ranger for an interpretive hike in the gorgeous Great Smoky Mountains National Park! Fall colors will be in full splendor, and this hike will get you off the pavement and into the forest to admire the stunning beauty of the park. Bring your own hiking chair or borrow one for the day (GRIT Freedom Chairs available on a limited, first come first serve basis.) Details and registration can be found at: catalystsports.org/gsmnp-hiking.

West | Around the Country

Adaptive Horsemanship Inspires Health, Confidence, and Independence

Lake Tahoe, California

Centuries ago, Hippocrates spoke about the healing aspects of horseback riding for humans. Horses have a sophisticated and complex nervous system that allows them to sense human emotions and energy in a calm and non-judgmental environment. They also encourage people to be present in the moment. As a result, there has been a huge growth in utilizing horses in different settings to help humans bond with them

Achieve Tahoe is excited to offer adaptive horsemanship to the community. Adaptive horsemanship teaches individuals with various disabilities how to interact with horses in a meaningful and fun way. Activities comprise of both mounted (on the horse) and unmounted (off the horse) to ensure that all individuals can participate and benefit from being around horses. Examples of mounted activities are steering, navigating obstacle courses, and playing games. Unmounted activities include grooming, incorporating breathwork, leading the horse, and learning groundwork techniques. The goal is to learn skills through the lens of the horse that can be applied to everyday life.

The Adaptive Horsemanship Program continues to expand with upcoming pilot programs and Lilly, who came to Achieve Tahoe last year as the first therapy horse in Tahoe! More at *achievetahoe.org*.

Try Gravel Biking with Outdoors for All

Seattle, Washington

Outdoors for All continues to grow their popular gravel biking program! Offered in both spring and fall, this groupstyle series takes riders on scenic adventures along the Palouse-Cascade Trail in Washington State. Designed for individuals who can independently ride on a gravel bike path, the program offers a variety of equipment to support all abilities, including adaptive trikes, handcycles, and standard two-wheeled bikes.

Led by a skilled instructor providing group coaching,

these rides are a great way to explore new terrain, gain confidence, and experience the beauty of the Pacific Northwest in a more remote setting.

Outdoors for All's Adaptive Cycling Centers will remain open through the month of September and part of October, so if you're in the Seattle area, stop by and say hello! Together, we're enriching the lives of individuals with disabilitiesone pedal at a time. For more information, contact: <u>info@</u> outdoorsforall.org.

Join Triumph Foundation for Action-Packed Adaptive Sports Events!

San Diego, Apple Valley, Irvine, and Pasadena, California



Get ready for an exciting lineup of inclusive, community-driven events hosted by Triumph Foundation! Whether you're an adaptive athlete, a supporter, or just looking to experience the energy of adaptive recreation, there's something for everyone:

Superheroes Triumph 5K (September 13, Irvine, CA)

Unleash your inner Superhero! This spirited 5K is open to walkers, runners, rollers, and everyone in between. Dress up as your favorite superhero and help raise awareness for Triumph Foundation's programs supporting people with spinal cord injury and other disabilities.

Adaptive Sports Festival (November 15, Pasadena, CA)

Try over a dozen adaptive sports — from basketball and tennis to handcycling and archery. This free event at the Rose Bowl welcomes participants of all abilities to discover new passions and build community through play.

Learn more at Triumph-Foundation.org/Events.



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The TRS Black Iron Trainer is the world's most popular weight training prosthetic accessory. The Black Iron Trainer Pivot provides 32 degrees of friction adjustable freedom for added versatility, safety and control over barbells, dumbbells, and other weight training equipment. For more information, visit fillauer.com.



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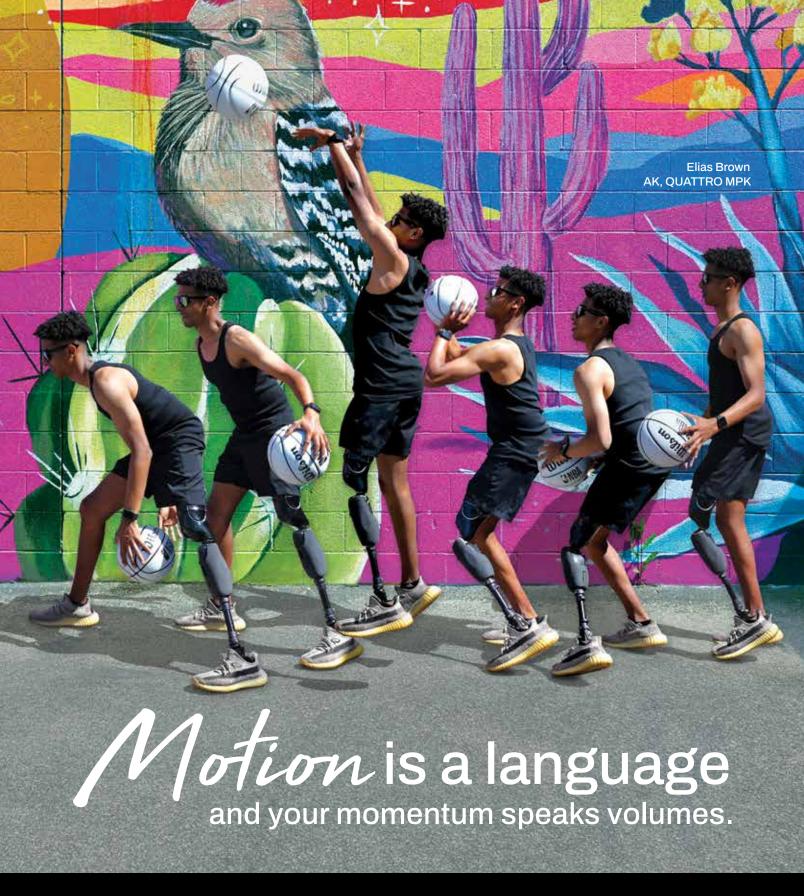
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