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## The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, Inc.

Since 1996, the American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, Inc. (AAASP) has provided competitive after-school athletics on a national level to children with physical disabilities or visual impairments in grades one through twelve. Throughout the school year, these children are active in leagues comparable to youth sports accessible to those who are not physically disabled.

AAASP leagues include junior varsity, varsity and state all-star teams coached by ASEP (American Sport Education Program) and AAASP certified coaches. AAASP teams accommodate varied physical disability groups, enabling more children to participate. Their sports include indoor wheelchair soccer, beep baseball (for children with visual impairments), wheelchair basketball, power wheelchair hockey, and track and field.

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## Disabled Sports USA

Disabled Sports USA (DS/USA) is a national, non-profit organization that was established in 1967 by disabled Vietnam veterans. Comprised of more than 80 chapters and affiliates, DS/USA now offers nationwide sports rehabilitation programs to anyone with a permanent physical disability. Activities offered include: snow skiing, water sports, summer and winter competitions, and fitness and special sports events. Participants include those with visual impairments, amputations, spinal cord injury, dwarfism, multiple sclerosis, head injury, cerebral palsy, and other neuromuscular and orthopedic conditions.

Disabled Sports USA is a Disabled Sports Organization member of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

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## Dwarf Athletic Association of America

The Dwarf Athletic Association of America (DAAA) was formed in 1985 to develop, promote and provide amateur level athletic opportunities for dwarf athletes in the United States. The DAAA's mission is to encourage people with dwarfism (adults who are five feet or less) to participate in sports regardless of their level of skill. DAAA is dedicated to serving the estimated quarter-million Americans who are dwarfs as a result of chondrodysplasia or related causes.

DAAA provides many recreational and developmental opportunities for dwarfs to participate in sports. DAAA athletes compete in the following events: track and field, basketball, bocce, powerlifting, swimming, skiing, table tennis, volleyball, badminton, soccer, and equestrian events.

Clinics, developmental events, and formal competitions are offered at the local, regional and national levels. For the National Dwarf Games, athletes compete within age, gender, and functional ability classifications.

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## International Committee of Deaf Sports

Comité International des Sports des Sourds (CISS), translated as the International Committee of Deaf Sports, is an international governing body for deaf sports comprised of nearly 80 member-nations.

More and more deaf athletes are taking an active part in international competitions such as the Deaflympic Games--recognized as the major quadrennial Olympic-equivalent event for the Deaf. Approximately 4,500 deaf athletes from at least 70 countries compete in 15 different exciting sports. However, every member-nation must be ever vigilant to ensure that they and the CISS have the freedom and independence to promote the ideals and purposes of Sports for the Deaf.

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## Paralyzed Veterans of America

Founded in 1946, Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) is the only congressionally chartered veterans service organization dedicated solely for the benefit and representation of individuals with spinal cord injury or disease. Funded solely through private donations, PVA is a broad-based organization with more than 20,000 members in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In addition to its Washington, DC headquarters, PVA operates 57 service offices nationwide and has 43 chapters and subchapters across the United States and Puerto Rico.

PVA fights for the needs of spinal cord impaired veterans as well as non-veterans and ensures that their members receive the quality health care and benefits that they have earned through their military service. PVA is one of the oldest and largest private funding sources of spinal cord research designed to find a cure for those who have a spinal cord injury or disease. The organization is also involved in public education as well as sports and recreation programs that include being a co-presenter of the National Veterans Wheelchair Games – the largest annual wheelchair sporting event in the world.

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## The United States Association of Blind Athletes

The mission of the United States Association of Blind Athletes (USABA) is to change the perception towards the abilities of the blind and visually impaired. Since its founding in 1976, the USABA has reached over 100,000 blind individuals. USABA trains blind athletes to compete in all levels of sports competition and aims to foster the abilities of legally blind Americans.

USABA athletes have competed against, and defeated, sighted competitors. Marla Runyan, a USABA athlete who is legally blind, was a member of the United States Track and Field Team in both the 2000 and 2004 Olympic Games. In addition to providing coaching and training, the USABA reaches into hundreds of communities across the United States, helping thousands of blind and disabled youth discover their own potential in school, sports, and the achievement of their own personal dreams.

USABA trains blind and visually impaired athletes in nine sports: alpine and nordic skiing, goalball, judo, powerlifting, swimming, tandem cycling, track and field, and wrestling.

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## The United States Cerebral Palsy Athletic Association

The United States Cerebral Palsy Athletic Association (USCPAA) has offices in over 40 states across the country. USCPAA strives to enable its athletes to compete at their peak on local, regional, national, and international levels. Recognition of these athletes' abilities helps them discover and develop their primary goals.

USCPAA provides sports training, physical fitness, and competitive opportunities for the physically challenged athlete. It strives to reduce the “gap” between those who are physically challenged and those who are not.

USCPAA is a Disabled Sports Organization (DSO) member of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and of the Cerebral Palsy-International Sports and Recreation Association (CP/ISRA).

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## The United States of America Deaf Sports Federation

The USA Deaf Sports Federation (USADSF) was established in 1945 and consists of 18 national sports organizations. Its mission is to provide year-round training and athletic competition in a variety of sports at the state, regional, national, and international levels to develop elite athletes. The USADSF works to assist athletes in developing physical fitness, sportsmanship, and self-esteem.

The goal of the organization is to provide deaf and hard of hearing individuals with opportunities to compete with their peers, as well as the larger society of athletes worldwide. Through the United States Olympic Committee's National Governing Bodies, the USA Deaf Sports Federation produces teams that compete at the World Games for the Deaf.

The USA Deaf Sports Federation believes that deaf and hard of hearing people can benefit from sports, recreation and competition in a supportive environment.

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## Wheelchair Sports, USA

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Wheelchair Sports, USA is directed and developed by wheelchair athletes and sports enthusiasts with a first-hand understanding of the values of sports participation. Wheelchair Sports, USA provides opportunities for wheelchair athletes to participate and compete in a variety of sporting events including archery, shooting, swimming, table tennis, weightlifting and track and field.

Wheelchair Sports, USA is primarily an all-volunteer organization, committed to the people who benefit from its programs.

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## America's Athletes With Disabilities

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The purpose of America's Athletes With Disabilities (AAD) is to promote and sponsor sports, recreation, fitness and leisure events for children and adults with physical disabilities. These events are held annually across the country under the banner of the Victory Games. The Victory Games provide children and adults with disabilities a valuable opportunity to experience the joys of athletic competition.

Founded in 1985, AAD is a consortium of five member disabled sports organizations. AAD's Board of Directors is made up of representatives from these member organizations.

Winning is important to everyone, but to an athlete with a disability, simply competing can be a victory in itself. Through the efforts of AAD and its member organizations, adults and children with disabilities are realizing their dreams.

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## The International Wheelchair Basketball Federation

The International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) is the international sanctioning body for wheelchair basketball. It is responsible for the classification of athletes in the sport based on different divisional levels. The range of persons included in the IWBF are those with severe disabilities to those with minimal disability as defined by the rules.

Every player is eligible regardless of the nature of physical disability. The IWBF implemented a rule of team balance that equalizes the physical potential of each team. Trainers are thus obliged to select players from a full range of physical disabilities.

The system of classification is based mainly on the ability of an athlete to execute fundamental movements in wheelchair basketball. The athlete is evaluated on their ability to push the wheelchair, dribble, pass, control the ball, shoot for a basket and react in rebounding situations.

Players are also classified according to their disability: amputation, cerebral palsy, incomplete paraplegia, post-polio paralysis, quadriplegia, traumatic head injury, etc.

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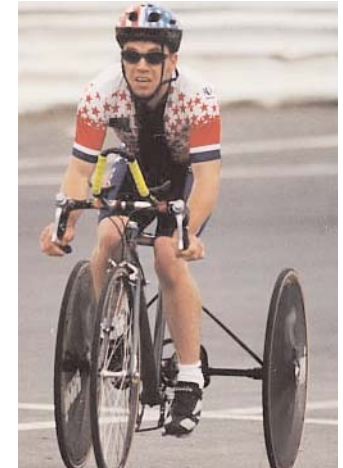


## The National Disability Sports Alliance

In over 40 states across the country, the National Disability Sports Alliance (NDSA) is a resource that a member athlete can turn to for help in coordinating their training. Headquartered in Kingston, Rhode Island, NDSA strives to enable its athletes to compete at their peak on local, regional, national, and international levels. NDSA's main goal is to recognize these athletes' abilities and help them discover and develop their talents.

NDSA is a Community Based Organization (CBO) member of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

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For more information about the National Disability Sports Alliance, please visit [www.ndsasonline.org](http://www.ndsasonline.org)



## The National Down Syndrome Society

The National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) was established in 1979 to ensure that people with Down syndrome have the opportunity to achieve their full potential in life. This non-profit organization is the largest non-governmental supporter of Down syndrome research in the United States. NDSS strives to increase public awareness of Down syndrome and discover its underlying causes through research, education and advocacy.

NDSS distributes timely and informative materials; encourages and supports the activities of local parent support groups; sponsors conferences and scientific symposia; and undertakes major advocacy efforts – all to increase awareness and acceptance of people with Down syndrome.

Every October since 1995, the National Down Syndrome Society celebrates National Down Syndrome Awareness Month by hosting "The Buddy Walk." Awareness and inclusion of people with Down syndrome continue to rise as thousands of Americans participate in Buddy Walks throughout the country.

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National Jewish Council for the Disabled

## The National Jewish Council for the Disabled

The National Jewish Council for the Disabled (NJCD) is dedicated to addressing the needs of all individuals with disabilities within the Jewish community. NJCD strives to enhance life opportunities of people with special needs and to insure their participation in the full spectrum of Jewish life.

These goals are addressed through the following activities and services: consultation to schools & synagogues on implementation of inclusion; inclusive social/recreational activities for the developmentally disabled and hearing impaired in chapters throughout the United States and Canada; *Good Sports* athletic training and sports activities; mainstreamed summer camping & touring experiences for the developmentally disabled & hearing-impaired.

These services, which began with the Yachad program in 1983, have transformed the lives of thousands of challenged individuals and their families and continue to make many positive changes within the Jewish community of which they are a part.

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## The International Paralympic Committee

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is the international representative organization of elite sports for athletes with disabilities. IPC organizes, supervises and coordinates the Paralympic Games and other multi-disability competitions on the elite sports level, including world and regional championships. IPC is an international, non-profit organization formed and run by 160 National Paralympic Committees and five disability-specific, international sports federations.

The IPC is an umbrella organization that represents all sports and disabilities. The national sports organizations, which comprise the IPC, believe that the future of disability sports lies in bringing together athletes with different disabilities to jointly hold competitions.

There are five international organizations that are IPC members:  
CP-ISRA: Cerebral Palsy-International Sport & Recreation Assoc.  
IBSA: International Blind Sports Association  
INAS-FID: International Assoc. of Sports for Intellectual Disability  
ISMWSF: International Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Sports Fed.  
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## Special Olympics

Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for individuals with mental retardation. The goal of the Special Olympics is for all persons with mental retardation to have the chance to become useful and productive citizens who are accepted and respected in their communities. The benefits from participation in the Special Olympics for people with mental retardation include improved physical fitness and motor skills, greater self-confidence, a more positive self-image, friendships, and increased family support. Special Olympics athletes carry these benefits with them into their daily lives at home, in the classroom, on the job, and in the community. Families who participate become stronger as they learn a greater appreciation of their athletic talents.

Special Olympics believes that competition among those of equal abilities is the best way to test athletes' skills, measure their progress, and inspire them to grow. Special Olympics believes that its program of sports training and competition helps people with mental retardation become physically fit and grow mentally, socially, and spiritually.

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