



American Association of
adaptED SPORTS
 PROGRAMS

SPOTLIGHT



The Gwinnett HEAT became an affiliate of the American Association of AdaptED Sports Programs in 2008. Corrie Collier is the Area Coordinator for the team. Practice Facility is Hull Middle School.

The Gwinnett Heat have built a winning tradition. Here are some of Gwinnett Heat's highlights.

**STATE
 Wheelchair
 Football
 Championships**

8

**STATE
 Wheelchair
 Basketball
 Championships**

5

**STATE
 Wheelchair
 Handball
 Championships**

4

**TOTAL
 STATE
 Wheelchair
 Championships**

17

JOIN GWINNETT HEAT TO PLAY • VOLUNTEER • COACH • BECOME AN OFFICIAL



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WHO IS AAASP?

The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, Inc. (AAASP) is a 501c3 organization that provides the infrastructure for adapted athletics to Local Education Agencies, State High School Associations and State Departments of Education. AAASP offers the opportunity for education-based adapted athletics for students with qualifying disabilities in grades 1-12. The AAASP model has been in place since 1996, and ensures students the opportunity to experience the benefits of education-based sport competition just as their non-disabled peers.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK IN GEORGIA?

Empowering Students. Elevating Athletics.

AAASP provides leadership, governance, standardized seasons, rules of play, and policies to help school districts and regions create opportunities for students with qualifying disabilities to get off the sidelines and into the game. In Georgia, where the model originated and is fully implemented, students can compete in wheelchair handball in the fall, wheelchair basketball in the winter, and wheelchair football and adapted track and field in the spring. Every student participates in a specialized sports wheelchair, ensuring a level playing field, regardless of their disability. This approach engages more students in athletics, helping them develop foundational skills in the fall that they can build upon and apply to other sports throughout the year. AdaptED Sports is committed to the vision that no student should ever be sidelined due to a disability.



GEORGIA TEAMS – COUNTY/CITY SCHOOL SYSTEMS SERVED

Atlanta Wolfpack – Atlanta Public Schools
 Classic City Dawgs – Clarke County
 Clayton Eagles – Clayton County
 DeKalb Silver Streaks – DeKalb County
 Dublin City Rolling Irish – Dublin High School, Laurens, Bleckley, Dodge and Telfair Counties
 Georgia Storm – Butts, Fayette, Henry, Lamar, Newton, Pike, Spalding and Upson Counties
 Gwinnett Heat – Gwinnett, Barrow, Walton, Rockdale, Jackson, Hall and Forsyth Counties
 Houston Sharks – Houston County
 Houston Jr. Sharks – Houston County
 Muscogee Lions – Muscogee County
 Peach County Rolling Trojans – Peach, Macon, Crawford and Bibb Counties
 West Georgia Wolverines – Carroll, Coweta, Harris, Heard, Meriwether and Troup Counties

EXAMPLES OF DISABILITIES SERVED

1. Achondroplasia
2. Amputee
3. Arthrogryposis
4. Avascular Necrosis
5. Birth Defect (Deformity of Hand)
6. Brachial Plexus Palsy
7. Cerebellar Disgenesis
8. Cerebral Palsy
9. Congenital Hypotonia
10. Diplegia
11. Dystonia
12. Erb's Palsy
13. Femoral Focal Deficiency
14. Femoral Hypoplasia
15. FMD
16. Hearing Impaired
17. Larsen's Syndrome
18. Leigh's Disease
19. McCunne Albright Syndrome
20. Mitochondrial Disease
21. Multiple Sclerosis
22. Muscular Dystrophy
23. Osteogenesis Imperfecta
24. PFFD (Proximal)
25. Progressive Neurological Disorder
26. Severe Amblyopia
27. Severe Scoliosis
28. Shaken Baby Syndrome
29. Spastic Diplegia
30. Spastic Paralysis
31. Spina Bifida
32. Spinal Cord Injured
33. Spinal Muscular Atrophy
34. Stroke
35. Transverse Myelitis
36. Traumatic Brain Injury
37. Vertigo/Balance Issues
38. Visual Motor Integration Impairment
39. Visually Impaired
40. Type 1 Diabetes