



**American Association of Adapted Sports Programs Kicks Off
the 2017 Wheelchair Handball Season This Week
*Hurricane Irma Pushes Season Back One Week – Starts September 16***

Atlanta, September 15, 2017 –The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP), will officially kickoff the 2017 Wheelchair Handball Season this week across the state; it is the 21st annual wheelchair handball season in Georgia.

Teams from the following school districts will participate in the wheelchair team handball league, under the dual governing alliance with the Georgia High School Association (GHS), in the GA State Varsity Division –Clayton Eagles, Gwinnett Heat, Houston Sharks, and the West Georgia Wolverines (Meriwether). The following five teams will compete in the GA State Junior Varsity Division – the Atlanta Wolfpack, DeKalb Silver Streaks, Henry Hurricanes, Houston Jr. Sharks and the Muscogee Lions.

GHS formed the nation’s first dual governing alliance with the American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, Inc. (AAASP) in 2001 to pioneer efforts in school athletic programs for students with physical disabilities. Through this alliance, GHS recognizes AAASP as the governing and sanctioning body for adapted sports programs for Georgia’s schools.

The Wheelchair Handball season will conclude with the AAASP/GHS Wheelchair Handball State Championships taking place in Henry County, Georgia, on Saturday, November 4th. Henry County Schools and Henry County Parks and Recreation will host the state championships at the J. P. Moseley Recreation Center in Stockbridge, GA. Students representing over 40 varying physical disability groups will compete and range in grades from 1 to 12, though most are middle and high school. The top teams in the JV and Varsity divisions compete for first and second place titles. Semi-Finals Games will be held at 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM; Championship Games will be held at 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM.

For more information on Wheelchair Handball, for a copy of the rules, or how to start a team in your area, please log on to: http://www.adaptedsports.org/adaptedsports/athletics/athletics_wc_handball.html . Schools or districts can learn more about becoming a member of AAASP by contacting us 404-294-0070 or the Georgia High School Association.

The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia since 1996, has developed one of the nation’s most comprehensive school-based athletic programs for children with physical disabilities attending grades 1-12. Many prominent individuals and national organizations in the industry have recognized AAASP as the model for the nation. For more information about AAASP, please visit our website at www.adaptedsports.org or join our conversations on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/pages/American-Association-of-Adapted-Sports-Programs-AAASP/164050623648677?ref=br_tf or on Twitter or Instagram at: @AdaptedSports.

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