



## **American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP) and Georgia High School Association (GHSA) Interscholastic Wheelchair Basketball State Championships Begin this Weekend**

*Championships will be held March 3rd in Duluth and Bonaire, GA;  
Finals, March 8th in Macon in Partnership with GHSA's State Basketball Championships*

**Atlanta, February 28, 2018**— Athletes take to the court this weekend in post season competition as the American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, Inc. (AAASP) 21th Annual Interscholastic Wheelchair Basketball State Championships in Georgia begin March 3rd, with two sites this year. Games will be played concurrently in Duluth and Bonaire, Georgia, to decide which teams will advance to the AAASP/GHSA State Wheelchair Basketball Championships in Macon March 8<sup>th</sup>. The Championship will be held in conjunction with the Georgia High School Association's State Championships at the Macon Coliseum. The following teams from both the Varsity and Junior Varsity levels across the state will compete this weekend in the state playoffs to vie for the title of state champion: (**Varsity**) the Houston County Sharks, the Gwinnett Heat, the West Georgia Wolverines, and the Clayton Eagles; and (**Junior Varsity**) the DeKalb Silver Streaks, the Henry County Hurricanes; and the Houston County Jr. Sharks. Top two varsity teams will advance to the State Championship on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

AAASP and GHSA have a rich history in the area of athletic programs for students with disabilities and have been honored nationally for their partnership. GHSA 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, GHSA recognizes AAASP as the governing and sanctioning body for adapted sports programs for Georgia's schools.

### **AAASP/GHSA Wheelchair Basketball State Championships and other Upcoming Dates:**

March 3rd - AAASP Wheelchair Basketball JV Championships & Varsity Semi-Finals – hosted by Gwinnett County Public Schools at Hull Middle School in Duluth, GA, and Bonaire Middle School in Bonaire, GA.

**Duluth Schedule:** Game #1 – 10:00 am (JV Semi) – Houston County Jr. Sharks vs. Henry Hurricanes; Game #2 – 12:00 pm – WGA Wolverines vs. Gwinnett Heat; Game #3 – 2:00 pm – Winner of Game 1 vs. DeKalb Silver Streaks.

**Bonaire Schedule:** Varsity Semi Final 11:00 am – Clayton Eagles vs. Houston Shark

March 8 - AAASP Wheelchair Basketball State Championship game held in conjunction with GHSA boys' and girls' finals at the Macon Coliseum at the Macon Centreplex (200 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217) at 11:00 am.

### **AAASP/GHSA wheelchair football and GHSA wheelchair track and field events regular season and post-season competition will take place in March, April and May, with the finals as follows:**

May 5th – AAASP Wheelchair Football State Championships, hosted by Atlanta Public Schools, (Location & Times TBD)

May 11th-13th – GHSA Girl's and Boy's State Track & Field Meet, Grisham Stadium, Carrollton (5A, 6A & Wheelchair events)

The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, is a not-for-profit association dedicated to developing interscholastic adapted sports programs in partnership with national, state, and local educational agencies. It represents a standardized approach to extracurricular adapted team sports and has developed one of the nation's most comprehensive school-based athletic programs for students with physical disabilities attending grades 1-12. For more information, please visit our website at <http://adaptedsports.org> or join our conversations on Twitter and Instagram at: @AdaptedSports.

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