



American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP) to Celebrate its 20th Annual Interscholastic Wheelchair Basketball State Championships This Weekend in GA

*Championships will be held March 4th in Duluth and Finals, March 9th in Athens
in Partnership with GHSA's State Basketball Tournament*

Atlanta, February 27, 2017– The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, Inc. (AAASP 20th Annual Interscholastic Wheelchair Basketball State Championships in Georgia begins March 4, and concludes March 9, 2017 with the wheelchair basketball finals in Athens, GA (new this year!) The Championship will be held in conjunction with the Georgia High School Association's State Championships at Stegeman Coliseum, on the UGA Campus in Athens, Georgia. 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 Gwinnett HEAT, the Houston County Sharks, and the West Georgia Wolverines; and (Junior Varsity) the Atlanta Wolfpack, the DeKalb Silver Streaks, the Henry County Hurricanes, the Houston County Jr. Sharks, and the Muscogee Lions. Top four teams will advance to the State Championship.

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. Adapted Sports is celebrating its' 20th Anniversary this year.

AAASP Wheelchair Basketball State Championships and other Upcoming Dates:

March 4th - AAASP Wheelchair Basketball JV Championships & Varsity Semi-Finals – hosted by Gwinnett County Public Schools at Hull Middle School in Duluth, GA. Games will run simultaneously in two time slots – Game #1 and Game #2 will be at 11:00 am (JV Semis); Game #3 and Game #4 will be at 1:00 pm – Varsity Semi and JV Final.

March 9 - AAASP Wheelchair Basketball State Championship game held in conjunction with GHSA boys' and girls' finals at Stegeman Coliseum (100 Smith St. Athens, GA 30606) at 11:00 am.

AAASP 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 6th – AAASP Wheelchair Football State Championships, hosted by Houston County Schools at Veterans High School, Kathleen, GA (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 at: @AdaptedSports.

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