



American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP) to Host the 19th Annual Interscholastic Wheelchair Basketball State Championships This Weekend in GA

*Championships will be held February 27 in Duluth and Finals, March 4 in Macon
in Partnership with GHSA's State Basketball Tournament*

Atlanta, February 24, 2016— The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, Inc. (AAASP) to host the 19th Annual Interscholastic Wheelchair Basketball State Championship Tournament in Georgia starting this weekend, February 27th, and concluding March 4, 2016 with the finals in Macon. The Tournament will be held in conjunction with the Georgia High School Association's State Tournament at the Macon Coliseum, in Macon, Georgia. The following teams from both the Varsity and Junior Varsity levels across the state will begin competition this weekend to vie for the title of state champion: (Varsity) the Houston County Sharks, Atlanta Wolfpack, Gwinnett County Heat, and (Junior Varsity) West Georgia Wolverines, Henry County Hurricanes, Houston County Sharks Jrs., and the DeKalb Silver Streaks.

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 will celebrate its' 20th Anniversary this Summer.

AAASP Wheelchair Basketball State Championship Tournament and other Upcoming Dates:

Feb 27th - AAASP Wheelchair Basketball JV Championships – hosted by Aaron Cohn Middle School, Midland, GA. Game times: 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm.

AAASP Wheelchair Basketball Varsity Semi-finals- hosted by Gwinnett County Public Schools at Hull Middle School in Duluth, GA. Game time: 11:00 am

March 4 - AAASP Wheelchair Basketball State Championship game held in conjunction with GHSA boys' and girls' finals at the Macon Centerplex at noon.

***The game will air March 5** at 9:00 am on Georgia Public Broadcasting (GPB).

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:

April 30th – AAASP Wheelchair Football State Championships at Duluth High School in Duluth, GA (5 games total; times TBD)

May 5-7 – GHSA Girls' State Track & Field Meet (Valdosta, GA)

May 12-14 – GHSA Boys' State Track & Field Meet (Jefferson, GA)

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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