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ABOUT WARFIGHTER SPORTS

Warfighter Sports, a program of Disabled Sports USA, offers sports rehabilitation for wounded warriors with permanent physical disabilities in military hospitals and communities across the U.S. in partnership with a nationwide network of over 125 community-based chapters. Since 1967, Disabled Sports USA has proudly served wounded warriors, including those injured in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, offering over 50 winter and summer sports at more than 100 events each year. Warfighter Sports rebuilds lives through sports by improving self-confidence, promoting independence and uniting families through shared healthy activities.

Contributions cover all expenses for participation of the warrior and a family member, including individualized adaptive instruction and adaptive sports equipment. Since 2003, more than 12,000 of the most severely wounded and their families have been served, including those with amputations, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, visual impairments, and significant nerve and muscle damage. For more information, visit warfightersports.org.

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CHALLENGE MAGAZINE

Challenge Magazine is a publication of Disabled Sports USA, providing adaptive sports information to adults and children with disabilities, including those who are visually impaired, amputees, spinal cord injured (paraplegic and quadriplegic), and those who have multiple sclerosis, head injury, cerebral palsy, autism and other related intellectual disabilities. From those learning adaptive sports for the first time to disabled athletes on the US Paralympic team, Challenge Magazine encourages anyone with a disability to participate in sports!

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This resource booklet may not include every adaptive sports organization available to veterans. This booklet should not be seen as an endorsement of the included organizations by Disabled Sports USA.
SPORTS OFFERED
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Air Rifle
Alpine Ski
Archery
Basketball
Biathlon
Boccia
Bowling
Canoeing
Climbing
Cross-Country Skiing
Curling
Cycling
Dance
Disc Golf
Downhill Skiing
Dragon Boating
Equestrian
Fishing
Fly Fishing
Goalball
Golf
Hand Cycling
Hiking
Hunting
Kayak Fishing
Kayaking
Lacrosse
Martial Arts
Mountain Biking
Nordic Ski
Paddleboarding
Power Soccer
Rafting
Rock Climbing
Rowing
Rugby
Running
Sailing
Scuba
Skateboarding
Sled Hockey
Snowboarding
Snowshoeing
Soccer
Stand-Up (Amputee) Hockey
Strength Training
Surfing
Swimming
Table Tennis
Tai Chi
Tennis
Track & Field
Triathlon
Volleyball
Water Aerobics
Water Skiing
Wheelchair Basketball
Wheelchair Curling
Wheelchair Fencing
Wheelchair Racing
Wheelchair Rugby
Wheelchair Softball
Whitewater Rafting
Yoga
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
The following national organizations offer programming or adapted sport resources in multiple locations or services for disabled Veterans & Members of the Armed Forces living across the US.

**Disabled Sports USA (Warfighter Sports)**  
*Multisport*  
warfightersports.org

**1touch Project**  
*1Touch Self-Defense Workshops*  
1touchproject.com/veteranspage.html

**Achilles International**  
*Handcycling, Running*  
achillesinternational.org

**Adaptive Golf Academy**  
*Golf*  
adaptivegolfacademy.com

**Adaptive Canoe Association**  
*Canoeing, Kayaking*  
americancanoe.org

**Adaptive Sports USA**  
*Running, Triathlon*  
adaptivesportsusa.org

**Blinded Veterans Association**  
*Ice Skating*  
bva.org/BVA/

**Carlisle Academy Integrative Equine Therapy & Sports**  
*Para-Dressage, Para-Driving, Coach Development*  
carlisleacademymaine.com/veterans/

**Challenged Athletes Foundation**  
*Archery, Cycling, Surfing, Triathlon*  
operationrebound.org

**Freedom Hunters**  
*Hunting Trips*  
freedomhunters.org

**Heroes On the Water**  
*Kayak Fishing*  
heroesonthewater.org

**Hope for the Warriors**  
*Outdoor Adventure Activities, Races*  
hopeforthewarriors.org

**Mission Redefined: VA Adaptive Sports Program**  
*Multisport*  
va.gov/adaptivesports

**National Amputee Golf Association**  
*Golf*  
nagagolf.org

**National Wheelchair Basketball Association**  
*Wheelchair Basketball*  
wba.org

**Oscar Mike Foundation**  
*Multisport*  
oscarmike.org

**Paradox Sports**  
*Climbing*  
paradoxsports.org

**Paralyzed Veterans of America**  
*Multisport*  
pva.org
Path International
Equine
pathintl.org

Project Healing Waters
Fly Fishing
projecthealingwaters.org

Ride 2 Recovery
Cycling
ride2recovery.com

Salute Military Golf Association
Golf
smga.org

Semper Fi Fund
Multisport
semperfifund.org

Military Warriors Support Foundation
Golf, Hunting, Outdoor Recreation
militarywarriors.org/skills4life

Team Red, White & Blue
Running, Triathlon
teamrwb.org

Team River Runner
Canoeing, Kayaking
teamriverrunner.org

Tee It Up for the Troops
Golf
teeitupforthetroops.org

United States Association of Blind Athletes
Multisport
usaba.org

United States Curling Association, Inc.
Wheelchair Curling
usacurl.org

United States Tennis Association
Tennis
usta.com/en.home/play.html

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Adaptive Tai Chi Chuan
adaptivetaichi.org/classes

US Biathlon
Biathlon, Nordic Skiing
teamusa.org/us-biathlon

US Paraerquestrian Association
Equestrian
uspea.org

US Paralympics (Local Paralympic Sport Clubs)
Multisport
teamusa.org/US-Paralympics/find-a-club

US Quad Rugby
Rugby
quadrugby.com

US Rowing
Rowing
usrowing.org/domesticrowing/adapterrowing

US Sailing
Sailing
ussailing.org

USA Archery
Archery
teamusa.org/USA-Archery/Programs/Adapter-Archery

USA Badminton
Para-badminton
teamusa.org/USA-Badminton/Para/Schedule

USA Boccia
Boccia
usaboccia.org

USA Fencing
Wheelchair Fencing
usfencing.org

USA Hockey
Sled Hockey, Stand-Up (Amputee) Hockey
usahockey.com/sledhockey
USA Shooting
*Target Shooting*
usashooting.org/about/paralympicshooting

USA Swimming
*Swimming*
usaswimming.org

USA Table Tennis
*Table Tennis (Ping Pong)*
teamusa.org/usa-table-tennis

USA Triathlon
*Paratriathlon*
usatriathlon.org

USA Volleyball
*Sitting Volleyball*
teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/usa-teams/sitting-volleyball

VET Sports
*Multipport*
vetsports.org

Wheelchair Lacrosse USA
*Lacrosse*
wheelchairlacrosse.com

Wheelchair Sports Federation
*Multipport*
wheelchairsportsfederation.org

World T.E.A.M. Sports
*Bike Rides*
worldteamsports.org

Wounded Warrior Project
*Multipport*
woundedwarriorproject.org

Wounded Warriors in Action Foundation
*Fishing, Hunting*
wwiaf.org
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
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ALABAMA

Lakeshore Foundation*
lakeshore.org
Birmingham, AL

University of Alabama Adaptive Athletics
alabamaadapted.com
Tuscaloosa, AL

CALIFORNIA

Achieve Tahoe*
achievetahoe.org
Truckee, CA

Adaptive Sports & Recreation Association*
adaptivesportsandrec.org
San Diego, CA

Amazing Surf Adventures*
amazingsurfadventures.org
San Luis Obispo, CA

Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program*
borp.org
Berkeley, CA

Break the Barriers, Inc.
breakthebarriers.org
Fresno, CA

Central California Adaptive Sports Center*
centralcaladaptive.org
Shaver Lake, CA

Disabled Sports USA Eastern Sierra*
disabledsportseasternsierra.org
Mammoth Lakes, CA

Disabled Sports USA Los Angeles*
unrecables.com
Los Angeles, CA

Disabled Sports USA Orange County*
theachievers.org
Irvine, CA

Discovery Blind Sports*
discoveryblindsports.org
Pioneer, CA

ALASKA

Challenge Alaska*
challengealaska.org
Anchorage, AK

Southeast Alaska Independent Living*
sailinc.org
Juneau, AK

ARIZONA

Ability360
ability360.org/sports
Phoenix, AZ

Arizona Disabled Sports*
arizonadisabledsports.com
Mesa, AZ

Southern Arizona Adaptive Sports*
souazadaptivesports.org
Tucson, AZ
Far West Wheelchair Athletic Association
 fwwaa.org
 San Jose, CA

Jimmy Miller Memorial Foundation
 jimmymillerfoundation.org
 Manhattan Beach, CA

Loma Linda University
 teampossibilities.org
 Loma Linda, CA

Northern California PGA Foundation
 ncpgafoundation.org
 Vacaville, CA

Riekes Center for Human Enhancement
 riekes.org
 Menlo Park, CA

San Diego District Tennis Association
 sandiegotennis.org
 San Diego, CA

San Diego Rowing Club
 sandiegorowing.org
 San Diego, CA

Shared Adventures
 sharedadventures.org
 Santa Cruz, CA

Shasta Disabled Sports USA*
 shastadsusa.org
 Mount Shasta, CA

Timpany Center
 sjsu.edu/timpany
 San Jose, CA

Triumph Foundation
 triumph-foundation.org
 Santa Clarita, CA

US Adaptive Recreation Center*
 usarc.org
 Big Bear Lake, CA

US Driving for the Disabled*
 usdfd.org
 Arroyo Grande, CA

Wheels to Water*
 wheelstowater.com
 Cambria, CA

COLORADO

Adaptive Action Sports*
 adacs.org
 Copper Mountain, CO

Adaptive Adventures*
 adaptiveadventures.org
 Lakewood, CO

Adaptive Athletics Specialists
 teamaas.org
 Steamboat Springs, CO

Adaptive Sports Association*
 asadurango.org
 Durango, CO

Adaptive Sports Center of Crested Butte*
 adaptivesports.org
 Crested Butte, CO

Aspen Camp (Deaf & Hard of Hearing)*
 aspencamp.org
 Aspen, CO

Aspen Valley Ski/Snowboard Club
 teamavsc.org
 Aspen, CO

Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center*
 boec.org
 Breckenridge, CO

Challenge Aspen*
 challengeaspen.org
 Snowmass Village, CO
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<td>brooksadaptablesportsandrecreation.com</td>
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**INDIANA**

**City of Bloomington**
facebook.com/AdaptiveSportsatIU
Bloomington, IN

**INDIANA**

**City of South Bend**
skisolomichiana.org
South Bend, IN

**INDIANA**

**City of Fort Wayne**
turnstone.org
Fort Wayne, IN

**ILLINOIS**

**Adaptive Adventures**
adaptiveadventures.org
Wilmette, IL

**Chicago Park District**
chicagoparkdistrict.com/programs-memberships
Chicago, IL

**Dare2tri**
dare2tri.org
Chicago, IL

**Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association**	glasa.org
Lake Forest, IL

**Shirley Ryan Ability Lab**
sralab.org
Chicago, IL

**World Sport Chicago**
worldsportchicago.org
Chicago, IL

**HAWAII**

**AccesSurf Hawaii, Inc.**
accesssurf.org
Honolulu, HI

**IDAHO**

**Adaptive Wilderness Sports of McCall**
awesomemccall.org
McCall, ID

**AquAbility**
aquability.org
Boise, ID

**Disabled Veterans Sports Association**
indvsa.org
Coeur D’Alene, ID

**Higher Ground Sun Valley**
highergroundusa.org
Ketchum, ID

**Recreation Unlimited**
recreation-unlimited.org
Boise, ID

**Treasure Valley Family YMCA**
ymcatvidaho.org
Boise, ID

**Wood River Ability Program**
woodriverabilityprogram.org
Sun Valley, ID

**ILLINOIS**

**BlazeSports America**
blazesports.org
Norcross, GA

**City of Roswell**
orwellgov.com/government/departments/recreation-and-parks/programs
Roswell, GA

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Chicago, IL

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worldsportchicago.org
Chicago, IL

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**Indiana University**
facebook.com/AdaptiveSportsatIU
Bloomington, IN

**Special Outdoor Leisure Opportunities**
skisolomichiana.org
South Bend, IN

**Turnstone Center for Disabled Children & Adults, Inc.**
turnstone.org
Fort Wayne, IN
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<td>lfgws.com</td>
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Metro Area Community Empowerment
mace-ms.org
Jackson, MS

**MISSOURI**

Disabled Athlete Sports Association (DASA)*
dasasports.org
St. Charles, MO

Gateway YMCA
gwymca.org/program/inclusion-services
Potosi, MO

Life Waters
lifewaters.org
St. Louis, MO

Midwest Adaptive Sports*
midwestadaptivesports.org
Dearborn, MO

**MONTANA**

DREAM Adaptive Recreation*
dreamadaptive.org
Whitefish, MT

Eagle Mount Billings*
eaglemount.us
Billings, MT

Eagle Mount Bozeman*
eaglemount.org
Bozeman, MT

Eagle Mount Great Falls*
eaglemount.net
Great Falls, MT

**NEBRASKA**

All Play
allplay.org
Omaha, NE

Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital
madonna.org/specialized/recreation/overview.html
Lincoln, NE

Nebraska Adaptive Sports
nebraskaadaptivesports.org
Omaha, NE

**NEVADA**

City of Reno Parks and Recreation
reno.gov/government/departments/parks-recreation-community-services/adaptive-recreation
Reno, NV

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

AbilityPLUS Inc.*
abilityplus.org
Manchester, NH

Adaptive Sports Partners North Country
adaptablesportspartners.org
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Mercersburg, PA

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Access2Adventure*
access2adventure.org
Tiverton, RI

SOUTH CAROLINA

Adaptive Expeditions*
adaptiveexpeditions.org
Charleston, SC

Coastal Adaptive Sports
costaladaptivesports.org
Myrtle Beach, SC

Roger C. Peace Rehabilitation Hospital*
ghs.org/rcp
Greenville, SC

SOUTH DAKOTA

Black Hills Ski for Light
bhsfl.org
Rapid City, SD

Meeting the Need
facebook.com/meeting-the-need-463139565064/
Keystone, SD

TENNESSEE

Sports, Arts & Recreation of Chattanooga*
sparctn.org
Chattanooga, TN

The Warrior Initiative
warriorinitiative.org/home.html
Adams, TN

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TEXAS

The City of Harker Heights
www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us/index.php/adaptive-sports
Harker Heights, TX

Houston Parks and Recreation Dept.
houstontx.gov/parks/adaptive-sports.html
Houston, TX

Kinetic Kids*
kinetickidstx.org
San Antonio, TX

Lone Star Paralysis Foundation
lonestarparalysis.org
Austin, TX

Movin’ Mavs Adapted Sports
uta.edu/movinmavs
Arlington, TX

Operation Comfort*
operationcomfort.org
San Antonio, TX

Rise Adaptive Sports
riseadaptivesports.org
Irving, TX

San Antonio Sports Foundation
sanantoniosports.org/events
San Antonio, TX
Southwest Wheelchair Athletic Association  
swaasports.org  
Arlington, TX

Texas Rowing for All  
texasrowingforall.org  
Austin, TX

VIRGINIA

Adventure Amputee Camp*  
adventureamputeeecamp.org  
Winchester, VA

Sailing 4 All*  
gosailing4all.org  
Richmond, VA

Sportable*  
sportable.org  
Richmond, VA

Therapeutic Adventures, Inc.*  
taonline.org  
Charlottesville, VA

United States Patriot Sailing  
uspatriotsailing.org  
Norfolk, VA

Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team  
woundedwarrioramputeesoftballteam.org  
Alexandria, VA

Wintergreen Adaptive Sports*  
wintergreenadaptivesports.org  
Charlottesville, VA

UTAH

Common Ground Outdoor Adventures*  
cgadventures.org  
Logan, UT

National Ability Center*  
discovernac.org  
Park City, UT

Rehabilitation Center at University of Utah  
healthcare.utah.edu/rehab  
Salt Lake City, UT

VERMONT

Bart J. Ruggiere Adaptive Sports Center*  
bartadaptive.org  
Manchester Center, VT

Friends of Stowe Adaptive Sports*  
stoweadaptive.org  
Hyde Park, VT

Mount Snow Adaptive Sports Inc*  
msadaptive.org  
West Dover, VT

Northeast Disabled Athletic Association*  
disabledathletics.org  
Burlington, VT

Tasty Water Adventures, Inc.*  
tastywateradventures.org  
Burlington, VT

WASHINGTON

Footloose Sailing Association*  
footloosedisabledsailing.org  
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EQUIPMENT RESOURCES
Disabled Sports USA maintains a comprehensive list of adaptive sports equipment suppliers here: disabledsportsusa.org/sports/adaptive-equipment

APPLYING FOR ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE VA:

As a wounded service member, you may be eligible for adaptive equipment through the VA, whether you are active duty or a veteran. The following is a brief guide to navigate the process for receiving adaptive equipment.

1. Register through the VA. http://www.vba.va.gov/bin/21/compensation/index.htm

2. Identify your interests. The process can move more quickly if you already have documentation of participation and trials of several pieces of adaptive equipment to know which one works best for you.

3. Consult your primary care provider. They will help initiate this process and make referrals as needed. Medical clearance is required.

4. Get a full evaluation. Typically done through the rehabilitation department, this assessment includes education and identification of adaptive equipment as it relates to your specific physical needs and interests.

5. Identify Appropriate Equipment/Submit Request. Based on the evaluation, you and your rehabilitation team will select equipment to accommodate your needs. Next, a formal request will be submitted for final approval.

6. Receive your equipment. Final fitting and adjustments are made when equipment is issued.

OTHER ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS:

- Challenged Athletes Foundation (Operation Rebound) challengedathletes.org
- Hope for the Warriors hopeforthewarriors.org
- IM Able Foundation imablefoundation.org
- Independence Fund independencefund.org/
- Kelly Brush Foundation (SCI Only) kellybrushfoundation.org
- High Fives Foundation (Winter Sports) highfivesfoundation.org
- Team Semper Fi/America’s Fund semperfifund.org
- Catch a Lift Fund (Gym Memberships) catchaliftfund.com
COMPETITION & PARALYMPIC DEVELOPMENT
For Disabled Veterans and Members of the Armed Forces interested in pursuing competitive opportunities or Paralympic sports, the pathway can vary by sport. Learning about US Paralympics, and the sports specific standards, rules, and competitive pipeline is a great way to start your journey. Through Gateway to Gold and similar initiatives you can register your results and enter the system.

Gateway to Gold Pathway: teamusa.org/us-Paralympics.gateway-to-gold

Begin by training with a qualified coach. Your coach does not always have to have Paralympic or adapted sports experience. Disabled Sports USA’s Adapt2Achieve training and education program can provide you coaching support for clubs and instructors.

Adapt2Achieve Trainings: disabledsportsusa.org/chapters/training/

The VA National Veterans Sports Programs & Special Events Office provides a monthly assistance allowance for Veterans with disabilities training in Paralympic sport, as well as certain Veterans with disabilities selected for competing with either a service-connected or non-service connected disability if the Veteran meets the minimum performance standards or higher (i.e., Emerging Athlete or National Team) in his or her respective Paralympic sport at a recognized competition. In addition to meeting the performance standard, an athlete must also be nationally or internationally classified by his or her respective Paralympic sport federation as eligible for Paralympic competition in that sport.

VA Allowances: (and then click on “Allowances”): va.gov/adoptivesports/

To find sanctioned regional and national multi-sport adaptive sports competitions, please reference the calendars below:

Adaptive Sports USA: adaptivesportsusa.org/events-calendar
