



## **American Association of Adapted Sports Programs Kicks Off the 2014 Wheelchair Handball Season This Week**

**Atlanta, September 8, 2014** –The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP) officially kicks off the 2014 Wheelchair Handball Season this week across the state; it is the 18<sup>th</sup> annual wheelchair handball season in Georgia.

School district teams from the following areas will participate in the wheelchair team handball season, under the dual governing alliance with GHSA, in the Varsity Division -- Atlanta Wolfpack, Gwinnett Heat, Henry Hurricanes, Houston Sharks, West Georgia Wolverines. The following two teams will compete in the Junior Varsity Division – the DeKalb Silver Streaks and the Muscogee Lions.

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.

The Wheelchair Handball season will conclude with the State Wheelchair Team Handball Tournament taking place in Henry County, Georgia, on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Henry County Schools and Henry County Parks and Recreation will host the tournament at the J.P. Moseley Recreation Center, Stockbridge, GA. Students representing over 40 varying physical disability groups will compete and range in grades from 1 to 12, though most are in middle and high school. The top teams in the JV and Varsity divisions compete for first and second place titles. There will be two Varsity Semi-Finals Games, a Junior Varsity Championship Game, and a Varsity Championship Game.

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](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 at 404-294-0070 or the Georgia High School Association.

The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, 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](http://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](https://www.facebook.com/pages/American-Association-of-Adapted-Sports-Programs-AAASP/164050623648677?ref=br_tf) or on Twitter at: @AdaptedSports.

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