

WHO WE ARE

The mission of the Athletics for All Task Force is to provide the tools and guidelines by which coaches, athletic directors and school administrators can include students with physical disabilities in interscholastic sports.

The task force is composed of national disability sports organizations that are working together to promote and facilitate inclusion of students with disabilities in sports.

Working toward inclusion together with schools, coaches, adaptive community partners, students, and parents.

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Active Policy Solutions
 American Association of Adapted Sports Programs
 Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program
 BlazeSports America
 Bridge II Sports
 Competitive Edge Management
 Disabled Sports USA
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 Lakeshore Foundation
 Louisiana Games Uniting Mind and Body
 National Center on Health, Physical Activity & Disability
 National Wheelchair Basketball Association
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WHAT WE OFFER

Athletics for All offers:

- Introductory sport guidelines
- Best practices for integrating adapted sports into high school programs
- Facilitation of training for coaches and officials with adaptive sports experts
- Access to a network of adaptive sports organizations
- Resources and tools for specific sports



ROAD TO INCLUSION

The Rehabilitation act of 1973 requires that students with disabilities be provided equal opportunity for participation in extracurricular athletic programs.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights (OCR) issued Dear Colleague Letter clarification in January 2013. It clarifies when and how schools must include students with disabilities in mainstream athletics programs, defines what true equal treatment of student athletes with disabilities means, and encourages and provides a roadmap for schools to create adapted programs for students with physical disabilities.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

Benefits of participating in sports:

- Supports academics: students are more likely to have better grades, school attendance and lower dropout rate
- Builds discipline, self-esteem, confidence and independence
- Enforces teamwork, skill development and goal setting
- Promotes healthy lifestyle
- Can be a predictor of later successes in college, career and community

Offering Sport Resources for:

- Alpine Skiing
- Boccia
- Goalball
- Sitting Volleyball
- Track and Field
- Wheelchair Basketball
- Swimming
- Tennis



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