

Session: Adapted Sports: Watch Us Roll

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Houston County Sharks, Adapted Sports Teams

Participants in this session will be introduced to the world of interscholastic adaptive sports in the state of Georgia. The presenters are coaches of the Houston County Sharks Wheelchair handball, wheelchair basketball, and wheelchair football teams. The Sharks are the current defending state handball, state basketball and state football champions and hold a combined 24 state championships since the team's inception in 2009.

This session will explain criteria for student eligibility for participation in adaptive sports. Information will also be provided on how school districts/recreation departments can initiate an adaptive sports program in their county, district, or region. The presenters will also provide information regarding how to become a part of the competitive teams in the state of Georgia.

Participants will be given an opportunity to play wheelchair handball and wheelchair football. They will be presented with information on how to appropriately fit a player for a competitive wheelchair along with chair skills that athletes need to acquire in order to compete.

Participants will also be able to see a wheelchair track chair and learn how to start a wheelchair program at their local high schools.

Presenters will also share information about collegiate opportunities for wheelchair athletes.

What you can learn:

- Basic information/upkeep of sports chairs
- Wheelchair basketball rules
- Wheelchair football rules
- Wheelchair handball rules
- Wheelchair skills
- Wheelchair sports drills
- Collegiate opportunities for wheelchair athletes
- Types of competitions in state of Ga
- Funding
- Who to contact to start a program in your area/county