

## **Track and Field Adapted Program**

The purpose of this program is to extend opportunities to wheelchair bound Kentucky high school students to participate in the KHSAA sponsored sport of Track and Field. We would like to explore the possibilities of including these students this year.

We plan to offer two exhibition events during the 2010-11 spring track and field season, one track event, the 400m race, and one field event, the shot put. We feel that beginning with just two events this will allow participants to sample competition as well as allow a learning period for coaches and officials.

We would like for the student athletes to participate in the regular season. Their scores would be reported to the AAASP where their points would be tracked and compiled. This procedure would allow the participants the ability to then qualify for the state exhibition events. At state we would conduct the exhibition events, and deliver medals to the winners, but team points would not be scored for any school team through those events.

The plan for the future would be to add events, as well as to add, if there is sufficient numbers to warrant, a team championship for adapted teams. The membership with AAASP program will allow for the scoring process to be compiled, help us with the training of coaches and our officials, and give us valuable insight as to how to implement and grow this worthwhile addition to our state events.

The KHSAA staff has spoken to Beverly Vaughn, the executive director and CEO of AAASP on a number of occasions. She has been very helpful and is knowledgeable. The attached document from Beverly Vaughn explains the benefits afforded to the KHSAA by joining their membership on an annual basis.



#### **Vision**

AAASP envisions a society where all children with physical disabilities can experience the rewards and satisfaction of competitive school-based sports.

#### **Mission**

AAASP's mission is to develop and support a standardized structure for school-based athletic competition to improve the well being of students with physical disabilities.

#### **Membership**

As a member of the American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, (AAASP) the Kentucky State High School Athletic Association will receive the following benefits: (Annual membership fee: \$2500)

1. Competition rules for wheelchair track and field
2. On-line coaches education that includes a video and power point presentation
3. Guidance on eligibility as it relates to a student's physical disability
4. Recommendations on how to incorporate relevant medical information on current forms
5. Assistance in communication with others about the initiative, including parents
6. Access to resources for KHSAA member-schools in regard to equipment
7. Assistance with presentations (travel costs not included with membership fee)
8. Inter-agency coordination
9. Consultation on all aspects of the program from development to implementation
10. Current information on state and national trends in this area

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