

## **APPENDIX 'A'**

### **ALLIANCE OF GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ADAPTED SPORTS PROGRAMS**

Since 2001, the GHSA has been involved in an alliance with the American Association of Adapted Sports Programs. This is a growing relationship in which both organizations are working together for the benefit of physically disabled and visually impaired students.

The Georgia High School Association and the National Federation of State High School Associations have long held the philosophy that participation in competitive activities is an integral part of the educational experiences of high school students.

While the GHSA has accommodated participation of disabled students in several sports and activities, we have not ventured into the area of facilitating participation of physically disabled students in adapted sports.

The GHSA recognizes that AAASP is the premier organization administering adapted sports, and the GHSA wishes to partner with AAASP by providing competitive activities for our physically disabled students in addition to lending our resources to their endeavors. Under the leadership of Tommie Storms and Robyn Hootselle, this organization provides tremendous opportunities in the area of adapted sports.

AAASP oversees competitions in wheelchair basketball, wheelchair track, wheelchair handball, power hockey, wheelchair football and beep baseball throughout the state of Georgia. Additionally, AAASP personnel travel throughout the United States helping schools establish and maintain athletic programs for physically disabled students.

It is important for school personnel to understand the opportunities available for disabled athletes, and to share that understanding with students in their schools. It is also important that coaches appreciate the value of athletics in the lives of disabled students, and the particular techniques involved in coaching disabled athletes.

AAASP stands ready to assist school personnel in their endeavors. For more information, please use the following contacts:

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Information about all Adapted Sports programs may be found on the ghsa.net web site by going to the following link:  
[ghsa.net/adapted-team-sports-information](http://ghsa.net/adapted-team-sports-information)