



# 2009 National Wheelchair Softball Association (NWSA) Championship Tournament

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On behalf of the **Wisconsin Paralyzed Veterans of America**, the **WPVA Warhawks** wheelchair softball team and the **Wisconsin Wheelchair Sports Association**; I would like to invite you to the 2009 NWSA National Championship tournament in Milwaukee. The Milwaukee County Zoo grounds will be the site for this tournament, and since they did such a great job as the host site for the 2007 PVA Vet games, I am sure they will be able to provide a wonderful venue for this fun and exciting tournament.

The tournament is scheduled for Wednesday August 5 through Friday August 7. This is a departure from past dates, and is due to restrictions on scheduling at the Zoo grounds. The Zoo Grounds will be open without entry fee or parking fees to all of the players and coaches participating in the tournament. It is a world-class facility with many animals, scenic walkways, buildings and viewing areas. While the teams are not playing softball they can tour the Zoo and enjoy the many interesting areas on the Zoo grounds. Players are encouraged to bring family and friends along and make this a fun vacation trip for the whole family. Extra passes to the Zoo are available at a minimal cost for teams and for players interested in bring friends along. A Zoo brochure will be included with the mailed packet and Zoo information is available on the Milwaukee Zoo website. ( [www.milwaukeezoo.org](http://www.milwaukeezoo.org) )

We hope that the Zoo and the surrounding Milwaukee area will provide an interesting and enjoyable experience for families to come from all around the country to watch some great wheelchair softball, enjoy a great Zoo, and experience what the Milwaukee Metro Area has to offer in the summer. The Wisconsin State Fair is being held a few miles down the road from the Zoo grounds, with the exhibits, rides, and musical concerts that make the State Fair a memorable event to attend. And Milwaukee has the wonderful Betty Brinn Children's museum and the Milwaukee Art Museum (commonly known as the Calatrava after it's famous architect) to attract people. The Country Springs Hotel and Water Park in Pewaukee is another family attraction for visitors to the area. Families from around the country will find Milwaukee an interesting and fun place to visit this August.

We hope to see you this summer and welcome you to the Milwaukee area to enjoy the tournament and all the other things that Milwaukee has to offer.

Allen Neu  
WPVA Manager  
WWSA President.

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Host Team: **WPVA Warhawks**  
Date: **August 4-8, 2009**

May 15, 2009

Dear NWSA Wheelchair Softball Teams:

The registration packet for the 2009 National Wheelchair Softball Association National Championship Tournament (NWST) is here! The tournament is being held at the Milwaukee County Zoo grounds in Milwaukee, WI from August 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Three to five fields will be constructed to host the **Adult and Junior** National championships for the NWSA.

Please note that while all attempts will be made to complete tournament games on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, prolonged severe weather may necessitate games being played on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> as a contingency. Please make airline reservations considering this possibility and avoid possible forfeiture of games.

**Critical deadlines for registering your team for this year's tournament:**

**1. Due Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009:**

- a. 2009 NWSA & NWST team registration & membership form – and fees of \$350 and \$100 respectively. If you do not want to supply softballs for the tournament then a check for \$50 ball fee should be included at this time also.
- b. Hotel room reservations to stay at host hotel – the Radisson Hotel Milwaukee-West. Call the Radisson Hotel Milwaukee West directly 414-257-3400. **ROOMS ARE BLOCKED UNDER THE NAME “NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR SOFTBALL”**
  - i. This hotel must be used by teams/players flying to the tournament, as tournament transportation to/from the airport and playing fields will only be done from this hotel.
  - ii. The NWSA block of 80 rooms and room rate of \$99/night will expire on July 6<sup>th</sup>. After that rooms will be available at the normal rates. Other hotels are blocked out in case the host hotel fills up.
  - iii. Teams/players driving should seek to stay at one of the 10+ hotels within 6 miles (listed in the hotel reference section of this letter).

**2. Due Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009: (forms will be distributed prior to 6-1-09)**

- a. Team Roster form
- b. Player code of conduct & photo release forms.
- c. Banquet tickets order & Fees for awards presentation banquet.
- d. Player classification forms for new players.

**3. Due Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009:**

- a. Four (4) new Debeers' softballs for tournament use, due at team registration.



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Other items of note:

- Teams that do not get their registration forms in by the deadline will only be admitted to the 2009 NWST upon the approval of the Commissioner and President of NWSA, and if approved will be subject to a \$500 late registration fee in addition to normal fees.
- The Milwaukee Zoo's parking lot will accommodate 4 fields. All games are currently anticipated to be played there. The Championship games scheduled for Friday may be held on Saturday at an alternate site in the case of severe weather delays. Shuttle busses for teams flying into Milwaukee will be provided in that case.
- Several restaurants and bars are within a few blocks of the fields and host hotel. A listing of those establishments will be provided for player information, use, and convenience.
- As part of this year's registration, each team is asked to bring four (4) new Debeers 16" softballs for use in tournament play. Please bring the balls (or a check for \$50) to the registration desk at the host hotel on 8-4-09.
- Rooms have been blocked at several hotels within 5 miles of the fields— see hotel info.
- Please note that the annual membership meeting and new player classification will be held at 7:30pm at the host hotel, the Radisson Hotel Milwaukee-West, on the evening of Tuesday, August 4th, 2009.
- Team Roster Form: (Due July 13<sup>th</sup>) This process will utilize either online player information registration or manual forms will be used again. This process will be communicated by June 1 (or before) for your use.
- Banquet menu and cost will be sent with the remainder of registration forms before June 1.
- **The Wisconsin State Fair starts Thursday, Aug 6 at the nearby Wisconsin State Fairgrounds. This will cause a higher area hotel demand so please get your reservations in early.**
- All players and support staff and immediate family will get free entry to the Zoo. You can spend as much time on the Zoo grounds as you want. We encourage you to bring your family and make this a fun vacation for you and your family. The Milwaukee County Zoo is world-class facility and a wonderful place to spend some time with friends and family. Extra tickets to enter the Zoo grounds are available for a nominal fee.
- A Waterpark at the Country Springs Hotel in Pewaukee is a popular spot for vacationing families in the Milwaukee area and is only 13 miles from the Zoo. Teams and players with children are encouraged to reserve a room for a day at the Country springs and let the kids play.

Have a great season and we'll see you at the championships in August.

Sincerely,

Allen Neu, 2009 NWST Tournament Director  
WPVA Warhawks Manager and Wisconsin Wheelchair Sports Association President

All forms and fees should be sent to the tournament director, **Allen Neu, 510 McCall St, Waukesha, WI. 53186** Phone: (414) 617-4870 Fax 630-206-1286 [allenneu@gmail.com](mailto:allenneu@gmail.com)

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## 2009 Tournament Schedule of Events

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u>   |
|-------------|-------------|--|
| Tues. Aug 4 | All Day     | Arrival  |
|             | 7:30–11pm   | Classification – Radisson Hotel-Milwaukee West                               |
|             | 6:00 pm     | NWSA Executive Committee Meeting   |
|             | 7:30 pm     | NWSA Annual Membership Meeting   |
|             | 8:30 pm     | Officials Meeting  |
| Wed. Aug 5  | 8:00 am     | Adult Division Tournament Games  |
| Thur. Aug 6 | 8:00 am     | Adult Division Tournament Games  |
|             | 8:00 am     | Junior Division Tournament Games (If more than 6 Junior Teams)               |
| Fri. Aug 7  | 8:00 am     | Adult Division Tournament Games  |
|             | 8:00 am     | Junior Division Tournament Games   |
| Sat. Aug 8  | 8am         | Tournament games ( if necessary due to severe adverse weather on prior days) |
|             |             | Departure  |

**Other events that will occur during the tournament will be publicized at a later time.**



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## 2009 NWSA & NWST Team Registration Form (DUE JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009)

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Rep. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Alt Team Representative 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Rep2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Est # of Players Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Est # of coaches/mgrs/support staff: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2009 NWSA membership and 2009 NWST Tournament Registration Fees:**

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| <b>Tournament Entry Fee</b>                     | <b>\$100</b> |
| <b>Four (4) NEW Debeers Softballs (or \$50)</b> | <b>XXX</b>   |
| <b>NWSA Annual Dues</b>                         | <b>\$350</b> |

**Total Fees (Make check payable to NWSA) \$ 450**

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Hotel list, sorted by distance from the Milwaukee County Zoo grounds  
The Milwaukee County Zoo is at 10001 W. Bluemound Av., Wauwatosa, Wi.  
This is not a comprehensive list, but representative of hotels in the area.

Hotels listed in **Bold** have rooms blocked out for the tournament under the name "National Wheelchair Softball".

The Wisconsin State Fair is being held Thursday, Aug 6 through Sunday Aug 15 3 miles east of the Zoo grounds. Hotels are booked early so you need to reserve your rooms as soon as possible. Hotels west and North of the Zoo grounds will be more likely to have rooms available.

Super 8 Milwaukee West .6 miles SW  
115 N.Mayfair Road Wauwatosa, WI 53226 - (414) 257-0140

**Crowne Plaza Milwaukee**, .8 miles N  
10499 Innovation Drive, Wauwatosa - (414) 475-9500

**Days Inn Wauwatosa** 1 mile W  
11811 W Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee, WI 53226, (414) 771-4500

ESA Milwaukee-Wauwatosa 1.7 miles N  
11121 W North Ave, Wauwatosa, WI 53226, (414) 443-1909

**Radisson Hotel Milwaukee West 1.8 miles N (Host Hotel)**  
2303 N Mayfair Rd Milwaukee, WI 53226 - (414) 257-3400

Best Western Midway Hotel 3.7 miles W  
1005 South Moorland Road Brookfield, WI 53005 - (877) 664-3929

Homestead Milwaukee-Brookfield 5.7 miles W  
325 N Brookfield Rd. Brookfield , Wisconsin 53045 262-782-9300

La Quinta Inn Milwaukee Northwest 5.7 miles N  
5442 N Lovers Lane Rd Milwaukee, WI 53225 - (414) 535-1300

**MILWAUKEE PARK PLACE GI** 6.1 miles N  
11600 West Park Place, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53224, (414) 359-9823

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