

## **New Teams Forming**

**NOW!!!**

The National Wheelchair Softball Association (NWSA) is organizing new wheelchair softball teams for **junior players** (children and young adults) for the upcoming season. The nine week season runs from June through the National Championship tournament in early August.



Join the Nebraska Jr. Nebraska Barons, Windy City Warriors (Chicago), and the Jr. Courage Rolling Twins (Minnesota) in the chase for a National Championship.

Contact the NWSA for more information on forming teams, clinics, rules, and tournament information.



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### **New Teams Wanted**



**HITTERS!**



**ALL STARS!**



**Fielders!**

**Speed!**

**This Could**



**Be You!**

## **Wheelchair Softball**

For over 30 years, the National Wheelchair Softball Association (NWSA) has promoted and developed the game of wheelchair softball for persons with disabilities. Thousands of disabled athletes from across the country have benefited from the ability to participate in a game that is considered America's greatest pastime. NWSA developed a way of playing softball that would allow easy maneuverability in a wheelchair and keep the fast pace of softball. Thus was born a new game. Played on hard surfaces, such as a parking lot, instead of the normal grassy field the game uses a 16-inch softball allows players to keep one hand on the wheelchair while catching a softball without a glove.

## **Junior Division**

The NWSA has a new division of wheelchair softball for children and young adults. The junior division provides an opportunity for children with disabilities to enjoy the thrills and experiences of America's pastime. Just like their classmates in school who play in YMCA and other competitive baseball and softball leagues, children with disabilities will have the opportunity to experience the joys, health benefits, and all the life lessons provided by playing athletics.

## **National Wheelchair Softball Association**

In 1976, the NWSA was founded and serves as the governing body for wheelchair softball in the United States. The game is played under the official 16-inch slow pitch rules as approved by the Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA) with some exceptions geared toward the wheelchair user. Teams across America compete on a regular basis and host several tournaments throughout the summer. The NWSA coordinates local tournaments and hosts an annual national wheelchair softball championship for adults and youth generally scheduled for each August.

Today, the NWSA governs over 40 teams worldwide. Several teams have sought and found allegiance and sponsorship with their Major League Baseball (MLB) team counterparts in their area including: the Boston Red Sox, Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, Colorado Rockies, Minnesota Twins, New York Mets, Philadelphia Phillies, and Tampa Rays. All wear official MLB uniforms and compete with pride under their respective professional team's logo.

For more information on NWSA's game of wheelchair softball, pictures, rules, history, statistics, and team contacts please visit:

**[www.wheelchairsoftball.org](http://www.wheelchairsoftball.org)**

**Start Your New Team Today!!**

## **NWSA will help you Organize Your Own Team**

Please contact the NWSA for information and assistance on forming your new team.

The NWSA can assist by:

- Conducting a clinic in your city to teach athletes to play the game
- Providing equipment recommendations and suppliers;
- Providing practice routines and drills;
- Providing tournament hosting information;
- Providing the rules of the game.

## **The annual Jr. Division National Wheelchair Softball Tournament** is

held in early August. Teams will compete for a national championship and players compete for individual all-tournament honors.

The NWSA would like to recognize the generous support of its Jr. Division official sponsor:

