

A Sporting Chance

“The Opportunity To Be An Athlete”

MISSION STATEMENT

To give A Sporting Chance to **any person with any disability, youth who are disadvantaged, abused & neglected children, "At Risk Teenagers", & Senior Citizens** by developing and providing amateur sports training, competition, and recreational programs. Any person with any disability or youth who are disadvantaged can participate in any program offered by A Sporting Chance. The athletes must be ages 3 or older to participate. There is no upper age limit and adults are welcome to participate in all programs.

ORGANIZATION

A Sporting Chance is a **Not-For-Profit Organization, headquartered in Springfield, MO.** A Sporting Chance serves all counties in Missouri and will also allow other athletes from other States to participate in our programs. A Sporting Chance is a 501-(c)(3) organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service. A 25 member Board of Directors governs the organization. **100 % of all money raised will be spent in Missouri.** A Sporting Chance is a total entity by itself and has no affiliation with any National or State Organization. A Sporting Chance offers year round (seasonal) training and competition on a \$215,000 budget.

LEAGUE PLAY & TOURNAMENTS

A Sporting Chance offers (**6 – 8 week**) leagues and several tournaments throughout the year. The weekly league play is seasonal and we try to offer the same sports that are being offered by the Missouri State High School Athletic Association: The tentative schedule for tournaments by sport is as follows:

Sports Offered	2016 League Season
Basketball	Weekly Leagues = Dec.5 – Feb. 9, 2017 Tournament Date = Week of Feb. 6 - 9, 2017
Track & Field	Weekly Practices begin April 3, 2017 “State” Track Meet = April 29 & 30 in Branson
Softball/Tee Ball	Weekly Leagues = June 1 - July 13, 2106 Tournament Date = July 13
Integrated Golf	Weekly Leagues = June 7 – July 12, 2016 Tournament Week = July 12
Volleyball	Weekly Leagues = Sept. 6 - Oct. 12, 2016 Tournament Week = Oct. 11 & 12
Bowling	Weekly Leagues = Oct 1. - Nov. 12, 2016 Tournament Date = Nov. 12, 2016

NUMBER OF ATHLETES IN A SPORTING CHANCE

During the 2014 calendar year A Sporting Chance served over 2,309 people (*from SW Missouri*) with various situations in their lives. Below is a breakdown of athletes involved in our program.

NUMBER OF ATHLETES			
Intellectual Disabilities	506	Multiple Sclerosis	4
Learning Disabilities	471	Stroke	2
Behavior Disabilities	457	Deaf/Hearing Impaired	37
Autistic	60	Mentally Ill	54
Cerebral Palsy	3	Head Injury	9
Blind/Visually Impaired	2	Amputees	2
Muscular Dystrophy	7	Spina Bifida	2
Disadvantaged Youth	549	Elderly	207

For More Information Please contact A Sporting Chance at 417-874-1958
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Recreational Sports Through "A Sporting Chance" (ASC)

We Serve

- Any Person with any Disability
- Youth who are Disadvantaged
 - "At Risk" Teenagers
- Abused & Neglected Children
- Children with a variety of situations in the life
 - Senior Citizens

A Sporting Chance (**ASC**) wants to make sure that the needs of all athletes are being met. Our goal is to make sure everyone gets to compete, either in competitive or in recreational sports. We will make any change necessary to any set of rules if it helps someone have fun and gives them the opportunity to play. The Competitive Sports avenue is easy to understand but the Recreational Sport is a little different. I would like to take a little time to explain the recreational sports and give you an opportunity to make suggestions that will also help "**put the fun**" back into sports programs.

Examples of Recreational Sports

The following paragraphs will give examples in some sports to get you to think about what we can do to make the program better. **Please submit any suggestions or ideas that you would like to see incorporated.** Any athlete, (in any sport), who needs leniency on rules will be afforded that opportunity if we know the situation ahead of time.

In Track - Individuals who use wheelchairs can be assisted by the Coach or Parent during competition. ASC will allow **Partners** for athletes in wheelchairs, on crutches, who are blind, elderly, etc. If the athlete in a wheelchair wants to do the obstacle course and cannot turn the wheelchair around then the Partner can help with the turns. **Athletes who are blind** can have a Partner run along side them or be in front of them giving assistance where needed.

In Softball - Athletes who use wheelchairs, crutches, who are blind, or elderly, or just have low motor functioning abilities who can hit the ball but cannot wheel or run by themselves to 1st base can be assisted by a **Partner**. The Partner can help push the athletes wheelchair. When the athlete is in the field the Partner can stay close pick up the ball, hand it to the athlete in the wheelchair and let the athlete throw the ball to a base or another person.

In Bowling - ASC will allow anyone who needs to, the opportunity to do bumper bowling, if it helps them be successful. Also, if any of your athletes want to bowl 1 game, 2 games or 3 games we will give them that opportunity. We will have team competition (4 on a team), doubles competition (2 on a team), competition for anyone who needs to use a ramp, and regular individual competition.

In Basketball - ASC will have as many divisions as we need for everyone of all ability levels to have a chance to compete with others of like ability. If someone does not understand the 3 second violation, cannot shoot from the regular free throw line, or cannot dribble consistently we offer divisions where those rules have been taken out. For children aged 3 - 7 who cannot shoot at a regular 10 foot goal **we have competition on either 6 foot or 8 foot goals depending on their ability.**

In Golf – ASC provides a weekly program where the athletes actually get to play 9 holes of golf every week beginning in June and concluding in September with an 18 hole golf tournament. For those who cannot play the actual game of golf we also provide golf instruction and practice on the driving range. We call our golf program an Integrated Golf program because each golfer is paired with a Volunteer Coach who team up with an athlete to play golf. We play an alternating shot format where the Coach tees off and then the athlete hits, then the Coach, then the athlete, etc, etc. ASC either provides the Volunteer Coach or a family member, Father, Mother, Sibling, Uncle, etc. can play with your athlete.

In Swimming – ASC offers swimming in 2 different ways. We offer Aquatic Therapy which is mainly 1 – 1 water therapy with a specialist. We also offer Individual and group Swimming Instruction which is mainly for people who do not know how to swim and want to learn. We do not offer swimming or diving competition.

Family Oriented Sports - ASC offers a program in as many sports as possible that allows family members to compete with their special athlete. As an example: In Bowling we want to offer Family Team Bowling (4) people. One member of the 4 person team must be a person with a disability or a person who is disadvantaged and the other 3 should be members of that persons family. We also offer 2 Families Team bowling for (4) people. This would mean that 2 families get together and form a team. This would mean that 2 athletes would have a disability and 2 people would be family members.

Integrated Sports Programs - ASC also has a program that **includes people with disabilities with people who do not have disabilities.** Our Integrated program allows other school mates, friends, neighbors, church friends, and others to compete on the same team with our special athletes. This is done in just about every sport that we have and makes for a good learning situation and good competition. This is also done in our golf program where we play an alternating shot format which affords everyone the chance to learn and have fun.

In Competitive Sports Avenues - A Sporting Chance does have competition for those who really want to play the game by the regular rules. We have teams in basketball that have players who can dunk the ball, shoot the eyes out of the basket at 3 point range, and dribble the ball where no one can steal it. We have athletes in softball who can hit the ball out of 300 foot ball parks and throw the ball from centerfield in the air to home plate. In track we have athletes who run the 100 meter dash in 11 seconds and the mile run in under 6 minutes.

Recreational Trips and Dances - One of the Major goals for ASC is to offer recreational trips and dances for the athletes. We have the availability of overnight trips for those who can help raise the funds to attend. ASC takes over 1,000 people to Branson in May for our Track Meet and we attend Silver Dollar City, we get over 1,000 tickets to the Branson Country Shows, we eat in restaurants and we stay in motels. Dances are offered at least 2 times a year: 1) The first dance is held in conjunction with the State Bowling Tournament in Late November or Early December. 2) The second dance is held in the Spring and everyone is invited.

A Sporting Chance has something for everyone. We want people to enjoy their sports and learn good sportsmanship. We feel that sports is an avenue that creates friendships, builds self-esteem and keeps people in good physical condition. A Sporting Chance would like to be your program. If this sounds like a program that would be of interest to you please call our office at 874-1958. **Help us Spread the Word.**

**Schools/Organizations
Involved in
“A Sporting Chance”**

**We have athletes in most towns in
SW MO**

Schools/Organizations Involved in A Sporting Chance

School/Organization	Person in Charge	Number of Athletes
The Arc of the Ozarks	Libby Barnard	25
Ash Grove Schools	Pam Floyd	20
Aurora Schools	Lisa Bellanger	20
Ava Area Groups	Margaret Bice & Steve Harter	25
Billings Schools	Joleah Biellier	15
Blue Eye Schools	Kathy Buckingham	20
Branson Schools	Leeann Reusch	20
Branson Adult Athletes	Melody Case	30
Bolivar (Homecourt Homes)	Jack McCrimmon	40
Bolivar Vipers & Cobras	Jim Bays	23
Boys & Girls Town	Bill Nelson	20
Buffalo & Louisburg Area Schools	Julie Darnell	55
Burrell Transitions	Lloyd Reed	20
Buffalo Group Home	Donna Carlson	15
Cabool Area Athletes	Patricia Newsom	10
Challenge Treatment Center for Teens	Mark Millsap	15
Carthage Area	John Alexander	12
Cape Fair Area	Frances Rein	20
Columbia Area Athletes	Wanda Lutz	50
Clever Schools	Amanda Winters	10
Developmental Center of the Ozarks	Susie Minor	12
Dorgan-Weaver Apartments - Branson	Melody Case	10
Eminence Schools	Emma Bland	15
Excel School	Bob Jahnke	18
Fair Play Schools	Connie Britain	12
Fair Grove Schools	Brian Sims	30
Fairview Schools	Carolyn Surritte	20
Fordland Schools	Sherry Chittenden	15
Fordland Natural Homes	Regina Clement	15
Forsyth Schools	Mark Woody	12
Galena Schools	Georgia Maples	15
Hollister Schools	Paula Shields	15
Houston Schools	Kayla Sloan	10
Humansville Schools	Carla Jenkins	10
Hurley Schools	Denise Rapp	15
(Lebanon) Applewood Group Home	Monica Ford	30
Jefferson City Athletes	John Wilson	45
Joplin Area Athletes	Dawn Nicholson	50
Kansas City Area Athletes	Donna Copeland	250
Lamar Area	Jennie Arnold	12
Lebanon Sheltered Workshop	Leland Timm	40
Mansfield Schools	Stephaney Menzie	20
Marshfield High School	Terry Griffin	12
Marshfield Middle School	Regina Spriggs	15
Marshfield Elementary	Janet Wells	12
Mo Rehab Center	Jill Wilson	10
Monett Area	Jim Smith	35
Mtn. Grove Schools	Susan Emmitt	40

Mt. Vernon	Courtney Hurn	15
Mtn. Grove Sheltered Workshop	Gary & Clara Hill	25
Neosho Area	Sherry Webb	30
Nixa Schools	Julie Dodd	55
Nixa Sheltered Workshop	Margaret Wells	40
Ozark Schools	Linda Walker	20
Raytown Area	John Jolowich	30
Reeds Spring Area	Judy Stone	10
Republic Area Athletes	Misty Beeson	15
Rolla Area Athletes	Shannon Weatherly	50
Logan Rogersville Schools	Amy Sherrill	10
St. Joseph's	Anna Lee Grindstaff	15
Salem Area Athletes	Jennifer Green	10
Sedalia Area Athletes	Jim Williams	50
Seymour Adults	Stephen Eldridge	20
Seymour Schools	Janet Sothard	20
Shell Knob & Kimberling City Area	Georgia Youngblood	25
Springfield Lodges	Christina Rosenthal	25
Springfield Schools (42 Groups)	Special Ed Teachers	550
Springfield Alternative Schools	Linda Jones	15
Stockton Schools	Vy Obert	15
Silo Ridge Group Home (Bolivar)	Ben Backern	12
Timber Creek Group Home (Bolivar)	Pepi Wallace	12
Thayer Schools	Lonnie Bales	22
Webb City – Carl Junction Area	Dawn Wilson	25
(West Plains) State School #18	Vicki Kimes	10
West Plains Group	Alyce Schartz	60
Willard High School	Christine Chamberlain	20
Willow Springs High School	Chari Grogan	20
Willow Springs Schools	Cindy Berry	12

Participation Fees for A Sporting Chance 2016 - 2017 Events

Basketball (Dec. 5 – Feb. 9, 2017)

(\$10 per person for whole season) (9 weeks)

Track & Field (April 29 – April 30, 2017)

Charges will vary depending on what activities you do in Branson

No charge just to come to track meet, have lunch and go home.

Itemized Costs for Branson Trip

Rooms (\$40 per room) = \$10 per person (4 people per room)

Saturday night Show Tickets = \$14 - \$28 per person

Saturday night dinner = \$7 per person

Silver Dollar City tickets = \$28 per person

Sunday breakfast = Free at Motel or \$6 per person at Bobby Jack's

Softball (June 1 - July 13)

(No Charge for Softball) (7 weeks)

Golf (June 7 – July 12)

(\$10 per week) (7 weeks)

Volleyball (Sept. 6 - Oct. 12)

(No Charge for a Volleyball) (7 weeks)

Bowling (Oct. 1 - Nov. 12)

(\$2 per person per week) (7 weeks)

"A SPORTING CHANCE" PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATE

This form is to be completed prior to the first practice session. It contains vital information in case of injury. The Coach should keep a copy of this form and bring it to all events. The "A Sporting Chance" office should also have a copy on file.

SECTION 1: ATHLETES APPLICATION AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Birth date: ____/____/____ M ____ F ____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone () _____ **Email** _____

This application to participate in "A SPORTING CHANCE" events is entirely voluntary on my part. I understand that I will have to follow the rules and regulations of the program and I agree to follow these rules. I also understand that if I do not meet the sportsmanship standards or if I am ejected from an event because of an unsportsmanlike act, it could result in me not being allowed to participate in the next contest or suspension from the team, either temporarily or permanently.

I have completed and/or verify that part of this form requires me to list all previous injuries, disabilities, or additional conditions that are known to me that may affect my performance in participating in any event of "A SPORTING CHANCE". With my signature below, I verify that it is correct and complete.

Signed by athlete: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 2: PARENT PERMISSION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR TREATMENT

We hereby give our consent for the above named athlete to participate in "A SPORTING CHANCE" athletic events. We also give our consent for him/her to accompany the team on trips and will not hold the "A SPORTING CHANCE" organization responsible in case of accident or injury, whether in route to or from practice sessions or an athletic event. We also hereby agree to hold the "A SPORTING CHANCE" organization, its' employees, agents, representatives, coaches, and volunteers harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of actions, debts, claims, or demands of every kind and nature whatsoever, which may arise by/ or in connection with participation by my child/ward in any activities related to programs by the not-for-profit organization named "A SPORTING CHANCE FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS".

If we cannot be reached and in the event of any emergency, we also give our consent for the "A SPORTING CHANCE" organization to obtain through a physician or hospital of its choice, such medical care as is reasonably necessary for the welfare of the athlete, if he/she is in the course of "A SPORTING CHANCE" activity.

We further state that we have completed the part of this certificate which requires us to list all previous injuries or additional conditions that are known to us, which may affect this athlete's performance or treatment, and we certify that it is correct and complete.

Please check sports that you would like to receive information about

Basketball = (Dec. – Feb.)	Integrated Golf (June – July)
Track & Field = (March – May)	Volleyball = (Sep. – Oct.)
Softball = (May - July)	Bowling = (Oct. – Nov.)

(Over)

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Athlete Health Inventory Parents Please Fill Out

Athletes Name: _____

(Check Yes or No)

DOES YOUR ATHLETE HAVE:	YES / NO		YES / NO
Allergies	___/___	Neck or Spine Injury	___/___
Asthma	___/___	Sickle Cell Trait	___/___
Bee Sting Allergy	___/___	Skin Condition	___/___
Diabetes	___/___	Enlarged Liver / Spleen	___/___
Ear Infections	___/___	HAS YOUR ATHLETE HAD:	
Seizures	___/___	Serious Illness	___/___
Heart Condition	___/___	Surgery (Operation)	___/___
Bone or Joint Problem	___/___	Childhood Disease	___/___
Behavioral Problem	___/___	DOES YOUR ATHLETE:	
Alcohol or Illicit Drug Use	___/___	Have trouble seeing close work	___/___
High Blood Pressure	___/___	Have trouble seeing at a distance	___/___
Absent Testicle, Ovary, Kidney, or Eye	___/___	Wear Glasses	___/___
Birth Defect	___/___	Wear Contact Lenses	___/___
Concussion	___/___	Have trouble hearing	___/___

Date of last Tetanus Immunization _____

INSURANCE COVERAGE

"A SPORTING CHANCE" by-laws provide that an athlete should have their own basic insurance coverage or be covered by Medicaid or Medicare. A Sporting Chance will be providing secondary insurance only.

Our athlete is covered by basic insurance by: _____
(Name of insurance company or Medicaid number)

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date: _____

MEDICATION NEEDS

Is your athlete on any medication on a regular basis? If so, please list.

This information is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that my athlete is not under the regular care of a physician for heart condition, asthma or a chronic condition requiring special care. **If under care for a heart condition athlete must have a release from his/her doctor in order to participate in A Sporting Chance events.**

Media Release

By my signature below I am granting permission to A *Sporting Chance* to use the athletes name, voice, picture or words in television, newspapers, radio, magazines or any other type of media. I realize that publicity of the athletes and their abilities helps promote the A Sporting Chance program and agree to help in anyway possible.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Athletes Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

(If athlete is 18 Years or Older)

Return to:
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