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2019 SERIES OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

Adaptive Sports USA sanctions over 20 events annually. Sanctioning approves the conducting of a competitive multi-disability, single or multi-sport event including at minimum archery, powerlifting, shooting, swimming, table tennis, and/or track and field. The sanction represents an events commitment to following national and, when applicable, international rules and regulations for each of the individual sports contested and to provide a safe environment for participants and spectators.

Adaptive Sports USA works alongside our nationwide network of chapter members to promote our sanctioned events for youth and adults, including disabled veterans and disabled members of the armed forces. The events serve over 1,500 athletes with a physical disability and/or visual impairment annually. For athletes aspiring to advance along the athlete pipeline, sanctioned events serve as qualifiers and/or training opportunities for national competitions such as the Adaptive Sports USA Junior Nationals, U.S. Paralympics National Championships, the National Veteran Wheelchair Games, and the Valor and Warrior Games.



1. TRI-STATE REGIONAL SWIM MEET SPONSORED BY CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL ★
MARCH 2

Piscataway, NJ

Swimming

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www.childrens-specialized.org

The Tri-State Regional Swim Meet sponsored by Children's Lightning Wheels was originally the Children's Specialized Swim Meet, but became the swim meet for the Tri-State Regional Games in 1997. It is held at Rutgers University in Piscataway, NJ, the site of the 2001 Adaptive Sports USA Junior Nationals and the 2008 Junior Nationals & IWAS Games.

2. GUMBO ACADIANA MEET
TENTATIVE MARCH 30

New Iberia, LA

Track & field (Level 2)

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www.gumbogames.com

Games Uniting Mind and Body (GUMBO) is the host of GUMBO Acadiana, a track & field event designed to offer qualifying opportunities to junior athletes (ages 5-18) who plan to attend Adaptive Sports USA Junior Nationals.

3. RUSS HARVEY MEMORIAL ARCHERY TOURNAMENT
APRIL 13

Tampa Bay, FL

Archery

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The Russ Harvey Memorial Archery Tournament is held in remembrance of a longtime friend of Paralympic Sport Tampa Bay (PSTB). Russ helped grow the sport of archery locally and nationally, making a significant impact on PSTB. We want to honor his contribution to this sport through this wonderful tournament.

4. LONE STAR PARA INVITATIONAL
APRIL 20

Arlington, TX

Track & field (Level 2)

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www.swaasports.org

Southwest Wheelchair Athletic Association in partnership with the Arlington Independent School district offer a Junior Track and Field meet in the State of Texas for children with physical disabilities.

5. TURNSTONE ENDEAVOR GAMES ★ ★
APRIL 26-28

Fort Wayne, IN

Archery, Boccia, goalball, power soccer, shooting, sitting volleyball, swimming, track & field (Level 3), wheelchair basketball

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www.endeavorgames.com/fortwayne

Turnstone empowers people with disabilities to achieve their highest potential by providing comprehensive services and programs. The inaugural Turnstone Endeavor Games started in April 2017 in partnership with the University of Central Oklahoma.

6. TEXAS REGIONAL GAMES ★

MAY 2-5

San Antonio, TX

Archery, boccia, cycling, powerlifting, shooting, swimming, table tennis, track & field (Level 3)

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www.texasregionalparasport.org/texas-regional-games-3

The Texas Regional Games is a multi-sport, multi-day event held in San Antonio, TX since 2012. This Paralympic-style competition is for athletes with physical disabilities and visual impairments and put on by Texas Regional Para Sport and Southwest Wheelchair Athletic Association.

7. DAIRYLAND GAMES ★

MAY 3-5

Middleton, WI

Archery, swimming, tae kwon do (clinic), track & field (Level 3), wheelchair basketball (clinic)

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www.dairylandgames.org

Founded in 2016, the Dairyland Games are Wisconsin's first and only regional adaptive sports event allowing junior athletes to qualify for the Adaptive Sports USA Junior Nationals. The 2017 games moved to a new venue at Middleton High School, expanded to fill an entire weekend, and added 2 new sports open to juniors and adults.

8. DIXIE GAMES ★

MAY 9-12

Pasco County, FL

Archery, fencing, handcycling, powerlifting, shooting, swimming, track & field (Level 3)

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www.dixiegames.com

The Dixie Wheelchair Athletic Association region includes Alabama, Georgia and Florida. Dating back to 1967, the Dixie Games have a long and rich tradition of offering competitive sports opportunities to athletes with physical and visual disabilities.

9. SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL GAMES

MAY 17-19

Clemson, SC

Archery, shooting, swimming, track & field (Level 3)

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www.sewsagames.com

The Southeastern Wheelchair Sports Association (SEWSA) Board of Directors is excited to announce that the 25th Annual SEWSA Games are moving to Clemson University, home of the 2016 and 2018 College Football National Champions. All competition will take place on Clemson's campus, and offered sports include track and field, swimming, shooting, and archery. Youth and adult competition is available, and this event serves as a training and qualifying opportunity for Adaptive Sports USA Junior Nationals, as well as other competitions.

10. CHALLENGE GAMES

MAY 18

Derby, KS

Boccia, track & field (Level 2)

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www.challengegames.org

Since 1989, The Challenge Foundation has hosted a track, field, and boccia competition for para-athletes of all ages. The meet typically has a mix of athletes from novice to experienced, from Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and other surrounding states. Five Paralympic medalists had their first competition at the Challenge Games.

11. GATEWAY GAMES ★

MAY 19–20

St. Peters, MO

Archery, boccia, powerlifting, swimming, track & field (Level 3)

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www.dasasports.org

The Gateway Games, established in 2007, is hosted by the Disabled Athlete Sports Association. This multi-sport, two-day event offers competition in archery, boccia, powerlifting, swimming, and track & field for athletes with a physical or visual disability from around the country. It is an Adaptive Sports USA & USATF Sanctioned and IPC approved competition.

12. DESERT CHALLENGE GAMES (WORLD PARA ATHLETICS GRAND PRIX) ★

MAY 22–26

Mesa/Phoenix/Tempe, AZ

Archery, shooting, swimming, track & field (Level 3)

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www.desertchallengegames.com

Desert Challenge Games started in 1989 and is now an international archery, shooting, swimming, track & field event. Hosted by Arizona Disabled Sports, Desert Challenge is one of nine Grand Prix's offered around the world in partnership with World Para Athletics.

13. TRI-STATE WHEELCHAIR & AMBULATORY REGIONAL GAMES ★

MAY 24–26

Hillsdale, NJ

Archery, powerlifting, track & field (Level 3)

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www.tswaa.com

The Tri-State Wheelchair & Ambulatory Regional Games is sponsored by the North Jersey Navigators, Tri-State Wheelchair Athletic Association, Pascack Valley High School and the Kessler Foundation. Events contested include track & field, archery, and powerlifting. The event is Adaptive Sports USA & USATF Sanctioned and World Para Approved for Track & Field. Two track competition sessions will take place: Saturday evening (Open Track) and Sunday (All athletes). Fast Mondo track, Electronic Timing and National Classification for Track & Field.

14. THUNDER IN THE VALLEY GAMES ★

MAY 30 – JUNE 2

Saginaw, MI

Archery, boccia, handcycling, powerlifting, shooting, swimming, table tennis, track & field (Level 2)

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www.thunderinthevalleygames.com

Thunder in the Valley Games is a multi-sport, multi-day event. The games are open to athletes with physical or visual disabilities of all ages. Proceeds from this event will be used to help Michigan Sports Unlimited, Inc. (MSU) which recognizes the value of sports and recreation in the lives of individuals with disabilities.

15. 5280 CHALLENGE

JUNE 1

Aurora, CO

Archery, track & field (Level 3)

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www.5280challenge.com

Building on the rich track & field tradition in Colorado, the 5280 Challenge provides Masters and Paralympic athletes the opportunity to qualify for regional and national competition through USA Track & Field and Adaptive Sports USA. The event is open to youth and adults with a physical disability and/or visual impairment, including disabled veterans and disabled members of the armed forces. Youth events are qualifying events for the Adaptive Sports USA Junior Nationals.

16. BEE HIVE GAMES

JUNE 1

Salt Lake County, UT

Archery, powerlifting, track & field (Level 1)

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https://slco.org/adaptive/

17. UCO ENDEAVOR GAMES ★

JUNE 6–9

Edmond, OK

Archery, cycling, powerlifting, shooting, sitting volleyball, swimming, table tennis, track & field (Level 3), wheelchair basketball, wheelchair softball

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www.endeavorgames.com/edmond

The Endeavor Games for athletes with physical disabilities began in 2000 on the University of Central Oklahoma campus. The UCO Endeavor Games provides a memorable experience that is both fun and competitive with a unique theme and medals each year, a Welcome Party to kick off the event and 10 sports offered to athletes of all ages and skill levels.

18. RICHARD CADMUS DISABLED SPORTS MEET (JUNIOR MASONIC REGIONAL MEET)

JUNE 8–9

North Brunswick, NJ

Archery, powerlifting, swimming, table tennis, track & field (Level 2)

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The annual Richard Cadmus Memorial Track & Field Meet is proudly sponsored by the New Jersey Masonic Fraternity. This is an Adaptive Sports USA sanctioned meet designed to give athletes in the Junior division an opportunity to qualify for Adaptive Sports USA Junior Nationals.

19. ADULT NATIONAL OPEN AND THE GREAT LAKES REGIONAL GAMES ★ ★

JUNE 13–16

Lake Forest and Skokie, IL

Archery, boccia, powerlifting, shooting, swimming, track & field (Level 3)

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www.glasa.org / www.adultnationalgreatlakes.com

Hosted by the Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association, the Adult National Open Great Lakes Regional Games is World Para Approved for track & field, provides classification in swim and track and field, has socials, clinics and a continuum of competition in archery, boccia, powerlifting, shooting, swimming, and track and field. The Fast Cow track meet has been added to the Saturday evening schedule under the lights and both Fast Cow and the Sunday meet will be conducted on a fast Mondo track. The games serve local, national and international competitors, including the injured military.

20. ROLLING THUNDER REGIONAL TRACK & FIELD MEET

JUNE 14–15

Minneapolis, MN

Track & field (Level 2)

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The 2019 Rolling Thunder Regional Track & Field Meet will serve as a qualifying meet for athletes competing at the Adaptive Sports USA 2019 Junior Nationals and gain local excitement of Junior Nationals being hosted in Minnesota.

**21. ANGEL CITY GAMES
PRESENTED BY THE HARTFORD ★
JUNE 20–23
Los Angeles, CA**

Archery, sitting volleyball, swimming, table tennis, track & field (Level 3), wheelchair basketball, wheelchair tennis
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www.angelcitygames.org

Hosted by Angel City Sports, the annual Angel City Games clinic & competition format allows athletes to receive instruction and develop their skills, then participate in a competitive environment. This Adaptive Sports USA sanctioned meet is a qualifying meet for Adaptive Sports USA Junior Nationals for the events of archery, swimming and track & field. Event organizers create a fun environment for competitive adaptive sports as well as the unique vibe of Los Angeles. The event's annual Celebrity Wheelchair Basketball Game has featured Hollywood stars Adam Sandler & Rob Schneider alongside Paralympians, Olympians, NFL greats and UCLA sports alumni.

**22. BLAZESPORTS AMERICA OLYMPIC DAY
TRACK & FIELD MEET
JUNE 22
Atlanta, GA**

Track & field (Level 3)
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www.blazesports.org

The BlazeSports America Olympic Day Track & Field Meet is an open meet for all youth, adult and veteran track & field athletes with physical disabilities, who are ambulatory or use a wheelchair. This Adaptive Sports USA sanctioned meet is a qualifying meet for the Adaptive Sports USA Junior Nationals while also doubling as a Paralympian meet and greet!

**23. DAKOTA PARAGAMES
JUNE 22–23
Bismark, ND**

Archery, track & field (Level 2)
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Hosted by Dreams in Motion, the Dakota Games offers track & field and archery. Established in 2018, the event will be a pathway for athletes to qualify for the Adaptive Sports USA Junior Nationals. There will also be an Open Adult competition for all events, so athletes 23 years old or older can participate.

**24. ADAPTIVE SPORTS USA
2019 JUNIOR NATIONALS ★ ★
JULY 14–19
Eden Prairie, MN**

Archery, paratriathlon, powerlifting, shooting, swimming, table tennis (clinic), track & field (Level 3)
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https://adaptivesportsusa.org/junior-nationals
Junior Nationals is the largest longstanding annual multi-sport event for youth with a physical disability, visual impairment and/or intellectual impairment in the United States. The weeklong national sport championship is open to young athletes through the age of 22. The event provides an avenue for young athletes to showcase their abilities through sport and can serve as a pipeline to international competition and the Paralympic Games. The 2019 rendition is brought to you by Adaptive Sports USA and a professional group of dedicated Minnesotans. Qualify at a sanctioned event near you!

*All events are subject to change.
Please visit each event's website for registration and more information.*



ADDITIONAL NOTES

✓ All events are subject to change. Contact the local event director and/or visit the event website for additional information to include registration. All events pending sanctioning approval as of February 2019. Additional sanctioned events may be added.

✓ All sports listed as "shooting" are air pistol and/or air rifle.

✓ Levels listed for track and field include:

Level 1 – Fun meet, skill development, non-qualifier for Jr. Nationals

Level 2 – Qualifier for Jr. Nationals & Masters National Records Eligible

Level 3 – Qualifier for Jr. Nationals; Electronic Timing; Junior, Open & Masters National Record Eligible; IPC Results Reportable

★ Denotes events with firm classification opportunities for swimming as of January 2019.

★ Denotes events with firm classification opportunities for track and field as of January 2019.

For the most current classification opportunities, updates and information, visit U.S. Paralympics at:

Swimming: <https://www.teamusa.org/US-Paralympics/Sports/Swimming/Classification>

Track and Field: <https://www.teamusa.org/US-Paralympics/Sports/Track-and-Field/Classification>



Didn't find an event near you? Don't worry!

Tap into your local community for inclusive competition opportunities within the sport and/or school system. Best practices are highlighted by the Athletics for All Task Force, specifically around school inclusion, at <https://athleticsforall.net>.



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