



**Join us in Macon Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> for the 2024 American Association of AdaptED Sports Programs (AAASP/GHSA) State Wheelchair Basketball Championships**  
***Clayton County Eagles vs. the Houston County Sharks at 3 PM; All Tournament Team Honored***

**Atlanta, March 5, 2023.** The American Association of AdaptED Sports Programs (AAASP) and the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) will host the **2024 AAASP/GHSA Dr. Ralph Swearngin State Wheelchair Basketball Championship Varsity Game** Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Macon Coliseum at 3 PM, as part of the state championship slate that day. The Wheelchair Basketball Championship will feature the final two Varsity Wheelchair Basketball teams – the **Clayton County Eagles vs. the Houston County Sharks**– from across the state, as the American Association of AdaptED Sports Programs continues its 27<sup>th</sup> season. This year’s Championship trophy will be presented by the State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Richard Woods; and second place trophy will be presented by the AAASP Executive Director Tommie Storms.

Students representing over 40 varying physical disability groups competed this year. The top four (4) teams in the JV and Varsity divisions competed the last weekend for qualification. The Junior Varsity Championship Game was held Saturday, March 2, 2024, between the Houston Jr. Sharks and the Peach County Rolling Trojans. This was Peach County’s first appearance in a JV Title Game. The Houston County Junior Sharks beat the Peach County Rolling Trojans (24-18) to earn the Junior Varsity State Title. The Varsity Semifinals were held this past weekend; the Clayton Eagles defeated the West Georgia Wolverines (26-21) to make it to the Varsity Finals; Houston Sharks beat out the DeKalb Silver Streaks (48-28) to earn their spot.

AAASP teams from the following school districts, in a dual governing alliance with GHSA, participated in wheelchair basketball this year. In the varsity division, they were: the Clayton Eagles, the DeKalb Silver Streaks, the Houston County Sharks, and the West Georgia Wolverines. In the junior varsity division, they were: the Atlanta Wolfpack, the Houston Jr. Sharks, the Gwinnett Heat, the Georgia Storm, the Peach County Rolling Trojans and the Muscogee Lions. [Click here](#) to view the AAASP #wheelchairbasketball schedule standings that led up to the finals.

The American Association of AdaptED Sports Programs named a 2023-2024 Junior Varsity and a 2023-2024 Varsity All-Tournament Team. Congratulations to this year’s honorees:

**Junior Varsity AAASP Wheelchair Basketball All Tournament Team:**

Peach County Rolling Trojans:	Caleb Watters Jace Harter
Houston County Sharks:	Josh Cruz
Ga Storm:	MakHayden Holliman
Muscogee Lions:	McCarty McGraw
Atlanta Wolfpack	A.J. Jerger

**Varsity AAASP Wheelchair Basketball All Tournament Team:**

Houston County Sharks:	Anthony Cuti Caden Nelson
Clayton County Eagles:	Kila-Ray Brown
West Ga Wolverines:	Austin Thompson
Dekalb Silverstreaks:	Robert Edwards
Gwinnett Heat:	Jeremiah Hopson

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The American Association of AdaptED Sports Programs, Inc. (AAASP) is celebrating its 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year of bringing interscholastic adapted athletics to schools. GHSA formed the nation's first dual governing alliance with AAASP in 2001 to pioneer these efforts for students with physical disabilities. Through this alliance, GHSA recognizes AAASP as the governing and sanctioning body for adapted sports programs within Georgia's schools. For more information on Wheelchair Basketball, a copy of the rules, or how to start or find a team in your area, please log on to: <https://adaptedsports.org>. Schools or districts can learn more about becoming a member of AAASP by contacting us 404-294-0070 or the Georgia High School Association.

The American Association of AdaptED Sports Programs (AAASP), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia since 1996, has developed one of the nation's most comprehensive school-based athletic programs for children with physical disabilities attending grades 1-12. Many prominent individuals and national organizations in the industry have recognized AAASP as the model for the nation. For more information about AAASP, please visit our website at <https://adaptedsports.org> or join our conversations on Facebook (American Association of AdaptED Sports Programs), Twitter or Instagram at: @AdaptEDSports.

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