

## Join us in Macon Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> for the 2022 American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP/GHSA) Wheelchair Basketball State Championships

Houston County Sharks will take on the DeKalb Silver Streaks at 3 PM for the State Title

Atlanta, March 7, 2022. The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP) and the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) will host the 2022 AAASP/GHSA Dr. Ralph Swearngin Wheelchair Basketball State Championship Varsity Game Saturday, March 12<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 Houston County Sharks vs. the DeKalb Silver Streaks— from across the state, as the American Association of Adapted Sports Programs continues its 25<sup>th</sup> season anniversary year.

Students representing over 40 varying physical disability groups competed this year. The top teams in the JV and Varsity divisions competed the last weekend in February for qualification. The Junior Varisty Championship Game was held Saturday, February 26, 2022, between the Gwinnett Heat and the Muscogee Lions. The Heat took the Junior Varsity State Title. The Varsity Semifinals were also held last weekend; the DeKalb Silver Streaks defeated the Clayton Eagles to make it to the Varsity Finals; Houston Sharks beat out the West Georgia Wolverines to earn their spot.

Teams from the following school districts participated in the AAASP/GHSA adapted sport of wheelchair basketball this year, a dual governing alliance in the Varsity Division –DeKalb Silver Streaks, West Georgia Wolverines, Clayton County, and the Houston Sharks. The Houston Jr. Sharks, Gwinnett Heat, and the Muscogee Lions competed in the Junior Varsity Division – Click here to view the AAASP #wheelchairbasketball schedule that led up to the finals.

The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, Inc. (AAASP) is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> season anniversary this season 2021-2022 of bringing interscholastic adaptive 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 for Georgia's schools. For more information on Wheelchair Basketball, for a copy of the rules, or how to start a team in your area, please log on to: <a href="http://adaptedsports.org">http://adaptedsports.org</a>. 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 <a href="www.adaptedsports.org">www.adaptedsports.org</a> or join our conversations on Facebook (American Association of Adapted Sports Programs), Twitter or Instagram at: @AdaptedSports.

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