



Dixie Wheelchair Athletic Association (DWAA)

WAUSA National Delegate Assembly

RSO Report

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Introduction

The DWAA serves a region that includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee. The Dixie Games remains the primary program of the DWAA. With a Board comprised of members from numerous organizations that provide ongoing sport and recreation programs to children, adults and veterans with physical disability and visual impairments, the DWAA Region has a wealth of opportunities for its members.

Organizations represented on the DWAA Board and in the DWAA Region include:

- BlazeSports America/Paralympic Sport Atlanta
- Lakeshore Foundation
- Methodist Sports Program
- MidSouth Adaptive Sports & Recreation Program
- Paralympic Sports Tampa Bay
- Shepherd Center Sports Teams
- Champions Made from Adversity
- Eagle Sports Chairs

2012 Dixie Games Summary

The 32nd Annual Dixie Games were hosted May 11-13 in Tampa, Florida by Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department and Paralympic Sport Tampa Bay. This was the third consecutive year Tampa hosted the Dixie Games.

Events offered for competition included track & field, swimming, archery, table tennis, weightlifting. A wheelchair fencing clinic was also offered as part of the Games. Highlights included:

- 82 athletes competed representing 12 states (Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Minnesota, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia)
- 4 Countries represented (USA, Barbados, Bermuda, Canada)
- Our national military was represented by 22 Veterans – a 100% increase
- Evening social included a "Salute to our Military Athletes"
- Robyn Stawski was inducted into the Dixie Hall of Fame
- 4 athletes that competed in the 2012 Dixie Games were selected to represent the United States at the Paralympic Games in London
 - Scott Danberg – Elected Flag Bearer for Parade of Nations at London 2012 Paralympic Games opening ceremonies
 - Scott Winkler (Champions Made from Adversity & Veteran)
 - Cassie Mitchell (Shepherd Center)
 - Centra Myzyck (BlazeSports & Veteran)

- The 33rd Annual Dixie Games will be held in Atlanta hosted by BlazeSports America/Paralympic Sport Atlanta and Shepherd Center.

Accomplishments

Over the last three years, as a result of the leadership and hard work of Vice-Chair Randy Chiavaroli, the DWAA has increased the quality and quantity of equipment owned by the Association. Currently, the total value of the equipment owned by the DWAA is \$14,763.27. Due to the quality and quantity of the equipment inventory, the Dixie Games has been able to be in complete compliance for track and field with the rules set forth by the IPC (International Paralympic Committee) for a sanctioned event.

One of the benefits of developing this equipment inventory is the ability to rent the equipment out to other events. This has been mutually beneficial in that the event receives top quality equipment and technical support and the DWAA generates revenue that is re-invested in equipment inventory.

Another byproduct of developing the equipment inventory is the ability to realize bulk discounts that are passed on to DWAA member organizations.

The Dixie Wheelchair Athletic Association will work to continue to provide the best games possible and remain a leader when it comes to complying with IAAF and IPC track and field rules. Dixie will continue to work towards compliance with all venues offered at the Dixie Games.

DWAA Board Members

Dan Humphreys (2015) - Dixie BOD Chair

Randy Chiavaroli (2015) - Dixie BOD Vice-Chair

Pam Navarra-Chiavaroli – Dixie BOD Treasurer (2015)

Arleen Sand (2013) – Dixie BOD Secretary

Tammy Bolen (2014)
T&F Official

Ginny Boydston (2014)

Doug Brush (2014)

Jennifer Copping (2013)

Andy Chasanoff (2014)

Matt Edens (2015)

Barry Ewing (2015)

Lindsay Hawkins (2013)

2013 Dixie Games



Hosted by:



ATLANTA



**Shepherd
Center**

2013 Dixie Games

Thursday, May 9 – Sunday, May 12 2013 – Mother’s Day Weekend

History of the Dixie Games

In **1976**, sixty people with physical disabilities participated in bowling, swimming, weightlifting, table tennis, track and field, basketball, and football at a Wheelchair Games Jamboree in Winder, Georgia.

In **1979**, the Georgia Wheelchair Sports & Recreation Association hosted the First Georgia Invitational Games at **Westminster Schools** where over 50 athletes competed in swimming, track & field, table tennis and slalom.

The Second Annual Georgia Invitational Games were hosted at the Cobb County Civic Center on August 22-24, **1980** with nearly 100 wheelchair athletes competing.

In **1981**, the Georgia and Alabama Wheelchair Athletic Associations came together to form the Dixie Wheelchair Athletic Association (DWAA) and hosted the First Annual Dixie Regional Wheelchair Games at the Cobb County Civic Center. Over 100 athletes competed over three days in swimming, weightlifting, archery, track & field, slalom, and table tennis.

Over the next 30 years, the Dixie Games have been an annual, sanctioned competition for athletes with a physical disability from around the southeast and as far away as Canada and England. Host sites have included the University of Georgia, the University of Alabama, Emory University, Lakeshore Rehabilitation Center and Sanford University, West Georgia College, University of Alabama-Birmingham and Spain Rehabilitation Center, the Cobb County Civic Center, Auburn University, Roosevelt Warm Springs Rehabilitation Center, Warm Springs, Georgia and most recently Tampa, FL.

The Dixie Games will return to the Atlanta Metro Area for the 2013 and 2014 games.

Who is Eligible to Participate?

All junior and adult athletes with a physical or visual disability. Disabilities may include but not be limited to: Spinal Cord Injury, Spina Bifida, Acquired Brain Injury, Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, Amputation, Osteogenesis Imperfecta, Dwarfism, Blindness or Visual Impairment and Les Autres (other permanent physical disabilities that do not fit in the above categories).

Junior Age Divisions

Competitive age for junior events is determined by the athlete's age by year of birth.

Futures*: Ages 5-6

Under 11: Ages 7-10

Under 14: Ages 11-13

Under 16: Ages 14-15

Under 18: Ages 16-17

Under 20: Ages 18-19

Under 23: Ages 20-22 with the exception of Weightlifting which is 19-23

*Dixie Futures Events will include: 20m, 60m, softball, sponge discus, & turbo javelin

Sanctioning

The 2013 Dixie Games will pursue IPC sanctioning for the track and field and swimming competitions.

Classification

Classification will be available at the Dixie Games for track and field and swimming.

Each athlete MUST have a classification according to his or her functional ability to allow fair competition between athletes with similar abilities. The adult international classification systems are utilized. All athletes must have classifications at the international, domestic national, regional or provisional level to compete at the Dixie Games. A provisional classification is for those athletes who do not have an existing classification. The coach is responsible for reviewing the classifications for the sports to be contested in the appropriate rulebook and list the classification that best meets the profile for the athlete.

The Events

Air Rifle

Archery: Classes AR1, AR2, and AR3

Field Events: Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, Long Jump, High Jump, Triple Jump, Club Throw

Track Events: 20M, 60M, 100M, 200M, 400M, 800M, 1500M, 5000M

Swimming: 25M Short Course, 25, 50, 100, 200m Free, Back, Butterfly and Breast; 75, 100, 150, 200m IM, Relays

Table Tennis: Open Singles and Open Doubles will be contested for classifications TT1-TT10

Weightlifting: Power and Bench styles will be contested

Wheelchair Fencing: Epée and Foil