

Players Needed

We are looking for individuals (men & women of all physical disabilities, amputees, paraplegics, etc.) We will provide the training and, as funds become available, the equipment for you to participate at the level which best suits your disability. For additional information please contact us.



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Wheelchair Basketball



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Who We Are

Gulf Coast Barracudas, Inc. is a Florida not-for-profit corporation, formed to provide competitive athletics for the physically challenged at a level they choose. Our initial endeavor is to form S.W. Florida's first independently supported wheelchair basketball team, the Gulf Coast Barracudas. In 2003 we will be applying for membership into the Florida Wheelchair Basketball Conference of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association. In addition to the formation of a wheelchair basketball team, our goals are varied and far-reaching. Besides wheelchair basketball, we intend to provide for both Adult and Youth to participate in many sports for physically challenged: track & field, road racing, tennis, swimming, etc. In addition to serving as active role models to the physically challenged, the Gulf Coast Barracudas, Inc. will provide increased awareness information about athletics for the physically challenged to the general public. This is to be accomplished through Awareness Day programs run at local schools, exhibitions with able-bodied participants, seminars, and speaking engagements.

Mission

The purpose of Gulf Coast Barracudas, Inc. is in promoting excellence and developing opportunities to provide competitive athletics for the physically challenged.

Vision

- an effective organization with its own distinct identity within the sporting community;
- internal communication which supports an environment of cohesion and communication;
- ensured a sufficient level of human and financial resources to support the goals, programs and services of the organization;
- a marketing strategy which heightens the profile of the sport and its participants;
- a leadership role in wheelchair basketball development in the capacity of advisor, resource and advocate for athletes with a disability, the able-bodied community, media and other sectors;
- programs and services which reflect inclusion and sport specific development.

Values

- inclusion is fundamental in achieving equity and access in sports;
- in quality service;
- in people as our number 1 resource;
- in cooperation and collaboration with partners;
- in dynamic and pioneering leadership;
- in participant-based sport development;
- in ethical conduct and behavior;
- that the need of athletes drive our decision making;
- that sport has value in and of itself;
- that sport is a vehicle for social change;
- that all segments of society view wheelchair basketball as a true sport;
- that Gulf Coast Barracudas, Inc. will be a leader in the development of Wheelchair Sports;
- that participants realize the costs of playing the sport and accept their share;
- elite Wheelchair Basketball is viewed by the public and media as equivalent to all other elite sports and promoted accordingly;
- that there will be steady growth at all levels.

Community Sponsorship/ Support Program

Various Support Levels Available

\$1 – \$99	General Support
\$100 – \$499	Equipment Sponsor
\$500 – \$1,999	Wheels Sponsor
\$2,000 +	Chair Sponsor

The proper legal form for our name is:

Gulf Coast Barracudas, Inc.

We are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Name

Address

Phone

Our primary source of support will be solicitations of individuals and businesses in the local community.

In order for the physically challenged and able-bodied community to become aware of our program, we will conduct exhibition games.