



34TH NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES

Fact Sheet

What A multi-event sports and rehabilitation program for military service Veterans who use wheelchairs for sports competition due to spinal cord injuries, amputations or other neurological disorders. Attracting more than 500 athletes each year, the National Veterans Wheelchair Games is the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the world.

Where Events will take place in the Downtown Philadelphia area, as well as at additional off-site venue locations.

When August 12-17, 2014

Why The presenters of this event are committed to improving the quality of life for Veterans with disabilities and fostering better health through sports competition. While past Games have produced a number of national and world-class champions, the Games also provide opportunities for newly disabled Veterans to gain sports skills and to be exposed to peer wheelchair athletes. Typically, one quarter of the competitors have never before participated in any type of organized wheelchair sports competition.

Presenters The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Paralyzed Veterans of America, with sponsorships from corporate, civic, and Veterans service organizations

Hosts Philadelphia VA Medical Center and Paralyzed Veterans of America

Events Competitive events at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games include swimming, table tennis, weightlifting, archery, air guns, basketball, boccia, nineball, softball, quad rugby, bowling, handcycling, trapshooting, wheelchair slalom, power soccer, a motorized wheelchair rally, track and field. Exhibition events are also being planned. Athletes compete in all events against others with similar athletic ability, competitive experience or age.

Admission Free. The public is most welcome.

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