

Reducing gaps in accessible sports availability and promoting community inclusion and awareness of disabilities through sports.





### About ASGKC

AS-GKC.net is a stand-alone, community-wide, all-inclusive adaptive sports website and calendar that lists adaptive/accessible sports activities throughout the metropolitan area. Organizations, businesses, nonprofits, communities, groups, etc., that offer accessible sporting activities in the KC Metro Area (Missouri and Kansas) are encouraged to list their events, teams, activities, venues, etc., on the website.

The website was created to address the gaps in the Kansas City metropolitan area in communication, collaboration, and access to adaptive/accessible sports programs and venues for people of all ages with physical, mental health, and/or intellectual disabilities.

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## **ASGKC Happenings**

We need your input! As we continue to gather information on how we can improve adaptive sports throughout Kansas City, we are still in need of people to sign up to be in our focus groups. Please pass along to anyone that may be interested. www.as-gkc.net/focusgroup

ASGKC recently had the opportunity to participate in a Missouri Department of Conservation panel on outdoor recreational activities. ASGKC, alongside other advocacy organizations, helped bring awareness to the barriers that individuals can face when using our publicly funded outdoor recreational facilities.



## **ASGKC Important Dates**

Accessible Sports Greater Kansas City Regional Roundtable, November 12, 2020, 11:00am at The Whole Person, or via Zoom. Learn more here.

ASGKC Focus Group, November 10, 2020, 5:00pm at The Whole Person, or via Zoom. Sign-up to attend here: www.as-gkc.net/focusgroups, or contact Anthony Trakas at atrakas@thewholeperson.org.

### Partner News

#### **PAST NEWS**

more here.

First Accessible Softball Field in Kansas City! In a partnership between KC Parks and Recreation, Midwest Adaptive Sports, and the Kansas City Royals Wheelchair Softball Club; the first accessible softball field in Kansas City was opened at Pleasant Valley Park North of the river. Learn

**Kansas City Adaptive Sports Organizations Support** International Athletes in need. Numotion and Midwest Adaptive Sports partner to send older sports chairs to Ghana! **Learn more here**.



The Whole Person, The Victory Project, and Mobility First partners held an amazing all-abilities soccer event in Kansas City on September 22nd. A successful event that was so much fun to attend!

## **UPCOMING NEWS**

Kansas City commits to make all playgrounds allinclusive: The Kansas City Council passed a resolution that will make playgrounds and parks accessible beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Learn more here.

Midwest Adaptive Sports will hold the 2nd Annual Turkey Bowl November 14th at 11am! Sign-up at TurkeyBowl.RegisterKC.com. Kansas City Parks and Recreation continues to partner with

Wesley Hamilton and The Disabled But Not Really Foundation to highlight accessibility in our local parks! Helping promote equal access to outdoor recreation for all. Check out KC Parks and Rec's Facebook video series "Wellness with Wesley."



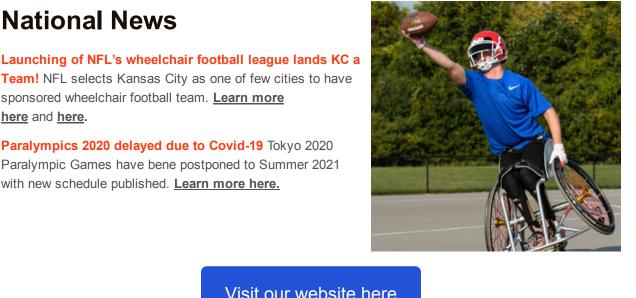
from 6:00-8:00pm beginning November 4, 2020. (November 4 - December 16, excluding November 25). Learn more here.

The Whole Person's KC No Coast Tennis Program (Competition level play), meets on Wednesdays

# **National News**

Team! NFL selects Kansas City as one of few cities to have sponsored wheelchair football team. Learn more here and here. Paralympics 2020 delayed due to Covid-19 Tokyo 2020

Paralympic Games have bene postponed to Summer 2021 with new schedule published. Learn more here.



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